



the music education centre

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome back to all our students – we hope you are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Also a very special WELCOME to all of our new families. Thank you for choosing the Music Education Centre to help you on your way to a future of music making!

Since 1981 the Music Education Centre has been helping students of all ages with their musical goals. Over the years, our organisation has enjoyed seeing many of our budding musicians enjoy great personal success, and we have now grown to become one of New Zealand's largest music teaching organisations.

WHAT MAKES THE MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE SPECIAL?

- Established in 1981
- We teach over 15 different instruments in individual lessons for all ages
- We teach more than 1500 student through our organisation each week.
- We have a team of 90 specialist teachers.
- Teachers are given teacher training before joining our team.
- Lessons are offered at our North Shore and West Auckland centres, together with 43 Primary and Intermediate Schools all over Auckland.
- Specialist introductory courses for young children offered through our association with the international "Forte School of Music".
- Students are able to enter internationally recognised external examinations.
- Regular performance opportunities are offered each term.
- Written progress reports are completed for students twice a year.
- The Managers and Director of the Music Education Centre are Associates of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers.

With all of these factors, the Music Education Centre should be able to help you with any of your music learning requirements, however as student needs differ so much from person to person, it is important to REMEMBER that if you ever feel that lessons and goals are not quite meeting your expectation, we are only ever a phone call away to help address any issues, so you can enjoy a long and beneficial time learning with us. Take some time in your first lessons to discuss your personal goals and musical aspirations with your teacher – and above all, have a happy and musical 2015.



GREAT CLASSES FOR 3 to 7 Year OLDS!

Although the Music Education Centre teaches all ages – our specialist courses for younger children are perhaps the best way to make a start in music. Small groups, teaching piano, singing and theory all combined provide a fantastic foundation for the young musician in your family, and with a FREE TRIAL lesson to experience the classes for your yourself, - why not book your little one in today.

The term starts from 9th February and to find out more, please call the centre on 0800893939



HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

In response to customer requests – we can now deliver your statement straight to your inbox.

Simply drop us an email to lessons@musiceducation.co.nz giving your student name and we will set this up for you.

If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

Lesson Fees for 2015

The Music Education Centre is committed to providing value in all of our lessons. 30 minute lessons are \$29.90 per half hour (Cello \$30). Lessons are invoiced in advance on either a monthly or term basis. Please remember that lesson invoices are due for payment upon receipt. We appreciate your prompt payment, as a \$5 late fee per month may be charged if fees fall 30 days or more overdue.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS:

Congratulations to the following teachers who have recently had examination successes.

Reanna Misquitta	Initial Grade Trinity Piano	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Callum Dron	Initial Grade Trinity Piano	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Daniel Huang	Initial Grade Trinity Piano	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Rebecca Nicholas	Initial Grade Trinity Piano with Distinction	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Ian Zhang	Initial Grade Trinity Piano with Distinction	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Jaden Beljac	Grade 1 Trinity Piano	<i>Gabrielle Reid</i>
Nancy Wu	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Centaine Noom-Duckworth	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Sophia Dehghani	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Liam Scott	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Merit	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Leo Schumacher	Grade 1 ABRSM Piano with Distinction	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Jonathan Lau	Grade 2 ABRSM Theory with Merit	<i>Tricia Ridings</i>
Sam Parker	Grade 2 ABRSM Theory with Merit	<i>Janet Tracey</i>
Alexander Skuljan	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Beth Clothier	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Alexander Markham	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Wayne Wu	Grade 2 ABRSM Piano with Merit	<i>John Mercer</i>
Grace Penberthy	Grade 3 ABRSM Piano	<i>Blain Austin</i>
Irene Xu	Grade 5 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	<i>John Andrew</i>
Sang Hyun Kim	Grade 5 ABRSM Theory with Distinction	<i>Sung-Jin Hong</i>
Rhys Weitekamp	Level 6 NCEA Guitar Perf with Merit	<i>Nick Cebalo</i>

PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON PERFORMER OF THE DAY AWARDS

At our last performance afternoon for 2014 (held in December) we presented with a great variety of music covering demonstrating a good cross section of the instruments, levels and ages we teach at the Music Education Centre.

Congratulations in particular to these students who were presented with "Performer of the Day" awards for their items;

- Tom Talbot, Piano – *Stephen Walker*
- Harriet Johnson, Drums – *Thomas Stein*
- Dorian Vandier, Guitar – *Brittany Myburgh*
- Isabelle Tan, Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*
- Kerehoma Snowden, Violin – *Sylvia La Trobe*
- Kea Churchill, Piano – *Theresa Fourie*
- Sang Wo Kim, Guitar – *Francisco Barros*

Our first performance afternoon for 2015 will be held on 29th March so watch out for more details in next month's newsletter.

TERM ONE DATES

The Music Education Centre will be CLOSED on Friday 6th February for the Waitangi Day holiday.

Term one lessons run until Thursday 2nd April. (The Centre is Closed on the Statutory Holidays of Good Friday and Easter Monday, however – lessons should continue as normal on the Saturday of Easter (4th April))

Students learning in our in-schools programmes restart lessons on Monday 9th February.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

As part of the Music Education Centre's commitment to offering lessons to meet student needs, teachers joining our team for 2015 attended a teacher training course for one week in the January school holidays.



Under the guidance of some of the centre's most experienced teachers, participants attended workshops on both the practical application of teaching techniques and general principles of learning and education.

Although several of our new teachers have already had many years prior teaching experience elsewhere, we are particularly proud to have a couple of teachers joining the team who themselves previously had lessons with the Music Education Centre. - Who knows? Perhaps some of the students who start lessons with the Music Education Centre this year, will be joining our teacher training in 2025!!!

Although most students prefer to have the same teacher each year, if you are changing to a new tutor this year, we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible so you can continue to enjoy the same high standards in your musical education.