

Happy New Year and welcome back to music lessons for 2024. I hope that you have all had a good break over the Christmas period. I enjoyed a beach holiday near Nelson – lots of hot summery weather.

Back home, the sunflowers are thriving in the heat. This year there more than usual, as they self-sowed in the garden where the totara tree used to be.

Last term students worked well towards goals of the ABRSM exams. For all students, there are also the goals of my achievement certificates.

A reminder as 2024 gets underway, that I always appreciate it if students stay away from lessons when they are sick. A zoom lesson is always an option. Please remember that I will provide catch-up lessons but not if lessons are cancelled shortly before the lesson.



Does Practice make Perfect?

Only if it is accurate always. Otherwise practice makes mistakes permanent. Remember for practice to be effective it must be accurate every time!

To encourage regular independent daily practice, I will be continuing with the star system and would ask parents be part of this by checking the practice sheets. See the FAQ page of my website for practice techniques and amount of practice: <http://www.angelamusicteacher.com/faqs.html>

Changes to lesson times. It is a help to me to know about camps and other clashes with lessons well in advance. Email a.erasmuson@gmail.com

Achievements in Term 4:

Exams: ABRSM digital performance - Grade 7: Enoch; Grade 6: Ryan Z; Grade 5: Jonas, Fletcher; Grade 3: Elysia, Jeruselah; Grade 2: Amily, Ruby; Initial: Lucas H and Jeruel.

ABRSM Face-to-face - Grade 4: Conrad; Grade 3: Kevin, Anya; Grade 2: Eloise; Grade 1: Aira.

Certificates: Students achieved my internally assessed certificates - Piano 2a: Elysia ; 1a: Arya, Wilson; Consistent practice resulted in **Practice progress prizes for:**

Seniors: 1= Becky, Michelle, Anushka, Lily, Pippi, Eric, Zac, Jeruselah, Jonas
runners-up: Xavier, Enoch, Lucas Z, Mina, Ryan, Phebe, Conrad and Sophie

Juniors: 1= Wilson, Kevin, Amily, Elysia, Ruby, Ethan, Ryan L, Jeruel
runners-up: Arya, Aira, Eloise, Kael, Luna and Lucy

Well done to all of you.

Concerts coming up: Hutt Valley Orchestra, St James Church, Lower Hutt on Sunday 19 May at 3pm.

Term dates: Saturday 27 January – Friday 12 April. This term is 11 weeks long.

No lessons – Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February; Easter weekend Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April; Also no lessons Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 28 March before Easter weekend as I have family visiting.

Fees due by lesson three, week of 10th February.

End-of-term concerts - for students only, at 11a Lane Street

Sunday: 7 April Juniors (up to year 6) at 3.00pm and Seniors (year 7 up) at 7.00pm

Happy music making,

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