



NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, 2018 at **major★player**.

Welcome to a new year at Major Player and a big welcome back to all existing families. We are also thrilled to see so many new faces at our music school in 2018.

EXAMS & EISTEDDFOD

Eisteddfod Entries have been submitted and now we are getting down to the task of preparing repertoire, organising accompanist rehearsals and practice, practice, practice! The preliminary timetable is set as follows:

Speech and Drama 29 April - 4 May, Dance 5 -13 May, Piano 14 - 17 May, Instrumental 18 - 22 May, Vocal 23 - 30 May, Digital Piano 25th May.

Detailed timetables and all other information is available at the Eisteddfod website <http://www.rockhamptoneisteddfod.org.au>

The first round of practical AMEB exams will also be held in late May. The exact dates are yet to be determined by the AMEB.

NANCY WEIR AWARDS

The 9th Annual Nancy Weir Awards was held at Middle Hall The Range, on Saturday the 10th of March 2018.

This event recognised the achievements, commitment and dedication of so many of our students and we congratulate them on their efforts and accolades.

The evening included a number of fantastic performances by both students and teachers alike,

and we hope you were just as impressed as us by the high standard of these performances.

Miss Berna also celebrated a big milestone on the night – 40 years of teaching! We congratulate Berna on this outstanding achievement and thank her for all that she has done for our students, their families and the general music community in Rockhampton, Australia and overseas.

Please head to our facebook page or website to see all the photos from the evening.

The main award winners for the 2017 year were:

The **Nancy Weir Award** was shared between Grace Crow and Lily Morrison.



The **Joyce Millar Bursary** was awarded to Tilly Geihe.

Senior Awards: Amber Tobane and Katherine Turner.

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Intermediate Awards: Christopher Illott, Max Morrison, Lucy McCarthy, Sophie Squires and Elizabeth Turner.



Early Learner Awards: Nolan Hao, Maddison Hoffman, Preston Long, Alistair McKenzie, Kathleen Nguyen, Dominic Russell, Abenaya Suntharavadivel, Genevieve Webb, Alessandra Williams and Nathaniel Xing Han.



Progress Awards: Piano



Progress Awards: Instrumental



TERMS OF ENROLMENT

Our terms of enrolment include:

- Lessons are offered on a full term basis.
- Each Term's fees are payable at the beginning of term please.
- If a lesson is missed, teachers will endeavour to arrange a makeup lesson.
- Withdrawal from lessons should be advised by the end of the previous term please.
- Major Player terms mirror those of the school terms of the Qld Government Education Department.
- We are always closed on Public Holidays.
- Lessons are provided on 'student free days' irrespective of the student's individual school arrangements.
- Teachers may provide lessons during school holiday periods by individual arrangement.
- Additional lessons required to properly prepare students for performances or exams will be charged at normal rates.

The foundation of effective growth and development of students at Major Player is always dependant upon the Triangle of Support between Student, Parents and Teacher.



MUSICAL APPS

Technology is certainly playing a more important role in our lives than ever before. Our children are well-versed in the use of computers and other electronic devices and schools are regularly integrating technology into their students' learning.

It seems only fitting that music education should follow the same path, both to 'keep up with the times' and to continue to engage and interest young minds.

There are a number of apps that you can use to assist your child in understanding music theory, note reading and the practical application of playing their instrument. One such app that we have found to be particularly useful is 'Music Tutor'. It is available for both Android and iPhones and can be installed as a free edition or upgraded to a paid app to include additional features. We would highly recommend this app or another similar one for those students that need extra help with their note name recognition or aural capabilities.

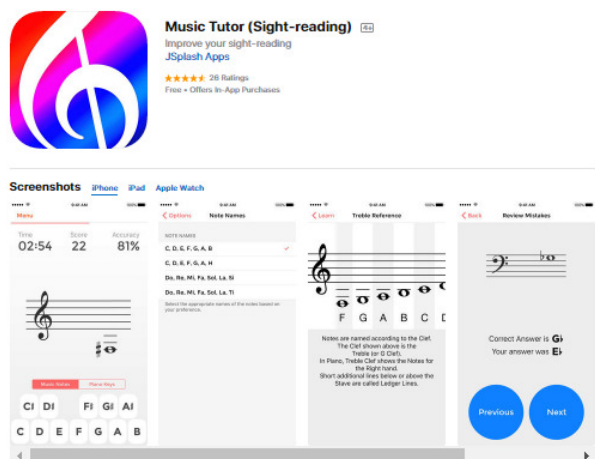
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If you come across any other really useful music apps, please let us know so that we can share these with our teachers too!



🎵 SOCIAL MEDIA

Thank you for your ongoing support of our social media pages. If you haven't already visited us online, please head to:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/majorplayermusicschool

Instagram

www.instagram.com/majorplayermusicschool

YouTube

www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ_m3_r5De7k-ac0tsffHq

LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/in/major-player-946558122?trk=hp-identity-name

🎵 EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please be advised that due to Easter Friday and Easter Saturday falling on our last week of Term 1, there will be no lessons on these last two days. All students who are affected by these dates will have only be invoiced for 9 lessons this term instead of 10.

We wish all of our Major Player families a very happy and safe Easter holiday and hope that you enjoy the break, returning refreshed for a busy term 2.

🎵 STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome some new staff members to Major Player in 2018. Here is your teaching team:



Front: Gracie Squires (Piano and Theory), Jessica Robertson (Piano and Theory), Lily Morrison (Piano and Flute), Elizabeth Clarke (Singing and Voice Training).

Middle: James Gordon (Guitar), Bernadette Gorman (Piano and Theory, Group Classes, Principal), Paula Ryan (Piano and Theory), Jodie Lupton (Theory), Victoria Kerr (Cello).

Back: Oliver Skrzypczynski (Kinder Beat and Schools), Kaitlyn Black (Piano and Theory), Abby Biles (Drums and Violin), Sian Davis (Clarinet and Saxophone, Administration), Ged Ryan (Guitar and Ukulele).

Absent: Nick Hooper (Drums), Beatrice Torres (Piano), Breanna Ivers (Piano), Grace Crow (Piano), Angelina Hendrie (Piano and Violin).

🎵 DATE CLAIMERS

Thursday 29th March

- Last day of Term 1

Monday 16th April

- Start of Term 2 (11 weeks)

May

- AMEB examinations – 3rd or 4th week
- Rockhampton Eisteddfod (14th - 30th)

June

- Saturday 30th – last day of Term 2

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