

**NEWSLETTER TERM 2**

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**TERM 2 NEWS**

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter and subsequent school holidays and are enjoying the cooler weather.

This Term we welcome Mr Gary Penney who is teaching Guitar and will be working in the shop on Thursdays. Gary has many years experience in teaching, most recently at The Music Shop, and will be an invaluable asset for us in stocking and displaying guitar related resources. We will be developing this new area in the next few months so drop in and keep an eye on the progress.

We will also be clearing out most of the music-giftware to make more room for instruments. For the month of June we will be holding sales of giftware and acoustic pianos. More info will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

The pros and cons of AMEB Exams in Singing and Piano are listed in this newsletter for those of you considering this option. The student entry forms are due back at the end of May so please let us know if there are any questions. Then return the form with your payment by May 31 to be included in this year's examinations.

Kind Regards, *Karyn*

**OPENING HOURS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>3.00–7.00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3.00–7.00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3.00–7.00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00–7.00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00–7.00</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00–12.00</b>



Amelia Daniel playing in her lesson the week after breaking her knee!

## OUR POLICY ON CATCH-UP LESSONS

There seems to be some confusion about our policy regarding missed lessons so I thought I would take some time to clarify.

There are 2 payment options available at enrolment for individual lessons with a senior teacher (junior teacher):

Pay per Lesson= \$35 (\$28) or

Pay per Term= \$275 (\$225)

When you choose the “per term” option, you are booking a specific teacher at a permanent time each week. The teacher makes that same commitment to you to the exclusion of all

other students. If you miss a lesson there is no obligation on the teacher to rearrange their schedule, or on the business to credit or refund.

You are already paying a cheaper rate to secure the teacher’s time on a permanent basis. (Similar to a subscription to a sporting team, your time is set and the obligation is on you to attend or not as you are able.)

The only circumstance in which a credit will be given are:

1. If the teacher is absent
2. Public Holidays

3. School closure days if the teacher does not have to travel to the school or area.

This model provides the best option for lesson security and is used by Music Schools and Private Music Instructors in Australia. It provides a more stable income for the teacher and more incentive on the student to attend lessons.

There is a great article written about this topic by Vicki Barham called “An Economist’s View to Make-Up Lessons” which is attached to this Newsletter for your further interest

## FEES FOR 2017

Casual Individual Lessons—\$35 pp per lessons (30 minute lessons)

Individual Lessons (Piano/Singing) - \$275 pp per term (30 minute lessons)

Casual Individual Lessons (Drum/Guitar/Junior Teacher) - \$28 pp per lesson (30 minute lessons)

Individual Lessons (Drum/Guitar and Junior Teachers) - \$225 pp per term (30 minute lessons)

Paired/Group Lessons - \$225 pp per term (30 minute lessons)

Paired Sibling Lessons - \$195 pp per term (30 minute lessons)

Mini Musicians Group - \$165 pp per term (40 minute lessons)

Individual Lessons (Piano/Singing) - \$525 pp per term (60 minute lessons)

No discounts apply from January 2017

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR NEWS

The Music Alive Children’s Choir has been running successfully throughout Term 1. We had some discussion about a name and have decided on The High Notes. In 1st term we have been learning how to sing as a team, how to follow a director and building up confidence in singing solo.

We have a repertoire of 8 songs, with 4 being prepared for a concert to the parents at the end of Term 2. The children have been working hard on the songs for their very first concert and there will be some surprises for the audience too. It should be a great event and I hope the parents are amazed by what

we have prepared!

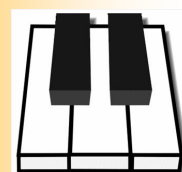
New students are always welcome, and you don’t need to be a singer already. Just come prepared to try your best and sing as part of the team.

We meet every Friday from 4.30–5.30, free for Music Alive students, \$40 per term for non-students.

### **NEW EMAIL**

**Please make a note of our new email address:**

**[info@musicalive.com.au](mailto:info@musicalive.com.au)**





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# CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

**Do you love  
to sing?**

Primary School-aged  
students are invited to  
join the new choir, and  
learn good singing tech-  
niques in a fun and excit-  
ing group setting.

Make new friends!  
Learn great music!

**Come sing  
with us!**

Join us at

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46 Bookpurnong Tce  
Loxton

Fridays from  
4.30 - 5.30

Cost is \$40 per term  
(Free for current Mu-  
sic Alive students)

More info and to  
register call Karyn  
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