

# Musominds

Igniting Minds Through Music

Happy Easter! Let's hip-hop into Term Two!



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Select your holiday make-up lesson using the online link just sent through!



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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### Bruno & Agnes Michaux

Congratulations to Agnes and Bruno Michaux! Bruno's progress on the guitar has been phenomenal where he is finger-picking a range of tunes with absolute ease. Agnes has confidently completed Piano Book 1 and is now independently playing with two hands! Amazing effort to you both!!



## MORE THAN MUSIC

At MusoMinds we recognise that learning music offers more than just learning a musical instrument, which is why our '9 Key Competencies' are embedded in each of our method books and lesson delivery.

In a previous newsletter, I discussed the cognitive benefits of learning music - a phenomenon that is now widely documented in literature. From a sociological perspective, music teaches the mind that initial mistakes is merely part of the learning process and that intrinsic rewards are gained by overcoming what at first seemed beyond our capability. The biggest joy in teaching is seeing students strengthen their focus ability as they recognise that confidence is achieved through a few repetitions and consistency. In the classroom, I regularly saw that the students who were learning a music instrument had the power to transfer personal growth into other curricular areas.

### Top Tips To Encourage Practice

- The learning environment plays a vital part, so keep the guitar and keyboard/piano in a room where your child often plays with their toys.
- Eliminate any barriers to learning, so have the keyboard plugged-in and the guitar out of its case ready to go.
- Practising while mum or dad are preparing dinner is a great way for your child to have an audience and it provides a great incentive as to how long to play for.
- It is normal for a student to deviate from the music in the book. This can appear to be unstructured, but it is actually an important part of explorative learning.
- Upload videos of your child playing to [admin@musominds.com](mailto:admin@musominds.com) for instant feedback and encouragement rather than wait until your next lesson.
- Have a go at playing what your child is learning. They'll love knowing that an adult can also find learning new skills tricky at first.
- Head over to your assigned Google Classroom class and check out the additional music to play with supporting videos to help guide you. Plus, reach out anytime by typing in your questions using the message board function on the screen.

## Our 9 Key Competencies

- Culturally Aware
- Expressive
- Collaborative
- Performer
- Literate
- Perceptive
- Reflective
- Curious
- Creative

# MAKE-UP LESSON POLICY

As we're beginning to see the tail-end of COVID-19, we are updating our make-up lesson policy for absences as spaces for scheduled times become more and more limited.

Missed lessons due to illness will now be capped at one lesson per term, in which a make-up lesson will be offered during the school holidays. Any other foreseeable absences will be deemed as forfeiting the lesson, as spaces for scheduled times are in high demand. Of course, any missed lessons on compassionate grounds are considered for a credit.

# COMPLIMENTARY METHOD BOOKS

Guitar students will now receive their complimentary method book that promotes cultural awareness by learning techniques through music from around the world. Keyboard/piano students continue to progress towards



Book 2, earning a trophy and certificate upon completion. Each of the books' chapters encourages intrinsic motivation through the concept of task completion. Students collect the unique powers of the Muso Monsters or passport stamps as they work towards achievable goals.

## INSTRUMENT HIRE

Did you know that you can hire guitars, digital pianos and keyboards at MusoMinds?

This assures that you receive a high quality product that is right for your child, without the substantial investment.



Digital Pianos from \$8.50pw (+GST)



Keyboards from \$5.20pw (+GST)



Nylon string guitars from \$4.75pw (+GST)

# 12 GOALS OF XMAS WINNER



'The 12 Goals of Christmas' practice challenge reached its eventual conclusion at the end of Term One, in order for students who had signed-up to the scheme to have the opportunity to complete the 12 goals.



Following the input of students' names into the 'Wheel of Names' app (wheelofnames.com), the recipient for the Creator Lego 3-in-1 to the value of \$160.00 was randomly selected to be:



Congratulations Teo! Enjoy the fun you'll have building all the possible Lego creations. And congratulations to all those who took part! Your efforts have made you a better player!

Stay tuned for the next motivation scheme where you might just be the lucky winner!

Yours musically,

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