

# Musominds



Igniting Minds Through Music

Here Comes the Sun with Term Four!

## STUDENT OF THE TERM

Emilia Malcolm

Congratulations to Emilia Malcolm! Emilia has consistently applied herself every week in the demanding practical and theory Achievement Standards as she completes NCEA Music! Keep it up!!

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



## WHAT'S OUR BRAIN UP TO WHEN PLAYING IN A GROUP?

### NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Body language and gestures are used to indicate where to play in sync.

Limbic System

### READING

Reading music, chords and bars is essential in following a song structure.

Occipital Lobe

Visual Cortex

### LISTENING

Attentive listening to another performer's part is required to play together.

Auditory Cortex

Temporal Lobe

### COUNTING

Keeping time requires synchronising all sensory input and motor activity, while counting and subdividing the beat.

Prefrontal Cortex

Cerebellum

### EMOTIONS

Being patient with our own ability and the ability of others involves managing our emotions.

Prefrontal Cortex

Amygdala

### MEMORY

Emotional memory gained from performing music as a child helps form strong anchors for future learning.

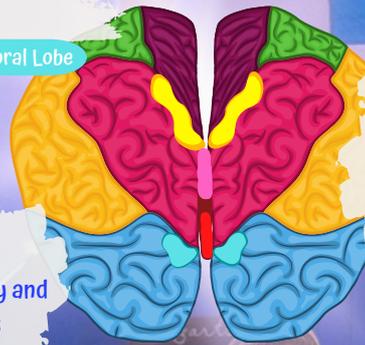
Hippocampus

### RELATING TO OTHERS

Socio-cognitive functions such as impulse control are developed.

Amygdala

Prefrontal Cortex



## Our 9 Key Competencies

Culturally Aware
Expressive
Collaborative
Performer
Literate
Perceptive
Reflective
Curious
Creative

# MAKE-UP LESSON POLICY REMINDER



Just a friendly reminder that the make-up lesson policy for absences has changed as spaces for scheduled times become 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.

If you have any questions regarding make-up sessions, feel free to reach out via any of the contact details below.

# TEACHER TRIVIA



**You're stranded on a deserted island, what three musical items would you have?**

*Georgia:* Guitar, Boxer album, a banjo to learn.

*Manaia:* Guitar, Michael Jackson Thriller album, an amp.

*Naomi:* An iPod, piano, my voice (does this count?)

*Patrick:* Piano, guitar and loop pedal.

**What age did you start learning music?**

*Georgia:* I started when I was 7 on guitar.

*Manaia:* I was 8 years old when I started piano.

*Naomi:* I started piano when I was 8.

*Patrick:* I started on trumpet when I was 10.

**Why do you love teaching music?**

*Georgia:* Rewarding in that I learn too.

*Manaia:* It's the most beautiful language in the world!

*Naomi:* Sharing my love of music and learning more than music, e.g. resilience. Teaching is awesome as we watch kids grow.

*Patrick:* Watching students progress at their own rate where they become proud of their efforts.

**To win Lotto or to have played a musical instrument properly - which would you choose?**

*Georgia:* Win lotto, as the *process* of learning an instrument is the enjoyable part.

*Manaia:* Oh, a musical instrument, absolutely!

*Naomi:* Playing an instrument is far more fulfilling, money buys stuff but music gives you deeper joy.

*Patrick:* The freedom of playing an instrument where it becomes effortless for sure!

## INTRODUCING... Manaia Ponitasio and Georgia Hight

We're delighted to welcome Manaia Ponifasio and Georgia Hight to the MusoMinds team! Manaia is teaching piano and guitar on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Georgia is teaching on Fridays. Both teachers bring a passion for teaching, learning and music that we carefully look for in teachers, so it is an absolute honour to have Manaia and Georgia as part of our team!

Wishing you a wonderful term break and we're looking forward to continuing your musical journey in Term 4!

Yours musically,

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# CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



Opportunities for performances at two locations during November are currently being finalised, and we're looking for performers of all ages eager to share their music!

Date & Time: **Sunday 20th November at 12pm-1pm**  
(Titirangi Steiner School)  
**Saturday 26th November at 4pm-5pm**  
(Titirangi Baptist Church)

If you or your child would like to perform a piece at the upcoming Christmas events, simply indicate your interest and receive further details by emailing [admin@musominds.com](mailto:admin@musominds.com)

## 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)