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Lessons resume
Term 3
**Monday 19th
July**

Pay Tuition fees
by:
2nd August

You can find a Calendar
with ALL the dates on our
website

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NEWS, REWARDS & AWARDS EDITION Term 3 & 4



Did you know that both YouTube and Facebook as we know them have been part of our ICT world for just 5 years? Whatever you think of them, there is no doubt it has been a revolution of sorts. As a Music teacher, YouTube has been a fabulous teaching tool. And I have found long lost friends through FB - another bonus!

**Over the next 2 terms we are going to try something radically different, because these ARE radically different times to when I became the Principal almost 10 years ago.

We will be conducting a **Virtual Music Festival this year – via YouTube!** It is an exciting and challenging project and we will give you more details during Term 3. The best thing for you is that it **costs are significantly less** and your performances will be there for a potential audience MUCH larger than we could ever imagine. And there will still be a Gold medal for participants.

In addition, our Music Awards program is going to feature use of Facebook and internet searches on our very own website.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ALL THE EXCITING DETAILS!

ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

Like many schools, our school has a wonderful mix of teachers with a variety of teaching styles, and a range of talents and all qualified for what they do. No teacher comes to us without undergoing a rigorous interviewing process. Most of our teachers do other things in their lives – some, including myself, are still studying, others are performers, some are composers and arrangers, some have families of their own.

From time to time, teachers do leave, as people do out of any profession. They move away, are offered full time employment or other opportunities or have babies! If your teacher leaves, you can be assured that any replacement will be equally, if not more qualified than the current teacher. The same, but different!

One of the great things about being in a school environment like ours is you KNOW the teachers will be qualified, be trained and have mandatory Working with Children checks. You KNOW your student's music education remains in committed hands. You KNOW you don't have to go searching. We do it all.

If you have to change teachers, please view it as the positive experience it usually is. No school, whether music or otherwise, can ever guarantee that a student will stay with the same teacher all through their learning career. In fact no school would recommend it.

Dates for your Diary

Term 3 SCHOOL TERM – Monday, 19th July to Saturday, 25th September (incl.)

Term 3 BILLING PERIOD – Monday, 2nd August to 24th October (10 weeks)

Term 4 SCHOOL TERM – Monday, 11th October to Saturday 18th December (incl)

Term 4 BILLING PERIOD – Monday, 25th October to 6th February 2011.

FRIDAY 30th July – AMEB exam entries sent



Please note that you will be invoiced for the whole term fees. If you take holidays during school time lessons are still scheduled to run! Please read about MAKE UP LESSONS in this Newsletter.

You were expecting your new Invoice via email, weren't you?! Unfortunately the sheer amount of time required to input all data into our new DataBase has beaten us. One final reminder – if we don't have your email address you will be charged a postage and handling fee of \$5 from next term.

NOTE the Term Dates on your invoice including the last date for payment.

- **Don't forget to include your Account Code if paying via the Internet**
- **PLEASE NOTE** – Paying in person is only available during advertised office hours.
- **LATE FEES** A LATE FEE of \$11 per student will be applied if a First Reminder Invoice is required to be sent 4 weeks after Fees are Due. Thereafter, Admin fees will continue to accrue on a weekly basis of at least \$1 per week per student. ***It pays to pay on time!***
- Unfortunately if you choose to take holidays during a school term you will not be able to have Make Up lessons.
 - *Be Sure you read ALL our Terms and Conditions – you can find them on our website or ask for a copy.*

MAKE UP LESSONS. Our Terms and Conditions state quite clearly our policy in regards to Absenteeism from lessons. It is important you read this information and understand why you may be refused a Make up lesson. We will be adhering very firmly to this policy as teachers have been put in untenable situations too often. IF you are entitled to a Make up lesson UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a Make Up for a Make Up be considered regardless of circumstances. You can ask for a copy of the Terms and Conditions from the Office or go online to eastwood.fortemusic.com; click on 'Downloads'

STAFF NEWS: This term we bid a fond farewell to **Mr Dane**. He has been with us at Eastwood and Parramatta since 2000, twice as long as YouTube has been around! He has finally done what he 'threatened' for years – and gone overseas for an indefinite time. We wish him well. Look on the website for a 'farewell' letter written by a student family of Dane's! Clue – it incorporates lots of titles learned in class with Mr Dane!

During Term 2 Leah welcomed her gorgeous baby girl, Madison Lea.

Miss Helen has been offered an exciting cadetship in conducting and arranging.

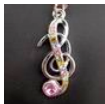
We welcome on board **Mr Joshua Hughes and Ms Megan Hanlon**; both join us with impressive backgrounds and experience. **We are now able to offer Brass and Oboe tuition!**

WOW!!

**Lots of Prizes and Awards
In Terms 3 and 4 - for Students!**

***New Award activities!**

****New Prizes!** iTunes cards, Gift Cards,
Movie tickets, loads of charms, phone/iPod
accessories
(samples only)



*****More reasons to Practice!**

PARENTS –

**YOU CAN BE WINNERS
TOO!**

Go to the Website
eastwood.fortemusic.com
to find out how you can
WIN \$\$\$
off Term fees!

**Make sure the Office has your correct email address!
If you change address or phone numbers please keep us informed**