

musical stars

giving the children the stage

Dear Musical Stars team:

What a fantastic show we had last term. Thank you very much for the lovely notes and emails we received. We put a lot of effort in to making sure the children have the best experience possible and I must say I am very proud of the whole team including the teachers, children and parents.

Many people have also commented that they did not realise the extent of the work that needs to happen around the production and the dressing/backstage assistance that is so critical for the kids.

Thank you from all of us to those who came back again and again, we all live busy lives and juggle finding time to take on projects like this but the benefits for the children are huge. And it is a special time to share with them. So we thought we'd get you all thinking about next year now!

Assistance

Ideally we like to have parents assist twice so they have the opportunity to learn and then pass on their knowledge of the role to the next person. If this happens everyone still gets to attend a show and the children have assistance from parents who know what is needed.

We also have a small number of roles that need consistency 95% of the time and if we have two people in these roles each person can have a break and see the show while still having a high level of understanding of the position. Eg microphones, Costumes - tickets - makeup - rosters - props - sound - lights- grants - set - booking schools - programmes - flowers, etc

We would love to find others to take up aspects of these roles so have a think about where you would like to help out and let us know.

To give us all plenty of time we start working on the next show in Jan/Feb So keep this in mind for next year and mentally set aside some time around the show to really get involved, it is a lot of fun and a unique experience to share with everyone - that's why we have a team of workers who keep returning and have given so generously of their time to make our shows shine!

Drop Helen an email helen@metro.net.nz if you would like to be more involved in 2012 and we can let you know when things get underway!

Photos & Video

We would like to put some of the children's photos and experiences during the show and classes on the website. Please let me know if you would prefer **NOT** to have your children's photo included on the site. I also put some of the photos in my facebook for you to have a look.

Angus got overloaded with work and is not sure when he will be finishing the video. The good news is that there is one video! I am dying to watch it! As soon as I have any information I will let you know. We may need somebody who is willing to edit the footage...

Wellington Christmas Parade

But lets not sleep in a bed of roses. The show must go on and we are well about to wind up another great year with some fun activities!

Once again we are participating in the Wellington Christmas Parade with our fantastic sleigh float and then our wind up for 2011 with performances at the last class. Parents are invited to join us from 5pm.

Please let me know this week if your child/ren and you would like to be part of the Wellington Christmas Parade. They will be wearing the Musical Stars t-shirt, jeans, santa red hat and sun glasses. Some children will be wearing costumes but I will take them on the day.

This will happen the 13th of November from 1pm to 3pm. Rain day 20th of November. If we do not hear from you by Friday 4th of November night we will assume you are not attending.

We will need your help to decorate the float.
The cost for the parade is \$5.

NaeNae Festival

NaeNae shopping centre invited us to perform in their fair the 26th of November at 11.30am. We would like to do some songs from the last show like:

Umbrella (Kea & Kereru)
Thriller (Tui, Kea & Kereru)
I hear you Knocking (Tui)
Firework (Tui)
The Climb (Kea Kereru Hutt)
Something in the water (Kea Kereru Hutt)

Exam children are welcome to sing the songs you prepared for your exams in this event. And some solo songs, which will be decided once, we know who can come to the even. We consider this event a great opportunity for the children to go out to the community and perform.

We will get together at the entrance of Naenae pool at 11am. For this event we will have to rehearse once or twice for half an hour after class.

No extra cost for this event.

Vincentian Rest Home - Berhampore

We've also been invited to sing at the Vincentian Rest Home (2 Standley St, Berhampore) on Saturday 3rd of December at 2pm. In this event we will just sing Christmas Carols we are learning for our Christmas Show. All the Tui, Kea and Kereru are invited but only the firsts to reply will be able to come because of space limitations.

Meeting point: entrance of rest home at 1.30pm.

No extra cost for this event.

2012...

Of course Musical Stars is gearing up for 2012! Planning is underway and we ask all families to let us know if they are planning to return next year. We will celebrate our 10th anniversary and we have lots of surprises and great ideas to make this next year a very special one. You have first option for classes but we will open to outside enrolments from Monday 5th Dec. We ask you to consider your options carefully as we do not want to hold places for students who change their mind in January.

We have had a fabulous year with amazing teachers and talented children, each year gets better and better so watch out 2012

Term 4 Important Dates;

Wellington Santa Parade 2011

Sunday 13th November (rain date Sunday 20st November) 1pm for 2pm start

Naenae festival

Saturday 26th of November at 11am for 11.30 start

Vincetian Rest Home:

Saturday 3rd of December at 1.30pm for 2pm start

Last Classes and performance day

Monday 12th December for Wellington, 5pm

Wednesday 14th December for Karori, 5pm

Thursday 15th December for Lower Hutt, 5pm

First Class 2012

Mon 13th February 2012

Wed 15th February 2012

Thurs 16th February 2012

Parade Details to Date;

I must know numbers by this Monday 7th November so please email me to let me know if your child would like to be part of the Wellington parade.

There is a small fee of \$5 per child to cover the costs of costumes, the generator, decorations and the truck. Please send this to class this week.

Wellington Parade

A big thank you to Jackie Denby and Building World ITM for lending us and driving the truck this year. We will seat the younger children on the truck and the older ones will walk.

We will meet at 1pm on the corner of Stout St and Lambton Quay.

The children must bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen.

Please indicate if you are able to assist during the parade.

Children are to be collected from the disembark area (Te Aro Park) after the parade.

Approximately 3.00pm. This year, there is an After Party (for the public) to be held in Civic Square commencing at 3.15pm.

Please join us there with your friends and family after the Parade.

Cancellations will be on the radio or by calling WCC 499 4444

What to wear;

The children must wear their MS t-shirt and shorts (or jeans and polyprops if the weather is cold). Don't forget the Sunglasses and Santa hat, this is part of the parade uniform!

Children who do not have a MS t-shirt let me know and I can get one for you

Some children may wear costumes but we'll decide once we know who is coming.

Last classes - don't forget to come along at 5pm to our last class for the year and share some Christmas favourites!

Finally - a very big thank you for all the support and encouragement your family has given to Musical Stars this year!

The children have had some wonderful experiences and that can't happen without your support!



Please copy and paste this info into an email to Talita - talita@musicalstars.co.nz

Because we are so close to the parade date please spread the word with all the other parents you know to make sure everybody is informed

Wellington Christmas Parade

Yes _____ would like to be in the parade on Sunday 13th November

Yes _____ would like to be in the parade on Sunday 20st November

Yes _____ can walk the parade with the children

Yes _____ can help decorate the float at 11am on the day of the parade

_____ will be collecting my child after the parade.

Yes _____ Would like to be in the Naenae Festival on Saturday 26th November

Yes _____ would like to be in the Vincentian Rest home concert on Saturday 3rd Dec.