



musical stars

Giving children the stage



2009 - Here we come!

Hopefully you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break and the beginning of the new school year has gone smoothly. I know the Musical Stars teachers have really enjoyed getting back into it, meeting our new team and welcoming back familiar faces.

A special welcome to all who are joining us for the first time in 09!

We are all in for a fabulous time, dancing and singing, performing and laughing. We have a lot of fun and everyone gets involved so we can all enjoy the wonderful experiences of performing. Kids and adults - Remember to make friends with those you don't recognize, it can be tough arriving new into a busy group like this!

What are we about?

Musical Stars are classes for children who love performing; want to develop the art of engaging audiences, who can't stop dancing, enjoy music and work as part of a team.

Our passion is to provide children with the skills, confidence and secure environment to do all of these things. We take our youngest and build their skills giving them enough to succeed and enjoy while having fun.

The older students continue to develop their skills and are challenged further with more performing opportunities introduced. We will also encourage them to sit for the Trinity Exams.

Our aim is to provide for every child's need at an appropriate level, we are building their confidence together with their drive, commitment and ability.

From providing development classes for those who need the basic skills to advanced programmes for those working at a higher level. Our experienced teachers continuously assess and make decisions according to individual needs.

We are always happy to discuss our child so please feel free to contact me. As you can imagine class time can be very busy so the best solution is for us to make a time to talk. Just email or call.

Team Jams

This year we will be holding two Team Jams where all the classes will get together. This enables the children to share their experiences and meet each other before the main show in September. It's lots of fun and enables us to offer other special experiences.

Sunday 5th April & Sunday 28th June from 1 - 4pm at Victoria University Ward Hall, Donald St, Karori.

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This newsletter contains a lot of information about our programme for the year. Obviously more detail will follow as performances get closer but please read this carefully, fill in your diaries and put this somewhere safe.

Venues this year

City Class	Monday classes Life Point Church, 61 Hopper St, Te Aro
Karori	Wednesday classes Karori Baptist Church, Karori Rd
Lower Hutt	Epuni Baptist Church, Waiwhetu Rd, Lower Hutt



Classes and Term Fees;

Generally classes will be organised by school year.

Karori & Mt Victoria

Piwakawaka	3.30 - 5.00	\$143 per term incl GST
Tui	3.30 - 5.30	\$191 per term incl GST
Keas	3.30 - 5.30	\$191 per term incl GST
Kereru	3.30 - 5.30	\$191 per term incl GST
Takahe	4.00 - 6.00	\$191 per term incl GST

Lower Hutt programme all classes are 1 ½ hours

All students	3.30 - 5.00	\$143 per term incl GST
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The classes may change according to the number of children or on occasion ability levels.
Family discount; we are offering a 15% discount on the second and subsequent children
So two children in older class \$191 + \$165.53

Invoices have been emailed so please contact me if you have not received yours. Late payment will result in a weekly penalty fee.

These can be paid directly into our account,

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Kiwi Bank 38-9003-0215155-00

Or send a cheque to:

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The term fees cover our professional staff and venue fees but there will be a few additional costs throughout the year. A tshirt will be invoiced in Term 2. There will be a production levy for our productions in September & December.



There are many costs involved with a production and we look to minimise these through grants, sponsorship and donations of materials or services.

We will apply for various grants to enable us to provide the necessary technical support for the children (lighting and sound), costumes, makeup, marketing, set and props. We are also hoping to find some sponsorship from local businesses. You can advertise in the programme for a very small fee.

Fundraising is always an option however it requires commitment of time.

If you know of anyone who may be able to help us out with money, skills, discounts or materials please let me know.



Your role

Musical Stars is a team game. The children come and learn to perform, the experiences they gain are every rich and only made stronger by the support of their families.

You are welcome to come along to classes; we need you to be part of the performances and all the work that goes on to make it happen. You are our Production Team.

There are jobs ranging from organising helpers rosters, to buying/making props and scenery, making costumes, designing programmes to buying tea and coffee. With everyone helping out this also enables us to keep our costs down. Musical Stars families make great friends.

Communication

We use email as our primary form of communication with families but this will only work if you are a regular user. Please let me know if you would rather have a paper notice or phone call for messages.

Last year we began having trouble with families who use Xtra as their email provider. The Musical Stars emails were being stopped by the Xtra spam filter. This can be fixed by logging onto Xtra webmail and tagging Musical Stars as someone you wish to receive email from. If you need further help with this please call me.

For those who do check their emails regularly please let us know if you change addresses!

Rosters - later in the year we may need to share contact details to enable families coordinate rosters etc. Please let me know if you do not wish your contact details to be available.



Performances

There will be two main performances the team will be working towards this year.

The main show in September will include all Musical Stars groups. This will be as part of the Dance Your Socks Off Festival and we are hoping to offer 1 or 2 performances for schools on a Friday.

Our Christmas Show in December will occur in individual venues as a wind up for parents and friends.

Costumes

They will be as simple as possible. We will provide you with a list of any requirements. It may include items that you may already have or be able to borrow. However there will be a number of items we will need to create. This is an area we need as much help as possible. All material, basic patterns and instructions will be provided. We are hoping a small team of sewers may take this on to help with consistency. We are very keen to hear from you if you have any spare material that we can use in the creation of our costumes or set.

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Extra Rehearsals

There will be some extra rehearsals required as we get closer to performances. We will obviously try to minimize these and give you as much warning as possible, as we are aware of everyone's busy schedules. Please let us know as soon as possible, if you are unable to attend rehearsals or shows as it does affect others.

Auditions

As part of the programme we will be teaching the children about auditions. We will hold auditions for our own productions helping them to use these as positive learning experiences.

2009 Calendar - to date!

Term 1	Wellington City Karori Lower Hutt	Mon 9 th Feb - Mon 6 th Apr Wed 11 th Feb - Wed 8 th Apr Thurs 12 th Feb - Thurs 9 th Apr	3.30pm 3.30pm 3.30pm	
Everyone	Team Jam	Sun 5 th April	1 - 4pm	
Term 2	Wellington City Karori Lower Hutt <i>No class 4th June due to Queens Bday</i>	Mon 27 th April - Mon 29 th Jun Wed 29 th April - Wed 1 st Jul Thurs 30 th April - Thurs 2 nd Jul	3.30pm 3.30pm 3.30pm	
Everyone	Team Jam	Sun 28 th June	1 - 4pm	
Term 3	Wellington City Karori Lower Hutt	Mon 20 th Jul - Mon 21 st Sept Wed 22 nd Jul - Wed 23 rd Sept Thurs 23 rd Jul - Thurs 24 th Sept	3.30pm 3.30pm 3.30pm	
September Performance		Fri 18 th , Sat 19 th Sept		
Additional rehearsals		Holidays: Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th July	9.30 - 2.00pm	
Rehearsals		Sun 6 th & Sun 13 th Sept		
Dress Rehearsals		Thurs 17 th September	12 - 6pm tbc	
Term 4	Wellington City Karori Lower Hutt	Mon 12 th Oct - Mon 7 th Dec Wed 14 th Oct - Wed 9 th Dec Thurs 15 th Oct - Thurs 10 th Dec	3.30pm 3.30pm 3.30pm	
Wellington & Lower Hutt Christmas Parade			Dates and time TBC	
December Christmas Show		2 nd last week term	3.30 - 5.30pm	

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