



Newsletter | Spring Term 2025

Welcome back to Term 4!

Welcome back to our final term of 2025! I hope that you have had a wonderful break and are settling back into lessons feeling refreshed. This is always an exciting time of year as we prepare for our **End of Year Performance Day on Saturday 22 November**, which will conclude with our Prize Giving Concert celebrating our students' achievements. The full timetable for the day can be found on the next page.

2026 enrolments are now open and can be completed via our website. The earlier you enrol, the better, to help us organise classes and teaching schedules. Our 2026 key dates are also available online for your reference.

You will have received a letter recently regarding our fees for next year. I appreciate your understanding and ongoing support as we continue to provide high-quality music education for all our students.

Finally, I wish the very best to all students sitting exams this term, your hard work throughout the year is something to be celebrated!

I am looking forward to a fantastic final term.

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End of Year Performance Day

Our End of Year Performance Day will be held on **Saturday 22 November** in the **Rangiora Town Hall Main Auditorium**.

It is expected that all students participate, regardless of their current level. This is an important opportunity to gain performance experience and I would like this to be a fun experience for all. The day is organised in individual instrumental concerts and the timetable is listed below.

Dress: Performers should wear clean formal black and white attire. However, if this is not available to you, formal attire of any colour is also welcome.

Evening Concert: The day finishes with our Evening Concert, which includes the announcement of cups and awards, including the **Julia Holcroft Cup for Dedication and Achievement**. This is a tutor nominated cup and takes into account not only a student's individual achievement during lessons, at any level, but also their musical achievements either in school or in ensemble playing. Nominees for the Julia Holcroft Cup will be contacted the week of the concert and should attend the Evening Concert at 6pm.

We will also be presenting the **Owen Sanders Memorial Cup for Musicianship** which will be awarded to a student who is committed to their instrument, stands out as being hard-working, respectful toward others, reliable and who displays a passion and enthusiasm for music.

All examination candidates will also be recognised and must attend.

Timetable

12:30 - 1:00	Drums
1:15 - 2:00	Guitar (Classical and Rock)
2:00 - 2:30	Singing
2:30 - 3:30	Strings (including Cello Ensemble, Orchestra & Celtic Fiddles)
3:45 - 4:30	Piano
5:30 - 6:30	Evening Concert & Prize Giving

If you have any questions regarding the End of Year Performance Day or if you are unable to attend your instrument specific concert, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Examinations

Congratulations to our August examination candidate for her wonderful result and best wishes to our students entered for October and November examinations.

August Examination Results

Emily Grinder	Piano	Grade 4	Pass
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2026 Enrolment Now Open!!

Enrol now for 2026 via our website. The earlier you complete your enrolment, the more flexibility I will have to accommodate your preferred lesson time. It takes **less than ten minutes to re-enrol**, and doing so early ensures your place is secured for another inspiring year of music-making.

I encourage all families to enrol before the end of Term 4 to help us plan next year's timetable effectively. Spaces fill up quickly once enrolments open, so do not delay. Secure your place today and get ready for another exciting year of learning, performing, and creating with NCAM!

Enrol now here: <https://ncam.ac.nz/enrolment-1>

2026 Key Dates

Term 1: 9 February - 2 April (weeks)

Term 2: 20 April - 25 June (weeks)

Catch-up week: 29 June - 2 July

Term 3: 20 July - 24 September (weeks)

Term 4: 12 October - 19 November (weeks)

Catch-up week: 23 - 26 November

AGM: Thursday 2 April

Mid-year Performance Day: Saturday 20 June

End of Year Performance Day: Saturday 21 November

All dates can also be found on our website.



