



Newsletter | Spring Term 2023

Welcome to NCAM!

I do hope that you have enjoyed your holiday and are looking forward to Term 4, a short but busy term. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming our new students and their families.

This year we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary. The Anniversary Orchestral Weekend was a whirlwind time, playing, rehearsing and finally performing at our Anniversary Concert in the Rangiora Town Hall on Saturday 12 August. Congratulations to all our students who performed so well and a thank you to friends, family and tutors who joined our 45 strong orchestra, our highest number to date.

Special thanks to CSO members Johnston Prior, Cathy Irons, Bernie Shapiro, Margo Askin and our conductor Pablo Ruiz Henao. Our thanks also to our own Drum Tutor, Aidan Stewart, who led the percussion sectional rehearsals.

Finally, I must thank parents and friends who joined us for the Anniversary Concert. The enthusiasm and appreciation of the concert shown by the audience made it a very special evening. Last but not least, thank you to Creative New Zealand and Mainpower for supporting us. Without their support weekends such as this would not be possible.

These next few weeks will be busy as we are already looking forward to a concert at the Rangiora Library on 29 October at 2pm featuring our groups and a few solo performances.

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Trinity Examinations

Congratulations to our students who sat Trinity examinations in August:

Matilda Parish	Grade 1	Piano	Pass
Angela Clenshaw	Grade 2	Piano	Merit
Disas Dasanayake	Grade 2	Piano	Pass
Seth Clenshaw	Grade 3	Piano	Pass
Lincoln King	Grade 3	Clarinet	Pass
Sarah Caldwell	Grade 4	Flute	Merit
Alissa Schulz	Grade 6	Clarinet	Merit
Kate Couperus	Grade 6	Clarinet	Merit
Rebekah Caldwell	Grade 6	Clarinet	Pass

End of Year Performance Day

On **Saturday 18 November** we will be holding our **End of Year Performance Day**, please make sure this date is in your diary. There will be instrument specific concerts throughout the day so that all students can play a piece, no matter how early in their musical journey they are.

An ensembles concert will conclude the day which will also include presentations.

A timetable of the day will be available shortly.

2023 Key Dates

Please put these key dates in your diary:

Term 4: 9 October - 16 November

(Catch-up week: 20 November – 23 November)

End of Year Concert: Saturday 18 November

2024 Key Dates

- Term 1:** 19 February - 12 April
- Term 2:** 29 April - 5 July
- Term 3:** 22 July - 27 September
- Term 4:** 11 October - 21 November

Mid-year Performance Day: Saturday 15 June

End of Year Performance Day: Saturday 23 November

NCAM AGM: 25 March 2024

Free violin lessons in Term 1 2024!

We will be offering a **'trial term'** for violin lessons in Term 1 next year. These lessons will include instrument hire and will be conducted in a group lesson environment with a maximum of 3 children per 30 minute class. Lessons will be held at the Rangiora Town Hall on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30.

If you would like to try the violin, or know someone who would, please do encourage them to get in touch, enrolments for next year will open shortly.

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 1	Jeannette McGrath
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 5:00 - 5:30	Studio 3	Naomi Harmer
Celtic Fiddles	Thursday 5:30 - 6:30	Studio 1	Jeremy Brownbrooke
Academy Orchestra	Thursday 6:30 - 7:45	Function Room	Mark Hodgkinson

Join the NCAM Orchestra!

The NCAM Orchestra (and all other NCAM groups) are free to join! The Academy Orchestra is conducted by Mark Hodgkinson who is an experienced and established conductor in Christchurch.

Mark's conducting career began at Christchurch School of Music before gaining experience in Sweden with the Limhamns Brass Band followed by time in Colorado, USA at the Aspen Music Festival. On Mark's return to Christchurch, he has conducted numerous operas, musicals and orchestras ranging from the Christchurch Youth Orchestra to the New Zealand Doctors Orchestra.

It is wonderful to have Mark with us here at NCAM and all orchestral students should be taking advantage of Mark's wealth of knowledge by joining the orchestra. It is a wonderful learning environment, as parts can easily be simplified to allow for all students to be involved in a group environment.

Orchestra is held on a Thursday evening from 6:30 in the Function Room upstairs in the Rangiora Town Hall. If you are interested in joining the orchestra, please do drop in.





