



CMP Newsletter - Term 2, 2017 (This newsletter is also available [online](#))

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! We trust you had a happy and restful holiday break. CMP dates for term 2 are Monday 24th April to Friday 29th June (9-10 weeks.) Some classes will start in Week 2 due to the public holiday in Week 1 and these will go till Week 10. All other classes which started in Week 1 will finish in Week 9.

Head of Program

As Melissa Lark has stepped down as the Head of Children's Music Program, we are pleased to introduce Nicky Castle as the interim CMP Administrator.

Nicky has worked with the conservatorium on a number of projects over the last three years. Currently production managing and assistant directing the Opera Carmen for the Conservatorium, she also worked in the management team on The Magic Flute and has a great time with the students choreographing the Triple Threat course.

Baby and Toddler Music (0 to 2 years)

In our Baby and Toddler classes, we have great fun with activities that include: **Singing and singing games, bounces, rhymes, instruments, puppets, movement to music and singing stories.** Our Friday baby class has 6 lovely children and carers but we could possibly look at a second baby class if we get the numbers. If you know someone who has a group of 4 to 6 parents who would like their own baby class, let us know and we'll book in a suitable time.

Please call **4324 7477** or email admin@ccc.music.nsw.edu.au for more information.

The Central Coast Conservatorium's Children's Choir

All Children enrolled in the Children's Music Program are able to join the **Children's Choir** free of charge! Not only will the students be showcasing their skills from the Levels classes but they will also learn the art of performance. Research indicates that being part of a Choir builds self-esteem and confidence, strengthens character, develops concentration, encourages teamwork and releases stress.

Choir Times

The Choir meet every Thursday during School Term (for 10 weeks) in the Robert Knox Hall, Central Coast Conservatorium

Song Crew- 5-8 yrs Thursdays 3.45pm-4.30pm
Central Coast Childrens Choir Thursdays 4.30pm-5.45pm

Please contact Administration for any enquiries regarding the Choirs.

New Website

We have been working on our website, making it more interactive and better suited to handheld devices. Check it out at

<http://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/children-music-program>. We are now working on the content and hope to add some more interesting resources for our CMP families. Stay tuned! And don't forget to like and share our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/coastcmp>

What is the Kodály method

The Kodály concept was inspired by Hungarian composer and educator, Zoltan Kodály (1882–1967). Kodály believed that a person cannot be complete without music and that music serves to develop a person on all levels – emotionally, spiritually and intellectually. He also believed that every person has musical aptitude and that, ideally, a music education should begin as early as possible in a person's life – firstly at home and then later within the school curriculum. Kodály believed that singing should be the foundation of all music education.

"It is a long accepted truth that singing provides the best start to music education; moreover, children should learn to read music before they are provided with any instrument ... even the most talented artist can never overcome the disadvantages of an education without singing" (Kodaly, 1974).

The use of the voice is one of the most defining features of the Kodály approach. The voice is the most accessible of all instruments and this makes it most suitable for musical instruction and can lead to a highly developed musical ear. By focusing on learning through engaging with music, singing, playing, moving and enjoying, music becomes part of the natural learning process.

Mini String Fest

Mini String Fest is a celebration of Junior String Playing! Catering for Primary School aged string players, students will learn a repertoire of two songs to perform in a concert at the finale. Students should bring their instrument, a pencil, their lunch and a refillable water bottle. The Conservatorium will provide morning tea (fruit and cordial).

Program:

9:45am to 10:00am	Registrations
10:00am to 12:00pm	Workshops (incl. a short break)
12:00 to 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm to 1:30pm	Workshops
1:30pm to 2.00pm	Concert in the Robert Knox Hall, 45 Mann Street

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL through the website:

<http://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/workshop/mini-string-fest-18-june-2017>

For all CMP enquiries please contact Administration on **4324 7477** or email admin@ccc.music.nsw.edu.au

Kind regards,
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