

Week 11 teacher memo

Term 2 Dates - Where am I?

Memos have gone out to all one to one students and students in ensembles regarding starting dates for Term 2. Nathan has also communicated term dates with schools students as their start dates will be staggered. In general, the following applies for teaching at the Conservatorium campus in Gosford for Term 2:

- Whilst Monday the 24 of April will be a normal teaching day at the Conservatorium, Tuesday 25 April 2017 is Anzac Day Public Holiday and the Conservatorium will be closed. Students who attend Tuesday one to one lessons will still be able to receive 10 lessons in Term 2 so please make arrangements for a makeup of the lesson missed on the Anzac Day Public Holiday, either during the term or in the first week of the holidays from 3rd July to 7th July 2017. If the teacher is agreeable to delivering the lesson(s) on Anzac Day public holiday and the student is agreeable, then it will also be an option to have your normal lesson or a lesson through the day time of Tuesday 25 April.
- You will have been copied in on these departmental memos. Some of you have already indicated that you won't be offering makeups for Anzac Day. You need to let the office know by the end of this week if this is the case, so we can adjust our Term 2 invoicing to reflect the reduced number of lessons.
- There is another Public Holiday in Term 2 – Monday June 12th is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. The same will apply to this holiday – if you can't do a makeup, let us know this week. If you can do makeups, try to schedule them throughout the term so that the student condenses their lessons during the 10 weeks of term.

Coming Up - lots of fun concerts

Premier Ensembles Concert

- Last Friday we had a successful Premier Ensembles Concert at the Anglican Church where we heard from the new Primary Wind Ensemble who did a wonderful job after only a term playing together, the Symphonic Wind Orchestra, the Youth Orchestra and Katandra Voices. Congratulations to all the teachers and students who participated in that event. The concert also featured a premiere performance by the Central Coast Opera Quintet who performed an excerpt from the upcoming production of Carmen.

Pearl Beach Junior Showcase Concert

- The annual Pearl Beach Progress Association Junior Showcase Concert is on Saturday 27th May from 2.00pm in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall. This concert is for Primary School aged students from Central Coast Conservatorium. Please nominate students who you think are ready for this performance opportunity by Friday 5th May (end Week 2). Students will be asked to perform one piece and we are looking for around 12 students for this event. They will need to be at the venue by noon to prepare for the concert.

Pearl Beach Senior Scholarship

- The annual Pearl Beach Progress Association Senior Scholarship Concert is on Sunday 28th May from 2.00pm in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall. This concert is for runners up from our 2016 round of scholarships. We will be inviting these people to play, so please discuss their scholarship audition with them early in Term two in preparation for the concert. First prize is \$1,000 so it's a lucrative scholarship to win. There is also a prize for People's Choice.

Gypsy Soul

- Join Tinel Dragoi and Josie Zarb in the Robert Knox Hall on Friday 21st April from 7.30pm for a concert featuring gypsy tunes passed onto Tinel by his father. Teachers can come for free. Simply go to the trybooking.com/OMEY and enter the discount code CC17-STAFFPRO to get 100% off a ticket for yourself.

Staff Movements – Nicky Castle joins the CMP team

- Nicky Castle will be assisting the CMP team in Term 2. Management felt that it was extremely important that we had someone taking the reins for the CMP program until we have a qualified HOP in the position. Nicky has agreed to administrate the program until this has happened. Nicky is the interim CMP Administrator and will ensure the program is run effectively and efficiently. Nicky has excellent management and communications skills and I'm sure you'll enjoy working with her.

Equipment

Chris Kaye has been busy working on the Asset Registers for studios. You will now see a list of items located in your studio near your door. These will be checked on a weekly basis. If you are using a studio, please ensure that the items listed on the asset register are returned to the correct studio at the end of your rehearsal or lesson. If you have any requests for items to be included on your asset list, please let me know and we can move things around and update these sheets prior to Term 2.

35 Mann Street

- We have ascertained that administration needs to do more regular checking of the facilities at 35 Mann Street. We will be checking the facilities on a regular basis to ensure they are well maintained.