

Welcome to Week 8 Term 1 at the Conservatorium

AMEB

Registrations are now open through the website and close on 5th April so please encourage students to register at <https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/ameb>. The earlier we get them in, the more time we have to process them. Having students register for their AMEB through the Conservatorium allows us to keep a record of the levels achieved by our students, to administer any changes for them, and to offer an additional service. Students also get to come to a catered event where they receive their certificates from a distinguished person from the community.

EASTER

Next weekend (Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April) is Easter weekend. The office will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Monday. There will be no Saturday Strings. If you have an agreement to deliver one-to-one lessons (or even makeup lessons), please let us know so that we can plan for security access. Nobody likes getting called in over a long weekend to check alarms, so if you accidentally set off an alarm, please let Lisa Kelly (0422 437 227) know that it is either all good, or you need someone to attend the building, otherwise we will get charged by the security company for a call out.

All activity planned for the Easter long weekend – **please book it in with the office.**

PEARL BEACH CONCERTS – 26th (Juniors Showcase) and 27th May (Seniors Scholarship), at 2.30pm

I only received three nominations for the Junior concert and no nominations for the Senior concert. If you have a suitable senior student then this is an opportunity for them to win money through the generous support of Pearl Beach Progress Association. If we can't find students at a suitable level, we run the risk of losing our sponsor, so please make sure you put forward students **by Wednesday next week** please. If you have Grade 2 or above junior students on these instruments: guitar, strings, flute, oboe, lower brass or vocal, please let me know by Wednesday next week so I can invite them. This is an opportunity for a student to have a practice with an accompanist and to perform in public. The children also get a small gift on the day from the Progress Association (usually a gift card). It is also an opportunity to promote the Con and yourselves as teachers as the program will be a record that people in the community will take home.

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

I have received one Expression of Interest only at this stage. Please encourage your students to put their names forward for a scholarship audition as the numbers received will affect the amount of money allocated and how it is distributed.

ADULT SOIREE

Adult Soiree is an enjoyable evening where adult students can perform in a relaxed atmosphere in front of their peers. Adult soiree is getting very popular and we are now having one per term. However, it is very vocal centric – thanks to the vocal Department for getting behind it! Could other departments with students over 18 years of age (or adult ensembles) please encourage them to put their name down. Again, this is an opportunity to perform with an accompanist at no cost to the student. The next Adult Soiree is on Saturday 23rd June (Term 2, Week 8) from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in the Robert Knox Hall. Teachers are also welcome. Bring a plate/bottle to share. Students put their names on the sign-on sheet on the Student Noticeboard (opposite the kitchen at 45 Mann St).

HEADS OF PROGRAM MEETING

Patrick will shortly call a Heads of Program meeting. All Departments should be meeting at least once a term to discuss the program, workshop proposals, important dates, success stories and any issues.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

This is a final chance for you to update your WWCC/Training status with us. Anyone who hasn't attended training or done the online training will need to explain to Patrick why they aren't able to do it. If it's a computer problem, please attend the admin office and they can set you up with a computer to do the training online. Everyone needs to have a current Working With Children Check (this is separate and in addition to the training component). The Working With Children Check has been operating in NSW for nearly five years and some Working With Children (WWC) numbers will start to expire from 15 June 2018. Individuals with a WWC number that is about to expire will be able to submit a renewal application online within three months of their

expiry date. A reminder email will be sent from the Office of the Children's Guardian to applicants three months before their WWC number expires. You *do not* apply for a new Working With Children Check but simply renew, and your WWC number will be valid for another 5 years. Information on how to do this will be in the reminder email that will come from the Office of the Children's Guardian. If they don't have your current email address, they won't be able to email this to you so you need to keep your contact details up-to-date. To check or to update your details, go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check.

To register for online (aka e-learning) go to <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/child-safe-elearning>. If you have an e-learning account, log-in. If you don't have an e-learning account, then you need to register for one to do the online training. In future, the Office of the Children's Guardian will deliver the majority of childsafe training online (rather than face-to-face) so you should setup an e-learning account.

COMING UP

Saturday 24 March – Opera in the Arboretum, Pearl Beach, 3pm
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Sunday 25 March – Phoenix Collective, "Tradition & Charm" featuring Dan Russell & Carl Schmidt, 2.30pm Robert Knox Hall
Saturday 7 April – Guy Strazz: Acoustic Wonderland Band, 8pm Robert Knox Hall
Saturday 7 April – Symphony Central Coast, "Cosmic Dawn", CC Grammar School, 7.30pm
Sunday 8 April – Central Coast Concert Band, Gosford RSL, 2pm
Friday 13 to Sunday 15 April – Sydney Symphony Orchestra "Playerlink"
Friday 13 April – Premier Ensembles Concert, Gosford Anglican Church, 7pm
Saturday 14 April – CC Philharmonia "A Night at the Opera", Gosford Anglican Church 2.30pm & 7.30pm – fundraising for Central Coast Opera
Sunday 22 April – Central Coast Chorale, St Pats, 2.30pm

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