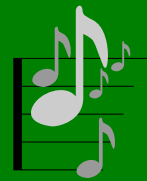




MENZA E-NOTES



MENZA Auckland Motutapu QTP Retreat 2008

27 participants attended the 2-day retreat on Motutapu Island, which was designed to provide time and space for Music teachers to network and learn from each other as well as guest presenters. A wide range of participants enrolled, including many Secondary School teachers from Northland and Auckland, but also some Primary and Intermediate Music specialists and some from as far South as Whakatane!

Holding the retreat on the DOC camp at Motutapu Island did enable teachers to really devote all their time and focus to the course programme and each other. The first plenary discussions provided a lot of food for thought, and sparked off conversations for the rest of the retreat. A mixture of big-picture discussions and practical workshops seemed to work well for the participants

The workshop electives were quite wide in topic, and provided lots of stimulus for re-energizing teachers in new approaches to classroom work. The technology workshop provided by Duncan Ferguson who had flown up from Christchurch to be the guest presenter was hugely useful to teachers, who remarked that they felt all fired up about the possibilities of technology in the music classroom and integration ideas they were introduced to

The success of the retreat was really due to two factors –the venue being so beautifully inspiring, different and isolated; and the fact that the elective workshop topics were selected in response to feedback from the teachers themselves at previous cluster meetings. Also, participants were encouraged during the retreat to connect with as many new people as possible and to initiate and continue discussions

There is now a thirst in the participants for “more of the same” professional development opportunities, and it is the hope of MENZA Auckland that we can build on this great first retreat and turn it into something regular on the music education calendar that will connect and strengthen the spirit and capability of Music Teachers in Auckland and beyond. Thanks to the Ministry of Education for the QTP funding support

Lee Martelli
MENZA Auckland

MENZA Board News

Congratulations to Stephanie Lees who was elected chair of the MENZA Board at the AGM on 23 August.

Stephanie is currently the Education Manager at the NZ Music Commission, government funded charitable trust which was set up in 2001 to ‘grow’ the NZ popular music industry both internationally and domestically. She joined the NZMC after 17 years of teaching both Economics and Music in secondary schools (as well as working for some years as a Primary music specialist, ITM, private music teacher and accompanist). Stephanie believes a strong subject association is imperative for Music teachers to have a political voice, professional development opportunities and collaboration between music educational sectors to ensure all NZ students have access to quality music education

Farewell to Helen

Very special thanks from us all to Helen Willberg who stood down as chairperson at the AGM. Helen’s contribution to music education in Aotearoa is legendary and there is not one of us who hasn’t been inspired by Helen at some stage in our lives. We are very grateful for the wonderful work you have done at the helm, Helen and we know you will continue to play an active role in MENZA and music education in general.

Nga mihi aroha.

Great new website!!

Check out MENZA’s fantastic new website.

www.menza.org.nz



Motutapu
Island

News from the Regions

Manawatu-Musical Horizons

Musical Horizons (Manawatu) has had a successful year.

We have run two workshops for local teachers. The first was 'Musical Play' with the wonderful Helen Willberg, early childhood specialist, who sent us away armed with practical and inspiring ideas to incorporate into our music programmes.

The second 'Winter Warmers' was a popular tasty treat featuring local children's author and musician Diana Neild. We were enthralled to hear her stories of her literary journey and then had a chance to creatively workshop her new book Piggety Wiggety Jiggety Jig in terms of music and drama.

A fun time was had by all with loads of delicious soup to warm our souls as well.

Coming up in Term 4

In Term 4 we are holding an information evening. All interested local music educators are invited to come along and over some nibbles, tell us what PD opportunities you would like to see happening in our region.

We would love to share the evening with you. October 31st is the date and for any enquiries email: wordplay@jennifersmusic.co.nz

Canterbury

MEC have had another busy year with more to come!

In June we hosted Mike and Diane Jackson who ran a very popular "Uke'n play ukulele" workshop.

A very successful workshop titled "Secrets that make your choir shine" was held in August. This workshop was facilitated by Andrew Withington (pictured) who is the newly appointed conductor of the NZ Secondary Schools' Choir. Andrew spent the first half of the workshop sharing some valuable tips for preparation and conducting a school choir and then participants had the privilege of observing Andrew in action with the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival Special Choir.



Coming up in Canterbury

Jon Madin is back in town!!

Get some great ideas for playing marimbas, xylophones or any other classroom instruments with Jon Madin, whose music is used around the world to get children making music quickly in a fun way. Play accompaniments for well-known tunes in many styles, from "The Blue Danube" to "We Will Rock You".

Ideas for making instruments using basic hardware and easy materials will be included. No musical background is required, and the music-making will fully involve everyone.

Thursday 30 October 2008
4.30pm-7.00pm
Performing Arts Centre
Chisnallwood Intermediate

Family Music Workshop

with
Australian music educator

Heather McLaughlin

Join in making music through rhymes, songs, music games and dancing. For adults and children of all ages, including babies.

Play instruments such as xylophones and percussion with other families, remember some children's songs, and try some new activities to enjoy music together.

Friday 31st October 2008
6.30pm-7.30pm
Performing Arts Centre
Chisnallwood Intermediate

Wellington

Coming up in Wellington!

Folk Rhythm with Julian Raphael

Saturday 11th October at Newtown Community Centre Wellington.

This workshop will be an exploration of South African folk, church and protest songs, designed for singers, teachers and choir leaders. 10am to 4pm, includes a songbook. Register at communitymusic@xtra.co.nz.

Primary Cluster Meetings

Our primary cluster meetings continue once a term, contact debf@mns.school.nz

Early Childhood Monthly Meetings

Next meeting November 5.
Contact Helen Willberg on geoff.willberg@clear.net.nz.

Auckland



Play that ukulele!

MENZA ukulele workshop in Northland



Motutapu Retreat

A great weekend of music professional development

MENZA in Northland

During August, twenty-five teachers from throughout Northland region came to Whangarei, Kerikeri and Dargaville to attend MENZA ukulele and Nga Toi workshops. Rawiri Toia and Rawiri Hindle from Victoria University inspired teachers with practical ways to engage students in music, dance and drama using Maori contexts.

Local teachers Megan Pearson from Whangarei Primary and Heather Heihei from Riverview School shared their expert knowledge of making and using poi and ti rakau. Maria Winder from Team Solutions demonstrated simple and effective strategies for teaching ukulele. Whangarei teachers are enthusiastic about meeting regularly to practice ukulele playing and share songs and teaching ideas. Maria will be doing another ukulele workshop in the far north at Waiharara School at 4pm on 20th October.

Upcoming events for Term 4 in Auckland.

Contact Maria Winder for details m.winder@auckland.ac.nz

Fri 24th Oct – Entries close for Uke-Can-Do-It Ukulele Songwriting Competition

Sun 2nd Nov – Marimba Festival, Baradene College Auditorium, Remuera

4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 19th & 20th Nov – APPA Music Festival, Auckland Town Hall

Tue 4th Nov – 4pm MENZA Recorder workshop with Heather McLaughlin at Maungawhau School, Mt Eden - \$10 per teacher.

Sat 8th – Sun 9th Nov – ONZA Marimba Camp

Fri 14th Nov – 11:30-1:30 Massed schools ukulele rehearsal at Mt Smart Stadium

Sat 22nd Nov – 10am-4pm NZ Ukulele Festival at Mt Smart Stadium – Free entry.

Thu 18th Dec – MENZA Auckland Christmas Party

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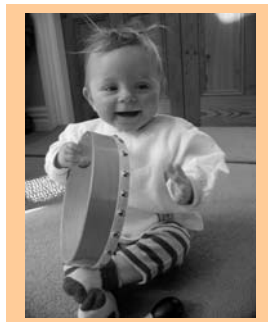
Strike Your Note
Paoa Tōu Taramu

A Weekend of Percussion and Cultural Experiences

This music education event will have just taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. Dunedin September 26th-28th. Look out for a report in the next newsletter.

June/July 2008 Creative Music for Children with Special Needs

This workshop was presented by Penny Warren, a registered Music Therapist who works with children, young people and adults. Penny works in private practice in Dunedin with groups and in individual sessions. The workshop was attended by teachers, teacher aides and parents exploring creative musical ideas to support children with special needs to participate in the classroom music programme. There were opportunities to develop and adapt ideas, experiment with instruments, voice and movement as well as share experiences in the classroom promoting music for all students.



August 2008 Music for Early Childhood

A practical workshop for pre-school teachers and parents interested in sharing musical experiences with children. Over 30 participants joined Adele Voice in experiencing musical activities including songs, movement, listening, creating and instrument playing, sharing readily available resources and equipment and using music & themes to motivate young children e.g transport, animals & occupations

OSME is already planning a variety of exciting events for 2009. Keep in touch!
www.menza.org.nz/Otago.html

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Check out the OSME page on MENZA's website: <http://www.menza.org.nz/Otago.html>
You will find further information there including the Instrument Loan Scheme.



Music Education Conference 2009

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6-10 July 2009

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