

# Quarterly Quaver



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## TERM 4 2011

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2011. We have had an eventful year which has included opening a new school in Padbury in Western Australia and a move into a brand new school in Point Cook in Victoria.

We are in full swing with planning for 2012 and enrolments have already commenced.

We hope that you have all enjoyed your Yamaha Music Classes this year and look forward to welcoming you back in 2012.

## MELISSA PERRIN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jintanah Khammy-Phan is the winner of the Melissa Perrin Scholarship 2011. Jintanah is six years old and a graduate of Rebecca Stewart's Junior Music Course. She is currently attending Junior Special Advanced Course with Robyn St George at our Carnegie Music School.

For the presentation ceremony at last months school concert, Jintanah wrote the following speech:

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Melissa Perrin Scholarship and the Yamaha Music School. I am honoured and proud to be selected and it means a lot to me. I would also like to thank my mum and dad, my teachers, Ms Robyn, Ms Margarita and Ms Rebecca for their kindness and patience. I promise I will not let you down and I will practice everyday. I hope to be the best pianist and a doctor one day."*

Congratulations Jintanah on your wonderful achievements to date!



## 2011 TERM 4 DATES

### Victoria and NSW

Term 4 Begins	Monday 10th October
Term 4 ends	Sunday 18th December

### WA

Term 4 Begins	Monday 17th October
Term 4 ends	Thursday 15th December

## 2012 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Please visit our website [www.yamahamusicsschool.com.au](http://www.yamahamusicsschool.com.au) or contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 139 506 to enrol.

# CARNEGIE MUSIC SCHOOL

## Popular Music Courses

Yamaha Music Education offers a range of Popular Music Courses for ages 9 years and up at our Carnegie school. These include Guitar, Violin and Drum classes with experienced Yamaha Music teachers.

Come along to one of our Free Information Sessions on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Call 1300 139 506 to book in or enquire about our upcoming courses.

Carnegie Music School is located on Level 2 of Carnegie Central, Cnr Koornang and Dandenong Roads, Carnegie VIC 3163.



## TEACHER TIDINGS

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ella Levi on her recent engagement to Johnny Jovcevski. Ella and Johnny will be married on 15 January 2012. Ella teaches Junior Music and Junior Ensemble Courses at our Carnegie and Glen Waverley schools.



### New Guitar Teachers

We would like to welcome Kera Jeffery and Rohan Kay as our new guitar teachers.

Kera and Rohan will be offering group and private lessons at our Carnegie Music School.



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## CHANGES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please note there will be changes to our terms and conditions. Effective from 1 January 2012.

### 1. WITHDRAWAL/DISCONTINUATION POLICY

Your Regional Coordinator must be contacted either by phone or email. Notifying your teacher is not acceptable. Refer to the table below for the tuition fees that are payable, tuition fees paid in advance will be refunded.

	MWO	JMC + YMC	JXC + JSAC	JNC	JAC	AMC + SAC
Between week 1 and week 4 of classes	\$100					
More than week 5 of classes	\$190 or \$145					
Up to week 10 of classes		\$267.50	\$292.50	\$300.00	\$317.50	\$342.50
Between week 11 and week 20 of classes		\$535.00	\$585.00	\$600.00	\$635.00	\$685.00

### 2. PAYMENT PLAN

Payment in Full **OR** Five equal instalments (Credit Card and Direct Debit Only)

Please refer to our website for full details or contact our customer service centre on 1300 139 506 if you require any clarification on our new policy.

# FOCUS ON YOUNG MUSICIANS COURSE

## *Yamaha and the Older Beginner...*

### **Group Class or Private Lesson?**

All Yamaha group classes cover a wide range of activities and provide students with a rich experience that is hard to provide in a private lesson setting. More importantly, for the older beginner (6½ - 8 year olds), group classes provide a vibrant and interactive learning environment that is IDEALLY suited to the development of the children.

Rebecca Stewart, a Young Musicianship Course Teacher writes:

### **What is special about 8-year-olds?**

*"A sense of discovery is in their hearts. They are motivated by challenges, competition and engaging activities. Eagerly, they show their friends how skilful they are – at skimming a stone, at scoring a goal, at completing their spelling list... and at playing the piano.*

*Every week across Australia, hundreds of 8-year-old Yamaha music students are performing for one another, listening intently to be the first to praise each others' playing and to show their friends how to improve, with never a dull moment in the class!*

*It's an age for learning with a teacher who will make the music come alive, a teacher who will help a child develop their skills in all areas of music: singing, playing by ear, accompaniment, solo performance, technique, ensemble, composing, arranging, transposing, reading, analysing and understanding.*

*There is something magical about watching a group of eight-year-olds performing on the piano for each other. Don't believe me? Come and see it for yourself."*



### **Spreading the Word**

- You and your child are our strongest advocates, so tell your friends about how fun and interactive Yamaha classes are. Let them know that starting aged 6½ - 8 is a great time to begin and tell them how much children learn from each other in class.
- Show this article to your friends. Give them the Yamaha Music Education Centre telephone number (1300 139 506) so they can call and talk to experienced teachers who understand the challenges and benefits of group teaching over private lessons.
- Encourage your friends to book into one of our Free Information Sessions for Young Musicians, where they can experience the range of lesson content and group atmosphere for themselves. Our classes for older beginners (Young Musicians Course) would open the world of music to them as well.
- Invite a Friend Day: Look out for your chance to come along to a Young Musicians Class with your friend during Term 4 2011. This will be the perfect way for you to experience the group class environment.

We look forward to welcoming new students into our Young Musicians Courses in 2012.

## SCHOOL CONCERTS

We held our annual school concerts during August and September in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth. We had great attendance this year and many wonderful performances. Our school concerts are a great way for students to show us what they have achieved throughout the year. It is a time for family and friends to get together and be a part of the Yamaha musical experience.

Well done everyone on all your hard work during 2011!

One proud parent, whose child Joshua Djuang attends Junior Music Course with Jane Pan at Glen Waverley, wrote:

*"Two thumbs up for yesterday's concert!*

*Excellent programs, informative narration, creative teachers, interesting costumes, wonderful children, great performances.*

*Glad that our son, Joshua, took an active part in it.*

*Thank you for your hard work and patience.*

*Special thanks to Jane for being such a wonderful and inspiring music teacher.*

*Keep up the good work!"*



# Quality music experience *starts at Yamaha*

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SOMETHING  
TO SHARE?**

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## 2011 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### *No classes conducted*

Monday 3 October	Labour Day (NSW only)
Friday 28 October	Queens Birthday (WA Only)
Tuesday 1 November	Melbourne Cup (VIC only)

## 2012 SEMESTER DATES AND HOLIDAYS

### VIC

Semester One begins	Monday 30th January
Mid Semester Break	Monday 2nd April – Sunday 15th April
Semester One ends	Sunday 1st July
Semester Two begins	Monday 16th July
Mid Semester Break	Monday 24th September – Sunday 7th October
Semester Two ends	Sunday 16th December

### NSW

Semester One begins	Monday 30th January
Mid Semester Break	Friday 6th April – Sunday 22nd April
Semester One ends	Sunday 1st July
Semester Two begins	Monday 16th July
Mid Semester Break	Monday 24th September – Sunday 7th October
Semester Two ends	Sunday 16th December

### WA

Semester One begins	Monday 30th January
Mid Semester Break	Friday 6th April – Sunday 22nd April
Semester One ends	Sunday 8th July
Semester Two begins	Monday 23rd July
Mid Semester Break	Monday 1st October – Sunday 14th October
Semester Two ends	Sunday 16th December

## YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Regional Coordinators are the people you need to contact for:

- Absences of four or more weeks
- Transferring to a different class
- Advice on motivating your child to practice
- Information about the content of the next course
- Questions about the Yamaha educational system

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