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The quarterly newsletter for Einsteinz Music families

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Term 2 ends:** Saturday 30 June. If you have missed a class, *please make it up before the end of Term. Call 9343 0333 for options.*
- **\$10 Re-enrolling discount** deadline for booking and payment is 30 June for those enrolled in Term 2 classes.
- **Term 3, 2007 dates:** **Monday 16 July – Saturday 22 September.** 10 week term for all classes. Timetable is available on the Enrolment Form or at www.einsteinzmusic.com.au

CHANGES TO FEES

Unfortunately it is a fact of life that costs keep on rising (salaries, venue hire, bank fees and petrol prices!) We have not increased our fees for the past five terms in an attempt to be as affordable as possible, but will be increasing Term 3 fees by \$5, (50c a class).

The great news for parents who attend classes with more than one child is that the **sibling discount is now 30%** (formerly 25%). Accompanying children under 1 year of age still attend classes for free until they turn a year old.

HUNTERS HILL

Classes are opening in Term 3 in Hunters Hill on Tuesdays, in a fantastic venue – the Hall behind St Marks Church in Figtree Road, off Ryde Road. It is centrally located and there is ample free parking. There are limited children's activities in the area, especially of our high quality, so please spread the word to your friends.

WORKSHOPS FOR 'SCHOOLIES'

Next Schoolies Workshops are:

- Saturday 16 June at 1030 &
- Saturday 25 August at 1030.

These occasional workshops for school-age children are run by Rob Shannon, Einsteinz Music's Head Teacher. Workshops are 45 minutes and cost \$20. The focus is on beats and rhythms, using body percussion as a tool for learning to play music. Please book with Robyn on 9343 0333.

TV COMMERCIAL

A casting agent attended a few of our Preschooler classes in the Inner West in May to recruit some children for a further casting session for a well-known milk formula ad.

Our congratulations go to the children who will appear in the ad and our sincere apologies are extended to the children, parents and carers whose classes may have been disrupted during the casting.

DISCOUNT ON TOYS



Good news for our Eastern suburbs parents (and those willing to cross the city to shop for toys). Red Rocket Toy Store at 674 New South Road in Rose Bay is offering a 10% discount upon presentation of this newsletter. (*Discount does not apply to electronic products or sale or already-reduced items.*)

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

A long-time parent of Einsteinz Music classes commented that it was very difficult to get a photograph of his child whilst he was involved in the class. He recommended bringing in his relative, Tam Isaacs, a professional photographer, to capture the children in action.

Tam is a mother of 3 children and has been a photographer for 8 years. She specialises in natural shots, candid and relaxed. Her work is great as she captures children in a non-obtrusive way.

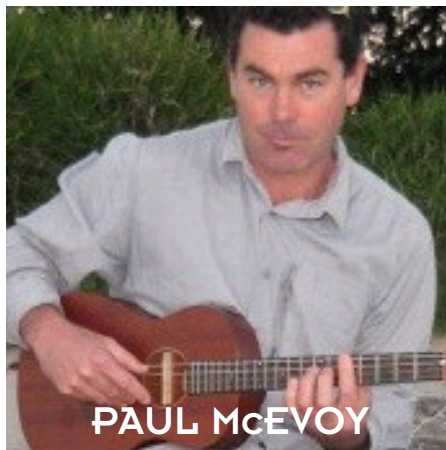
Tam will be taking photos in our classes for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. Due to other commitments, Tam may not be able to get to every class, but will attempt to do so. If possible, you will be advised the week before if Tam will be photographing your music class. Tam's aim is to depict the joy of the classes and she will try to include the parent in a photograph also.

To protect the participants' privacy, parents can only access the photographs taken during their class on Tam's site, www.tamisaacs.com.au, with a password, which Tam will give to each class concerned.

Parents are under NO OBLIGATION to buy any pictures! Her pricing is unbelievably competitive: 5" x 7" pictures are \$15 + postage. That price includes a CD with the picture, which can then be reproduced at no extra cost!

MEET PAUL McEVOY

We welcome Paul to the Einsteinz Music teaching staff. He is a talented musician, attended Einsteinz Music classes for years with his sons and is currently studying Music Therapy.



PAUL McEVOY

Paul's musical journey began at the age of five when he taught himself "the Little Drummer boy" on his Dad's home-built organ. Since then he has followed his passion through many incarnations., from Bush band and Indonesian Gamelan Orchestra to Electric Bass in a World Music band. Paul has always been keen to try his hand at any instrument, at anytime.

Between classes with Einsteinz music, Paul is studying Music Therapy at the University of Technology, Sydney. Music Therapy is about using music to enhance social interaction, allow deep personal expression and develop a sense of well being. "Music Therapy works because we all have that connection to music in us. It's a primal and powerful force. And it's fun too," Paul comments.

At Paul's classes you may hear the sounds of the Ukulele, Didgeridoo, or the African

Balafon, (which is a pentatonic Xylophone). There will always be something different in class, to add a sense of play and open up the world of music. **"I like to give children ownership of the music. We make the music together & everyone is acknowledged for being musical."**

Paul likes to describe himself as a "kitchen Musician" and he is still playing pots and pans at 40. Now he plays with his two sons, Jarrah and Alex, both graduates of Einsteinz Music classes. Jarrah started with Rob at Leichhardt five years ago and loved it almost as much as his Dad. Alex, now four years old, is still an enthusiastic participant.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Much more interactive than having a fairy, magician or jumping castle at your child's birthday party – and for the same price!

Book Einsteinz Music as unique entertainment for your child's next party and you will get an experienced teacher, who will bring instruments and will run a music session, making sure the children have lots of fun with the added bonus of being educational. Call 9343 0333 to make a booking.

MUSIC SESSIONS

Einsteinz Music runs music sessions at Preschools, Daycares and Playgroups across Sydney. It is a fantastic way to introduce a wide age group of children to the wonderful world of percussion, without having the commitment of paying for a full time music teacher. Most centres fundraise for these

extra activities, or surcharge each family to enable them. Please ask your Preschool, Daycare or Playgroup to invite an experienced Einsteinz Music teacher to your centre to run a music session, complete with a full kit of instruments.

THE JAMBU TREE CD



Still the best children's CD on the market! A collaboration between Einsteinz Music's Head Teacher, Rob Shannon, and fellow musician Rochelle Wright, The Jambu Tree is a vibrant, folksy, children's CD that is parent-friendly too. Children and parents will be familiar with songs on the CD like **'The Peanut Song', 'Bam Chi Chi Bam', 'I love the Music' & 'Sambalele'**, which are sung in Einsteinz classes.

One of the original songs, **'My Trusty Rusty Bike'** written by Rochelle Wright, was recently awarded a **Dolphin Award 2006** from the North Coast Entertainment Industry Association in the Music for Children category.

Einsteinz Music is offering 'The Jambu Tree' CD at the lowest price available! CDs are sold in class at the end of term for \$22, or you can call 9343 0333 for a copy to be mailed to you for \$24.70. More details on www.einsteinz.com.au

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