

## **ANNOUNCING: The new studio website & your child's own webpage!**



As part of this studio's commitment to keeping parents thoroughly informed about the progress of their children's music lessons, the studio now has its own **website**.



Every student can have their very own webpage at the new studio website – a **personalized page dedicated entirely to *their* music lessons**, and I'll be keeping your child's page updated with useful information about their progress and achievements.

Once their page has been set up, they (or you, or grandma, or whoever!) can visit it any time by going to:

www.\_\_\_\_\_ .practicepage.com

and entering the following password (you can change it later if you wish):

**Password:** \_\_\_\_\_

It's there to provide support, encouragement and motivation for the six days in *between* lessons, so that your child can get the most out of the lesson itself.

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### **...What you will find on your child's webpage:**

The easiest way to discover with what's possible will be to actually visit your child's page, but below is a summary of the main features (Please note – I may elect to disable some of these features, and may even add some cool new features not listed – the studio website will always be evolving!)

**Practice instructions:** So you'll always know exactly what your child is supposed to be working on this week. They can't "forget" or "lose" this notebook!

**Lesson Summaries:** All the key points from last time, so you always know the current issues are. Because parents can't always sit in on lessons.

**Message Center:** Allows me to send messages to students, and for you (or your child) to send messages to me. Much easier than trying to catch me with a phone call.

**Practice Times:** Your child can record how much practice they do. All the information entered appears instantly in my own records.

**Photo album:** Capturing the finest moments from the last student recital, or workshop - helping to make their Big Occasions memorable.

**Upcoming deadlines:** For your calendar... so that the important dates don't sneak up and surprise your child.

**Stickerbook:** For younger students, I can send stickers when they do great work. ☺ The stickers appear in their online stickerbook, and your child can visit their growing collection whenever they like. Your job is to "ooh!" and "ahh!" when they show you.

**Rewards Section:** Based loosely on the Frequent Flyer's programs, but they earn points for great work, rather than for traveling. Students earn points from me, and then can ultimately exchange those points for rewards that you have pre-negotiated with them.

**Past history and achievements:** Details of pieces studied, together with recitals, competitions, workshops – all the stepping stones in the grand adventure that is their music lessons

### ***How do I set up a webpage for my child? How much does it cost?***

Simply let me know at the next lesson. I'll set up their page, and it can be up and running straight away. You then use the address and password at the top of this letter, and I'll send them a sticker saying "welcome" to get things started.

To cover my own hosting fees, having a dedicated webpage for your child at the studio site would see a small fee of \$4 added to your account every three months.

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### ***What do I do if I don't want a webpage for my child?***

Again, just let me know. While it's easier for me if all my students are part of the network, it's still possible for me to work with pencil and paper.

Students having their own page is not compulsory, but is *strongly* recommended. I will be using this system to organize, motivate and inform the entire studio – in short, it's designed to be there for your kids during the six days that I cannot.

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### ***Can I try it and see?***

Sure. You can try it for 3 months to see what a difference it makes. If at the end of that time, it doesn't feel useful, I can cancel it for you, and it will have cost you a grand total of \$4.

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### ***A final word***

I'm enormously excited by what the studio website represents, and looking forward to providing a whole new world of service and support for my pupils *between* lessons. If you have any further questions, or suggestions about how the website could help your child work more effectively, please don't hesitate to contact me.