



NZMEB Teachers Newsletter

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Dear Teachers,

Thank you all for your support during the recent examination session, we hope the session went well for you all. We were, as usual, delighted to receive the positive feedback from the examiners and students, as well as the teachers. I always find the pride in themselves and the satisfaction of a job well done that the entrants display is a really rewarding byproduct of the exam process.

Entries for the December practical exams have now closed. We wish you well for your preparations for this session.

Syllabuses and Resources

There is an exciting new **Violin Syllabus** now available for use in examinations from 2020. The old syllabus will remain online until September 2020 and may be used for examinations until the end of the 2020 examining sessions. 2021 onwards will use solely the new syllabus. The new syllabus is currently only available on line.

The current printed **Singing Syllabus** has had an amendment – Grade 8 Tenor List B. Please check the online version for the most up to date version.

Updated **Piano Musicianship** books are available from Belynda at the NZMEB office. They are \$20 each including postage, and \$15 for any subsequent items in the same order to maximum of 5. We recommend that teachers encourage their students to own their own piano musicianship books as this means they can practice at home and become thoroughly aware of the musicianship requirements.

Waikato University

Auditions are open at Waikato in all instruments for study next year. Application forms are available online on the University website.



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Obituary

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of one of our examiners, Pam Dowsett. Pam was a great inspiration to many of us, as a teacher and examiner. This is how Tessa Petersen (another of our examiners) remembers Pam;

"Pam took me under her wing at aged 15, fixed all my bad habits, and taught me through to my graduation at the University of Otago, where as Lecturer in Violin she taught many of us in the profession today. Certainly I would not be living the dream without her belief in me. Before she died I wrote my tribute directly to her so she knew how much I loved and valued her many special qualities and gifts she shared with us all. On a lighter note, as I told her, Pam introduced me as a teenager to avocados and Bircher muesli long before they were in fashion!"



Website

We endeavour to keep our website as up to date as possible, and part of that is our "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) section. Please make this your first port of call if you have a query of any kind. Our administrator Belynda Jack will address any issues outside of these. You can contact her by email (office@nzmeb.org) or on 0800 388748. If you leave a message, she will get back to you as soon as she has an answer.

Thanks for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Lynne Sperring