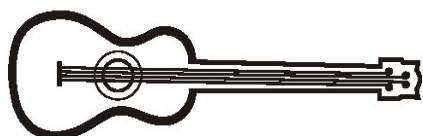


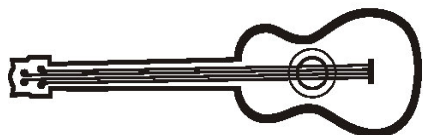
**It's official!
our
homeschool
choir is
A BIG HIT**

*"I like singing
with all my friends
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she's nice & kind."
Ruby (7 years)*

I would like to thank all the parents who have made the commitment to bring their children each week to Homeschool Harmonies. Wednesdays are my favorite day and I am absolutely thriving on the creative project of putting our concert programme together. There is something special each session that makes me glad we have choir; this week it was the sound of four singers upstairs *carrying on and having their own practice* once we were finished. For me that was the sound of *success* because I knew they were enjoying what they had learnt and that is what it is all about. My ukulele strumming girls are also loving having carloads of friends arrive each Wednesday. 10 year old Lena says "I like choir because in one of the songs I get to go *crazy* on the ukulele." 9 year old Amberly says "I think choir is good for kids who like to sing because we get to learn some interesting new songs."
- Marcia Middlemiss



**HOMESCHOOL
HARMONIES**



MUSICAL SHOWCASE

**End of Year Concert - Choir, Marimba & Ukulele
Friday, 4th December, 6.30pm, Sunnynook Hall**

Entry by gold coin donation. Light supper will follow.

This night will feature performances from the homeschool marimba and ukulele groups, plus the HASCA choir "Homeschool Harmonies"

Marimba and ukulele teacher: Clare McCormack.

Beginner ukulele and choir teacher: Marcia Middlemiss.

ALL WELCOME ... Please join us and support the children!

HASCA MUSIC PROGRAMMES FOR 2010

Marcia Middlemiss will be running 2 music programmes for HASCA in 2010.

BEGINNERS UKULELE The Ukulele programme will be starting in term 1 with beginners. This programme will expand later in the year to include intermediate/expert players and learn the songs for the 2010 Ukulele festival. Marcia will start 40 minute classes at **12.30 on Wednesday afternoons**. Parents are always welcome to join in. Marcia's daughters, Lena and Amberly will be on hand to help out the beginner class too, Marcia learnt from them. Everyone wanting to join the programme will need a ukulele. Marcia's recommendation is a Makala brand, cost is around \$47. **Ukulele class is free for HASCA members**, \$20 per person for non-members

HOMESCHOOL HARMONIES CHOIR HASCA's choir, Homeschool Harmonies, is currently 22 voices strong. Marcia would love to have more children join next year, especially in the 10+ age group. Choir practices start at **1.30 on Wednesday afternoons**. **Choir is free for HASCA members**, \$10 per person for non-members.

For a preview of both these groups, come along to our **Homeschool Music Showcase**—as detailed above.

For more information about either of the groups please contact Marcia Middlemiss—marcia.middlemiss@ihug.co.nz.

HASCA would like to thank Marcia and her family for their commitment in providing these fantastic programmes for our home educated children. We are proud to support Marcia and thankful for her hard work, talent and passion!

email: hasca.nz@gmail.com

Funding News

HASCA has been extremely fortunate to have had a funding grant approved for Term 4 activities such as; elite basketball training, fee subsidies for HASCA members in Drama/Film classes and Choir, funding towards the musical showcase/t-shirts, resources and cataloguing upgrade for the (Ezra/She) Homeschool Library, etc.

We have applied for further funding for Term 1 and hope that this may be an ongoing opportunity for HASCA.

We would like to thank those members of HASCA's committee who have worked so hard crunching numbers and gathering information for the funding applications.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TERM 1 PROGRAMMES...

Anyone wanting to run a programme, a workshop, a class - during term 1-2010, and would like to apply for funding, **we need to hear from you NOW!**

HASCA's Treasurer, Andy Rolston will discuss specifics and requirements with applicants. Please email Andy via HASCA at hasca.nz@gmail.com.

HASCA MEMBERSHIP

Family memberships are due—end of December. A membership form will be emailed to you with an option to renew for 12-months, Jan 2010—Dec 2010.

Membership is just \$15 per annum / per family.

We hope you will continue to support us! Thank you.



BREAKER BALL



with the Burger King NZ Breakers Basketball Team

Sincere thanks once again to the Basketball Development Trust (BDT) and the NZ Breakers players, coaching team and staff for inviting HASCA along for a BREAKER BALL experience on November 3rd.

BREAKER BALL is an hour and a half of FULL ON FUN - court time, ball handling and games with the Breakers' players. We had around 60 H/S children attend this event and it was fantastic! The NZ Breakers' are incredibly nice guys - super encouraging, kind and accommodating.



PARENTS! These Breakers' events are NOT events you should be leaving off of your homeschooling calendars!!!!

HASCA SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Congratulations! U19 Boys won their competition.

U17 Girls came third in League 2.

Intermediate team, coached by Suzie Schaumkel, finished 6th in their grade

Primary basketball team, coached by Nick Claasen, came 1st in Beginners Grade -1st half of year (mixed team) and are contesting the final of their grade against Target Rd next Thursday.

AWARDS

Congratulations to ...

Jainee Rolston won 2 awards; 2009 Most Improved U15 Female Rep Player and Junior Referee of the Year.

Anna Lacey won 2009 Most Valuable Player award Under 19 Female Rep Player.

Angela Perrott Hunt won 2009 Coach of the Year Award.

NETBALL

North Harbour Primary Winter Comp

HASCA's Year 4 & Year 6 Girls Netball teams did very well in their grades. Well done girls!

Twilight Netball North Harbour Comp

We have 2 teams, Yr4/Yr6 currently playing in the North Harbour twilight netball competition. Good luck.

Our sincerest thanks to all the children, parents, coaches and managers who make these sporting opportunities available to our children. Your hard work and commitment are appreciated!

H/S BASKETBALL COACHING PROGRAMME

Where: YMCA North Shore, Akoranga Drive, Northcote

Time: Thursdays 1.00pm-2.00pm, Intermediate & High Sch
Thursdays 2.00pm-3.00pm, Primary aged children

Cost : \$6 casual or \$40 per term **2010 Start date = FEB 8th**

Mike Lacey 09-480 7099, email mike.lacey@nzymca.com

YMCA Gymnastics for Home Educated Children

For students 4-10yrs: 1-2pm Tuesdays @ YMCA North Shore

Cost: \$95 per term (classes are weekly) MIKE 09-4807099

HASCA MERC DAYS 2010

We will advertise for registrations for our annual MERC Days mid-December. Spaces are limited!
Dates: 15 Feb (7-13yrs), Teen Day 23 Feb (12-19yrs)
Cost per child: \$43 HASCA mem, \$48 non member

www.hasca.wordpress.com

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