



RARUA MUSIC CENTRE Information Packet

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ABOUT RAROA MUSIC CENTRE

RMC is a music initiative through the Ministry of Education and offers tuition in **12 different instruments** from beginner to advanced level, and offers three general music classes - choir, orchestra, and ukulele group. All lessons are held in groups with the children starting together at the beginning of the year. Our teachers are established music teachers and professional musicians in the Greater Wellington Region. Classes are on Saturdays between 9am and 1:30pm at Raroa Normal Intermediate School, Haumia Street, Johnsonville.

RMC takes enrolments at the beginning of each year. RMC cannot grant mid-year acceptance at the beginning of terms two, three, or four.

COURSE & SKILL LEVEL INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding our general and instrumental courses on offer, please see our [RMC Course and Skill Level Information and Guidelines](#).

The age limits for courses ensure the children are old enough to work together with other students, and to work with the teacher. Physical stature is also very important - if a student is petite, we may still suggest they wait a year or two regardless of age to prevent injury from playing an instrument too big for the student.

For students who are keen to learn a second instrument, we suggest for them to focus on their first instrument for at least a year before learning an additional instrument. We also encourage students to participate in one Level 1 instrument at a time and partake in a general music class, such as choir, orchestra or ukulele group, simultaneously.

HOW TO ENROL

- Decide what you want to learn, and whether you will need to hire an instrument.
- Remember you can only learn one Level 1 instrument at a time.
- Use the [2019 Class Timetable](#) to pick the class time that suits you.
- If you are a beginner enrol in any Level 1 (beginner) class that suits you.
- If you have learnt an instrument before, check the RMC Skill Level Guidelines to choose a class at the right level. If you are not sure, enrol in a beginner class



and make a note in your enrolment form, so the teacher can assess you at the first lesson if needed.

- Children who enrol in a higher-level class and are not at the required level will be removed from the class. We are not able to offer students a place in a lower level class.
- Be sure to review the [2019 Calendar](#) and [Instrument Hire information](#).

RETURNING STUDENTS

Returning students: simply login and enroll

You can use your User ID and password from last year to log in and confirm your family's details for 2019. [Click here to login](#). If you've forgotten your login in and password, then you can request it by clicking on the words "I Have Forgotten My Username or Password."

You can add a new student to your family group or remove a student who has left. Please check that your email address, phone number, school and home address are still correct, and update the school year that your child is in. **You must use an email address that is checked regularly** so the Centre and your tutor can communicate with you.

Remember we rely on parent help to run RMC and provide morning tea for the tutors. Please remember to indicate how you will help during the year.

Then select your class, and hire an instrument if you need one.

Pay for all outstanding items (the Centre fee, the instrument hire fee, the keyboard or drum fee and the suggested koha) together (we prefer Internet banking).

You will get an email asking you to validate your email address. **This must be done before the first day of classes**. If you do not validate your email address, you may lose your place.

Remember you can log into the registration system at any time to update your registration details and see what classes you have enrolled in.



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New students must register and then enrol for classes

First, you register as a family/student, and then you choose your class for each student in the family and hire an instrument if needed.

1. **Register as a student**(s) – and fill in the parents’ details. Remember we rely on parent help to run RMC and provide morning tea for the tutors. Tell us how you can help during the year.
2. Enter an email address that is checked regularly so the Centre and your tutor can communicate with you.
3. Book the class that you want. The registration system will only show you classes at the right age for your child. If a class is already full, it won’t show that class time to you, and you will have to choose another class.
4. Hire an instrument if you need one.
5. Confirm your registration. At this stage you will be given a User ID and password so you can log on at any time and check your registration and the classes you have enrolled in. Make a note of this.
6. Pay for all outstanding items (the Centre fee, the instrument hire fee, the keyboard or drum fee and the suggested koha) together (we prefer Internet banking).
7. You will get an email asking you to validate your email address. **This must be done before the first day of classes.** If you do not validate your email address, you may lose your place.



2019 COSTS

Go to [About >> Costs](#) to see what you will pay for the:

- Centre fee (\$60 per year)
- Keyboard or drum fee (\$30)
- Suggested koha (or donation)

There may be additional costs for music, or extras, such as drum sticks.

INTERNET BANKING

We prefer that you pay by Internet banking

Internet Banking: remember to insert 6-digit payment identifier.

If you cannot make an internet deposit please post a cheque with the payment form to Raroa Music Centre, 38 Garden Road, Northland, Wellington 6012.

It takes us a few weeks to reconcile payments so the online enrolment system will continue to say that you owe money until we have done the reconciliation.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

The Music Warehouse www.themusicwarehouse.co.nz will be selling the resources listed below on the first day of classes (9 February 2019) from 9am-2pm.

| Class | Music Book | Instrument |
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| Cello | A New Tune a Day for Cello (Book 1) | Instrument hire available. |
| Clarinet | A New Tune a Day Book 1 for clarinet At least two size 1.5 reeds for clarinet | Instrument hire available. |
| Drums | n/a | 8" hard rubber drum pad Either Omega or Regal drum sticks at 5B weighting and preferably wood tip as opposed to nylon. (Not the 7A weight as these are too light) |



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| Flute | A New Tune a Day for flute vol 1 for Level 1 students A New Tune a Day for flute vol 2 for more advanced students. | Instrument hire available. |
| Guitar | Teacher will supply music | Guitar: 1/2 \$109.00 Stagg guitar 3/4 \$129.00 Valencia Guitar 4/4 \$139.00 Valencia Guitar Guitar bags are \$35.00 each. |
| Keyboard | John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course Part One for Level 1 Keyboard John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course Part Two for Level 2 Keyboard John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course Part Three for Level 3 Keyboard John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course Part Four for Level 4 Keyboard | Instruments provided in the classroom only, please have access to a piano or keyboard outside of RMC in order to practise at home. |
| Recorder | Musikit Recorder Book One with CD by Roger and Carol Buckton. Baroque to Rock Book Two for recorder Level 2 students. | Yamaha recorder, comes with bag and cleaning rod. |
| Saxophone | A New Tune a Day Book 1 for alto saxophone At least two size 1.5 reeds for alto saxophone | Instrument hire available. |
| Ukulele | Teacher will supply music | Ukulele \$45 each. Kiwi Brand. 7 colours: Red, Orange, Yellow, Mint Green, Dark Blue, Lavender, Pink. |
| Violin | All for Strings book for violin | Violin |



HIRE AN INSTRUMENT

You need an instrument to practise on and to bring to class.

There are keyboards at the Centre for lessons, but you will need to get your own keyboard or piano to practise on at home.

For \$150 per year you can hire a

- cello
- flute
- clarinet
- saxophone

A family can hire only one instrument each year. Hire fees must be paid in full before 16 February unless special arrangements are made with the Centre. The parent committee may authorise a second hire per family if there are instruments available, but this is not guaranteed and will be considered on a case by case basis.

When you are registering don't forget to hire an instrument if you need one. Hire instruments are given out on Saturday 9 February, the first day of lessons.

BUYING AN INSTRUMENT

Ukeleles

- Alistair's Music Shop in Cuba St. Please mention that you will be learning at the Raroa Music Centre.

The Music Warehouse www.themusicwarehouse.co.nz will sell ukeleles in the staffroom on Saturday 9 February (the first day of classes) from 9am to 2pm. \$45 each. Kiwi Brand. 7 colours: Red, Orange, Yellow, Mint Green, Dark Blue, Lavendar, Pink.

Recorders

We prefer that you buy a recorder from the teacher as we need to ensure the recorder is a suitable standard for your child to learn on. Please bring \$15 cash to the first lesson. The recorder is an AULOS www.aulosusa.com and comes with a bag and cleaning rod.



Guitars

The Music Warehouse www.themusicwarehouse.co.nz will sell guitars in the staffroom on Saturday 9 February (the first day of classes) from 9am to 2pm. Staff will tell you the right size guitar for your child and will restring and tune the guitar so it is ready to go.

They will only be selling the natural colour. If you want a black, red, or blue guitar you will need to visit the Music Warehouse yourself. Please note the shop closes at 3 pm on Saturdays and is not open on Sundays.

Price: - credit card or cash only - no EFTPOS

- 1/2 \$109.00 Stagg guitar
- 3/4 \$129.00 Valencia Guitar
- 4/4 \$139.00 Valencia Guitar
- Guitar bags are \$35.00 each.

Drums pads and drum sticks

Drum students are required to buy a drum practice pad and drum sticks at their first lesson. The cost is approximately \$45. Your percussion tutor will email you about this before your first lesson.

Additional costs for music books and extras - \$10 - \$40 (approximately)

Some classes may have to purchase a tuition book. Your teacher will email you the details before classes start.

Saxophone - A New Tune a Day for Alto Sax (\$35 - \$40 or cheaper if ordered a month in advance via thebookdepository.co.uk)
Reeds are \$5-6 each and will need to be replaced every 2-3 weeks or when broken.

Clarinet - A New Tune a Day for Clarinet (\$35-\$40 or cheaper if ordered a month in advance via thebookdepository.co.uk)
Reeds are \$4-5 each and will need to be replaced every 2-3 weeks or when broken.



HELPFUL LINKS

[RAROA MUSIC CENTRE WEBSITE](#)

[CALENDAR](#)

[TIMETABLE](#)

[STAFF PROFILES](#)

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[CONTACT US](#)