

Monday 18th July 2011

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that music education has returned to **Bright Stars Education Centre**, with an all NEW contemporary and vibrant early childhood program!



Kinder Beat classes provide an opportunity for children to enjoy music and express themselves creatively by being involved in active music making. Classes encourage children to develop in general ways (such as confidence and social skills) and to build a foundation for the child's future musical education by developing skills in the basic musical concepts.

The **Kinder Beat** program utilises groundbreaking early childhood education principles and introduces young children to music in a way that stimulates all their senses. It features many activities that children need for brain development and acceleration.

Suitable for children aged from 2 to 5 years, students will gain experience in:

- singing songs, rhymes and solfa/solfege
- movement, dance and gesture
- rhythm, beat and metre
- musical games and improvisation
- listening, reflecting and responding
- percussion playing
- story-telling and mime
- reading (iconic and traditional notation)
- keyboard games (4-5 yr olds)
- ensemble playing



Classes are 45 minutes in duration. Classes will begin on Friday 22nd July 2011 (Term 3 – Week 1). The **Kinder Beat** program will be taught by Marianne Grasso, a Licensed Kinder Beat Educator. Marianne currently teaches Music and Visual Arts to K-6 students at Holy Spirit Primary, Carnes Hill.

Friday @ 9:30am: Kinder Beat Level 2 - Kinder Bear (3 - 4 year olds)

Children will be introduced to *Kinder Bear*, who will lead them through classes that have them singing, dancing, playing games, exploring percussion instruments, and learning musical terms and concepts, whilst igniting their imaginations.

Friday @ 10:30am: Kinder Beat Level 3 - Kinder Roo (4 - 5 year olds)

Children will be introduced to *Kinder Roo*, who will lead them through classes that have them using a variety of musical instruments and props that will stimulate their senses and enrich the learning experience.

Friday @ 11:30am: Kinder Beat Level 1 - Kinder Bear (2 - 3 year olds)

Children will be introduced to *Kinder Bear*, who will lead them through classes that have them singing, dancing, playing games, exploring percussion instruments, and learning musical terms and concepts, whilst igniting their imaginations.

Why is music important?

Children have a natural love for singing, chanting rhymes, moving and dancing, clapping and tapping etc. Even a young baby will instinctively respond to a soothing lullaby or a favourite musical toy. The child's early fascination and love for music and movement can be channeled into a life-long enthusiasm through an involvement in an enjoyable and active music program!

Why begin with young children?

Children begin to learn at a very young age. The foundations for a successful lifetime are built during these young formative years, and therefore the earlier children can be involved in music activities, the better. By beginning music education at a young age the child has more chance of being meaningfully involved with music in later life as a listener, performer and a creator.

Musical activities promote:

- Social interaction between children, their peers and adults.
- Concentration and attention skills.
- Improved co-ordination.
- Confidence and self-esteem.
- Body awareness and image.
- Communication skills and verbal development.
- Understanding of a variety of concepts.
- Expression of feelings.
- Listening skills.

(Information courtesy of Susie Davies-Splitter and Phil Splitter)



Kinder Beat classes are \$15 per week (to be paid in 5 week installments).

Students are also required to purchase the *Kinder Beat Student Kit*, which they will use during their weekly session. This kit is \$40 and comprises of a student book, CD and plush toy character from the Kinder Bear or Kinder Roo series. By using the *Kinder Beat Student Kit* at home, your child will have the opportunity to practice the musical skills taught in class.

Call **Bright Stars Education Centre** on 9604 1697 to enrol in a **Kinder Beat** class today!

Places are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Yours in harmony,

Marianne Grasso
Licensed Kinder Beat Teacher