Music for young children

Tuesdays 9-9.30am or 9.45-10.15am

2013 Term 1 $70 (7 sessions)
2013 Term 2 $90 (9 sessions)
2013 Term 3 $80 (8 sessions)
2013 Term 4 $80 (8 sessions)

Fees $10/child/session. $5/sibling (2 years+)
Pay per term.
The music for young children program aims to present flexible, weekly hands on sessions which develop music concepts and general life skills through using a combination of the following activities:

- Speech rhymes and songs including action songs, games, finger plays, drama and stories
- Playing a variety of non-tuned and tuned percussion instruments
- Moving, including creative movement and dance.
- Listening games
- Improvisation using creative imagination and free expression

**Music Aims:**

- To develop a sense of beat
- To discriminate between high and low sounds (Pitch), loud and soft sounds (Dynamics) and fast and slow music (Tempo)
- Learn to sing in tune and acquire a repertoire of songs
- To experience a variety of music, introducing mood and style
- To become familiar with differences in music
- Enjoyment and fun with music
- Stimulate the children’s imagination and encourages participation through the use of props and puppets

**Music Experiences Promote:**

- Social interaction between children, their peers and adults
- Concentration, memory and recognition skills. Improved coordination skills
- Self-confidence to sing alone and with others.
- Body awareness
- Large and small muscle development
- Communication skills and verbal development
- Understanding a variety of concepts

**Introducing Rachel Hook**

Having played & performed since Rachel began violin lessons at age 5, Rachel now holds a Bachelor with Honours in Music and has toured with groups overseas. Rachel has taught violin since she was a teenager, and also now teaches piano and voice. She performs across the Yarra Valley and Melbourne as the lead singer of the band ‘Highly Strung’, which she formed with her husband Brett in 2001.

Rachel Hook taught ‘Music For Young Children’ during 2005, and has since spent her time raising 3 children, two of which are now school age. As a result, her love for educating children has grown as well as her desire to support and encourage parents. Rachel’s enthusiasm, coupled with dramatic skills, brings a positive, encouraging environment where children and parents feel totally accepted (no matter what their ability or personality) as they respond to the fun and interactive sessions with her. Rachel's goal in teaching music to children is to instill in them a love of music that lasts a lifetime, because she believes in its many benefits to the developing child.

**Rachel Hook**

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