

# GRC NEWSLETTER

## TERM ONE 2008

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### Dates for 2008

Term 1:

Starts: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Ends: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April


Term 2:

Starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April



Dear All,

Welcome to 2008! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and that the New Year has been kind to you.

With this newsletter, you will have received your first invoice for the year from the Goulburn Regional Conservatorium. Unfortunately  fees have risen in 2008. This is a direct consequence of legislative requirements that the GRC must comply with regarding employment on-costs. Unlike "private" operators, the GRC is obliged to add superannuation, long service leave and workcover to the wages of our fantastic tutors. This represents an extra 13% over and above the actual wages that we pay. The Conservatorium has been largely carrying these costs for the past few years and can no longer afford to do so. As a result, fees have risen for the beginning of 2008 and will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each school term.

However, it's not all bad news – if you choose to pay before the end of the first week of term, you will receive a discount of \$1 per lesson for 30 minutes, resulting in savings that will mean you will essentially be paying the same amount for lessons as in 2007. For a comprehensive list of fees and early payment discounts, please see the new fee schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

There are already several excellent concerts booked in for 2008. These include the usual array of Ensembles', Tutors' and Studio Concerts. Some extra special concerts being presented this year include **Mosaic** (world music featuring Judy Campbell), **Jim McNeely** (New York Jazz Pianist with complete Big Band), **Jamie**

**Ohlers** (world renowned Jazz Saxophonist), **Simon Tedeschi** (virtuoso pianist), **Nick Parnell** (percussionist extraordinaire), **Stephen**

**Lalor** (Mandolinist for Sydney Symphony Orchestra) and the winner of the Sydney International Piano Competition. We

are very fortunate to be able to attract performers of this calibre to Goulburn, so I urge you all to attend as many concerts as you possibly can. Without good audience numbers we won't be able to continue to attract such excellent performers – so please get behind the GRC's concert program!

Regards,  
Stephen O'Connell

**Make sure you check with your tutor to confirm your starting date for term 1.**

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DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING

