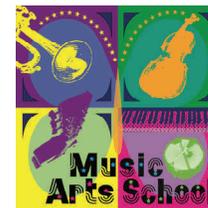


# MAS Newsletter



Jan - Mar 2015

## Classical<sup>+</sup> Concert Series

In addition to our monthly student concerts, MAS hosted several amazing concerts throughout January. Guest musicians from Canada and Germany (Linda Kuttis, Clara Shandler, Jacques Mindreau, Ian Griffiths and Matthias Krug) joined forces with teachers from Music Arts School to create some unique and

wonderful performances. Linda and her foundation, Singing Tree, made a heartfelt and generous donation of a beautiful grand piano. All of our guest musicians and teachers gave generously of their time in rehearsals and the fruits of their labour were hugely appreciated by MAS and audiences.



## Strengthening our Community

Scholarship students have been actively involved in various ways. More and more scholarship students have performed in Student Concerts, including some wonderful songs by Sombo and other EYC students. Scholarship students are encouraged to give back to the MAS in different ways. Thakvika, a scholarship guitar student, gives up two hours every Sunday morning to teach guitar to beginners.



## Teacher Training at MAS



The MAS Teachers' Ensemble has been very busy rehearsing and performing. The ensemble was joined by cellist Clara Shandler in performances throughout January. Since February, MAS has been training teachers in preparation for ABRSM exams in November this year.

## New Teachers and Courses

MAS is delighted to welcome new teachers Ai (singing), Dion (drums) and Zach (guitar). These teachers bring a wealth of international experience to our school.

Jeffro Sills (singing and guitar) will teach a new course in Songwriting. Jeffro has written a new song which his students have performed and recorded exclusively at MAS! The song can be viewed on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOI\\_3CXO5p0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOI_3CXO5p0)

## Brightening up our Walls!

Volunteers from Building Trust International and EYC did a wonderful job decorating our walls with staves, instruments and other musical symbols. Many thanks to everyone who took part in making our school look and sound groovy!

