

Nancy Weir Scholarship—2014

Music Teachers' Association of Queensland Inc

Announcement of Winner and Encouragement Award

MTAQ takes great pleasure in announcing the winner of the 2014 Nancy Weir Scholarship. This year it was decided to award a second place and an encouragement award.

The Trust Deed under which the Scholarship is administered states that the fund is for the purpose of assisting young children, particularly those living outside the metropolitan areas. The spirit of the scholarship was to assist those children from the regional areas of Queensland who are unable to access high quality music education and exposure to high quality concert performances not available in many regional areas.

Winner - Reuben Tsang

Reuben is a gifted 10 year old student of Cairns member, Koko Julian. He received a Nancy Weir Encouragement Award in 2013 and has continued to work hard and enjoy playing the piano. In May he did his Grade 7 piano exam and received a high distinction. In June he entered the Cairns Junior Eisteddfod, winning all seven sections entered. The award will go towards furthering his musical pursuits.

2nd place - Isaac Graham

Isaac is twelve years of age, residing in Rockhampton, and was a student of Veronica Berry. He has experienced significant success at local Eisteddfods. This year he won Most Outstanding Pianist; Most Promising String Performer; and Champion Boy Vocalist. He is preparing for his A.Mus.A on piano. He hopes to travel to Brisbane for further tuition. Some of this award will go towards travel, participation in workshops and masterclasses.

Encouragement Award - Monique Murphy

Monique is twelve years of age, residing in Mackay and a student of Kerry Harold. She has been playing piano since age six and guitar since age nine. She has completed her Grade 5 ANZCA classical piano exam and will be sitting her Grade 3 AMEB classical guitar shortly. For the last three years she has received special awards for her Eisteddfod performances, including 2011 & 2012 Joe Norris Bursary; and 2013 Tri Plumbing Service Encouragement Award.

The scholarship assists children, aged 12 years or under, living outside the Brisbane metropolitan area and exhibiting outstanding musical talent, to pursue their musical studies.

Children 12 years and under, who have previously submitted an entry, are encouraged to enter again in future years.

We wish all children well in their musical pursuits and we look forward to receiving your entries in 2015.

Janine Rynne and Peter Geroff, TRUSTEES for the Nancy Weir Scholarship Fund.