

# Making Music without Mayhem

*Playing Instruments Successfully  
with Young Children*

*A workshop for adults working with children 3-5 years old  
Takapuna*

**Kids Music**  
COMPANY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

7.00-9.00pm

Janet Channon

(Writer, Director and Teacher)



Does the idea of [playing instruments](#) with a group of [preschoolers](#) give you the [shivers](#)? Do you grit your teeth and leap in, with Panadol at the ready? Do you expect absolute mayhem?

This workshop can help you and will give you successful ways to confidently encourage instrument playing with preschoolers.

We will stamp, jump, sing and incorporate our senses in the action. Once the beat is in the child's body the step on to playing instruments is much easier. We will share a repertoire of songs to establish basic musical skills simply and effectively with preschoolers. [Come and join the fun, No previous skills necessary.](#)

### Why Is Instrument Playing Important for Children?

Playing instruments develops the whole child not just musical skills. Early experiences playing instruments can develop important brain connections.

Children enjoy playing instruments as it gives them a personal power to create sound. It also requires the use of many senses at once. Vision and hearing combine with the sense of movement and touch. Social skills and memory develop, as well as the important inner sense of body rhythm on which we base many motor skills such as walking, smooth running and swimming.

As the child processes all this sensory information at once the brain grows important connections across the sections. These connections will help streamline information processing in the future. –And the more brain connections a child has, the faster he can think. It is powerful stuff!

[But first you need a repertoire of songs. This workshop will give you a great start.](#)

[Come and join us.](#)

[Get empowered and offer satisfying, successful music sessions to your children.](#)



<b>Date:</b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	<b>Venue:</b> North Shore Brass Band Hall 13 Taharoto Rd Takapuna	<b>Cost:</b> \$40 per person \$15 student \$120 for 4 or more people from one centre
<b>Time:</b> 7.00 - 9.00pm		

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**Tutor:****Janet Channon**

Janet Channon and Wendy Jensen began Kids Music Company in 1989. It is a privately funded music studio on Auckland's North Shore. About 250 children aged 1-10 attend weekly sessions of music. Both Wendy and Janet are past primary school music specialists, mothers and grandmothers giving them a vast experience on what works with kids. Janet and Wendy write, record and workshop their own music for teaching purposes. Their music is keenly sought by children, teachers and parents alike.

Janet has run countless workshops for parents, teachers and teacher training institutions in New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. Kids Music Company has won 10 international awards for excellence in music education.

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**Testimonials***Sue Thorne**CEO,**Early Childhood Council*

Our delegates obviously enjoyed your session enormously, and a lot of evaluations included comments such as "learned heaps - lots of new ideas to take back to my centre", "very well prepared and presented - really enjoyed it", "inspired me to continue to work at music", "wonderful exciting workshop" – and they all seem to have wished that the session could have been longer!

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*Kindergarten Teachers*

- The best workshop I have been to in years.

*Hutt-Wairarapa*

- I was delighted with the workshop.

*Kindergarten Association.*

- It was informative, fun and most of all hands on.

- I was inspired by the new resources

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*Jenny Kwek**Principal Ascension**Kindergarten, Singapore;**Singapore Music Education**Conf. Organiser*

Janet Channon's music and movement workshops are loaded with high energy and fun for the participants. Her passion for early childhood music is shown clearly in her dedication in sharing ideas with others. The "child" in her brings out life in her music and a smile to everyone.

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*Brenda Jenkinson**Owner, Paddington Station**Preschool, Auckland*

We find the Kids Music Company workshops are motivating and practical; a great way for our staff to learn new songs and routines. We always come away with fresh ideas for our music and movement sessions. Most exhilarating.

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*Sparc Hui**(Sport and Recreation NZ)*

- Great session – Janet relates all her examples so closely to what we do which makes it more beneficial. I also like how she demonstrates different actions for individualising the movements for children.

- A very enthusiastic and useful presentation. Lots of good ideas to share in ECE settings.

- Fantastic session, I enjoyed every minute of it. I wish I could write songs like that.

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*Jo-Anne Stead**Senior Manager, Teaching**Service, Hutt/Wairarapa**Kindergarten Assn*

Janet and Wendy have been involved in offering professional development for our teachers for two years. Feedback from teachers has been that their music sessions have rekindled and motivated teacher's enthusiasm. The teachers have been able to extend their musical repertoire and provide exciting, varied music sessions. Janet and Wendy's energy and enthusiasm makes music exciting and enjoyable.

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