

# WHAT'S NEW?

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The Piano Educators Day in January allowed us to explore the wonderful new print music publications. These included some excellent educational resources, plus a large range of classical and popular music. The large range is now available at Bernies Music Land, including some of the following new releases.

The handy *Scalecard System* has been designed for students to use both at home and in their lessons. The system is so easy. You select the cards for your current grade, in either the AMEB or ANZCA examination board. Then you purchase the sleek card holder, which has three compartments: "Unknown", "OK" and "Perfect". As you explore and learn each card, you move it from the "Unknown" compartment across until you have all your cards in the "Perfect" box! So, each student purchases the box (\$13.95), kept for all levels, and the set of cards for their grade (from \$10).

The front of each *Scalecard* indicated the grade level and the technical item required (for example, F major, hands separately & together, Grade 2). The back of the card has the same scale or arpeggio presented in musical notation, with all the fingering clearly notated. It is also written in alphabetic lettering for a quick and easy reference. Compass, Touch and Tempo requirements are detailed on separate cards with each set.

The *Scalecard System* is now available at Bernies Music Land, along with the brochure "*Notes for Teachers: Making the most of The Scalecard System*" so please visit today!

Probably the most popular publication at Piano Educators Day was the *Blitz Series*, particularly *How to Blitz General Knowledge* (\$29.95). This colourful, exciting book is a practical guide for all syllabi, all instruments and ages. It makes examination preparation so much easier by offering games and exercises to develop skills in areas including:

- The descriptions of all forms, periods and styles of music.
- Translations of Italian, French and German terms.
- Information on over 150 composers.
- Hints on exam preparation and a 'survival guide' for parents.

Another popular book of the *Blitz Series* is *How to Blitz Sight Reading*, available in Book 1 (preliminary to grade 3, \$29.95) and Book 2 (grade 3 to 4, \$29.95). These interactive books make students *want* to sight read by offering heaps of fun activities, with stickers and self-rating systems along the way. Activities are grouped into levels with tests to complete at the end and plenty of exam hints. All these *Blitz Series* books are the ideal supplement to your lesson books!

One not to be forgotten is the *Blitz for Beginners: A Bumper Book for Blitzing Note Reading* (\$14.95). It begins from the basics, with stacks of games, exercises and wonderful activities to build note recognition.

A new release greeted with enthusiasm is the *P Plate Piano* series. It has been designed by AMEB to make it easy to prepare your piano students for preliminary grade. Each book contains approximately 18 pieces, which are carefully graded to achieve preliminary grade standard at the end of the experience. Selected by one of Australia's top pedagogical specialists for young pianists, Elissa Milne, *P Plate Piano* encompasses all the technical and musical difficulties that a student needs to embrace prior to beginning AMEB's preliminary grade level. Illustrated with colourful pictures, these books are sure to be a hit with students, teachers and parents. They are available now from Bernies Music Land for \$34.95 or all three books can be purchased in a package for \$79.95.

I hope you will visit the store soon to check out these new resources. If time doesn't permit – then why not phone me on 9872 5122 and I can process your order and post it to you promptly! You still receive your great teacher discount too. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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