

Donation Update

Each term we donate \$1 on behalf of every child enrolled in the Dance Centre towards charities that work towards creating better lives for children whether they are sick, disadvantaged, or in need of support.

This term we have chosen to donate to the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

So far under this scheme the Dance Centre has donated \$1750 and supported:

- ~ The Women's and Childrens Hospital
- ~ The McGuiness McDermott Foundation
- ~ The Make A Wish Foundation
- ~ CanTeen
- ~ MS Society
- ~ Jane McGrath Foundation
- ~ Victorian Bush Fire Appeal



Jane Grech Dance Centre

Sharing the Love of Dance

Principal's News!

No baby yet....

May I take this opportunity to again welcome our new students and their families for 2009 and to thank the existing families for welcoming our 2009 staff team – Angela, Heather, Kelly and Sharyn!

Previously all Classical ballet classes were taught by me, however as our school continues to grow (and as my family continues to grow!) it is harder for me to teach all the students. This is a period of adjustment for me as well as I used to know every child personally, which I greatly enjoyed.

As a result, I have brought together the best people and teachers to represent what I'm all about. I am now supported by a team of teachers all handpicked for their professionalism, experience and their rapport with children and teenagers. Our teachers have a wealth of experience, skills and knowledge to impart to the students.

I have also developed an extensive teacher's manual and training programs to ensure our teachers are at one with the school's teaching philosophy. Like any organisation focused on quality, teachers receive performance reviews and feedback.

Most recently our teachers participated in an all day Staff Development and Training Day. Much of the day's focus was on the aims of the school and my teaching philosophy, which all teachers adhere to. Teachers have also been developing individual teaching philosophies that aligned with this. We will share these with you in upcoming newsletters.

Heather and I will be flying to Sydney in the April School Holidays to participate in an Annual Teachers Professional Development workshop. I will also be attending an Assessors Workshop in Sydney to ensure that when I assess children interstate I am adhering to the high standards required. Both these workshops ensure that the highest standards of Classical ballet teaching are being passed onto your child. Baby Grech (who will be 6 weeks!) will also be coming for the ride!

Jane Grech

Diploma of Dance Teaching and Management
Graduate Certificate of Creative Industries – Dance Teaching

Kelly's Teaching Philosophy

Kelly teaches our Jazz and Tap students.

"Sharing my love of all aspects of Dance, my aim as a teacher is to help develop confident, creative and caring individuals who will remember in years to come how much they loved attending dance classes."

PS: Teacher Illness - When teachers are unwell and cannot teach we approach the other members of the staff team to fill in. The relief teacher is advised of the ages, needs and class plans of the class etc and will run the class on behalf of the regular teacher. Our last resort is to cancel classes however there may be times that this is unavoidable. We will make every effort to notify you as soon as possible. (Please keep us updated with any changes to contact details) In these instances your next invoice is automatically credited for the missed class.

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Costume Club

Costumes are organised and made by the school at a cost of **\$30 per costume for over 5's and \$25 per costume for Dance Magic students.**

To help make performance time less expensive we have decided to start a Costume Club which will spread the payment over several invoices. This will also help our cash flow as we have huge overheads in organising the costumes.

Participating **Dance Magic** students will be charged \$12.50 in addition to tuition fees in term 2 and 3 (as their performance is 13th September).

Over 5's (Ballet, Jazz and Tap) will be charged \$10 per costume in Term 2, 3 and 4. While each costume is \$30 the **maximum** costume payment per child is \$60.

Examples:

3 dance styles

If your child takes all 3 styles (Ballet AND Jazz AND Tap) their costume fee will be capped at \$60 (\$20 per term).

2 dance styles:

If your child takes Ballet plus EITHER Jazz OR Tap then the fee will be \$60 (\$20 per term.)

If your child takes Jazz AND Tap then the fee will be \$30 (\$10 per term) as the Jazz and Tap costume are the same.

1 dance style:

If your child takes 1 class whether that is Ballet OR Jazz OR Tap the fee will be \$30 (\$20 per term).

Once paid, an instalment amount is **non refundable** should your child become unable to participate, as we use the payments to purchase materials and pay deposits within the next few months. For the same reasons instalments are also **non transferable.** (*for example* if you pay the first instalment of \$10 for a tap costume and your child ceases tap in term two you are unable to transfer this payment to their ballet costume. By this stage we would have already ordered their tap costume and lost our \$10 deposit.)

Please refer to the box on the right for a reminder of dates. If you would like more information on how we run our performances please refer to the FAQ section on our website.

Remember!

Our website covers off all the information you need to know!

Feel free to visit us at
www.janegrechdancecentre.com.au

Turrumurra

Parents waiting for children during lessons at the Turrumurra Ballet Studio are asked to wait within the 'squash' room to avoid overcrowding in the foyer at changeover times for basket ball etc. This room is directly next to the studio. You are more than welcome to purchase items from the kiosk.

Locations

Surrey Downs Community Centre - 6 Zanoni Crescent, Surrey Downs.

Turrumurra Recreation Centre - 1000 Lower North East Road, Highbury.

Greenwith Community Centre - Cnr of The Golden Way & Golden Grove Road. Entrance is off The Golden Way via large car park.

We work REALLY hard to keep costumes at this low cost. We absorb ALL extra costs incurred (admin / postage / distribution etc) so your child can enjoy performing in a nice costume without you having to pay \$60 PER costume, which is the accepted *starting* rate for costumes at our competitors.

IMPORTANT DATES 2009 For your diary!

Dance Magic Performance
3-5-year olds
Golden Grove Arts Centre
Sunday 13th
September 1pm

Over 5's Performances
Golden Grove Arts Centre
Need to be available Saturday and Sunday 28th AND 29th November
Times TBC

Ballet Assessments *
Turrumurra Ballet Studio
Saturday 19th
September
Times TBC
* Certain levels only.
You will be advised of this.

TERM DATES

Term One
Mon 2nd Feb –
Thurs 9th April

Term Two
Mon 27th April – Sat
4th July

Term Three
Mon 20th July – Sat
26th Sept

Term Four
Mon 12th Oct – Fri
11th Dec

Reminders!

Our Administration Manager is Sharyn Rucicoh. She can be contacted on:

Phone:

0408 847 759 Tuesday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Email:

[Account enquiries, class changes, and general information:](mailto:admin@janegrechdancecentre.com.au)

admin@janegrechdancecentre.com.au



Website:

www.janegrechdancecentre.com.au

Internet Payment Details:

BSB 805 050 Account No 6321 5080
Please leave your child's name in the reference section.

A reminder of our payment terms and conditions:

Fees are due by the end of Week Two of every term, unless prior arrangement with the office. **(Term Two Due Date: Saturday 9th May)**

Payments after this time will incur a late fee. Please use your payment envelope when paying your child's fees.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

As part of our philosophy to be 'family friendly' we have decided that no classes will be held on the Saturdays of long weekends. You will not be charged for these classes.

Term One Public Holidays:

No Classes Saturday 7th March due to Adelaide Cup
Holiday on Monday 9th March.

No Classes on Friday 10th April (Good Friday) or Saturday 11th April (Easter Saturday.)

HOT WEATHER POLICY?

Hopefully we have seen the worst of the hot weather classes continue regardless as our venues are air conditioned (admittedly the studios, not always the waiting areas ☹) It is therefore completely up to you whether ir not to bring your child. We are unable to refund any missed classes as our overheads remain the same regardless of the weather and how many children attend.

UNIFORM NEWS!

2nd hand uniforms

Next 2nd hand stall:

2nd hand stalls occur TWICE a term with next held at **Surrey Downs Community Centre** (6 Zanoni Crescent Surrey Downs) on **Friday 20th March from 5pm – 6pm**. We have leotards, skirts and shoes – ballet, tap and jazz. All welcome – cash only.

If you have any items that are in GOOD CONDITION that you would like to sell, please place in a bag with a completed sellers form (available from class teacher). Once we sell your item you will be notified and the amount will be deducted from your next invoice.

JGDC T Shirts

JGDC T shirts are now available (to wear for warm ups in Classical ballet) or for class in Jazz and Tap. They are \$15 each and are available in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. To purchase a t shirt: Place correct money in an envelope with child's name and size and hand to teacher OR Email admin@janegrechdancecentre.com.au and transfer \$15 via internet with child's name as reference. T shirts will be delivered via class.

NEW Uniforms

Coming soon...

Soon some components of the uniform will be made available through the Dance Centre at a cheaper rate than that which is available in the retail shops.

We have been working on this project for approx 6 months because we are committed to helping keep costs low and are always looking at new ways to provide a better service to you our busy parents.

At this stage we have not been able to source ALL parts of the uniform, but over time we hope we will.

We have sourced cheaper jazz and tap shoes and samples will be available to try on as soon as possible.

From term two all our new stock and samples will also always be available at any of our second hand stalls (which may need a name change just to 'Uniform stall!!!')

Future 2nd hand stalls:

Term One – Week 7
Friday 20th March 5-6pm Surrey Downs

Term Two – Week 2
Saturday May 9th 11am -12pm Turrumurra

PERFORMANCE PERMISSION SLIP

(DUE: Saturday 9th May 09)

Please staple to your Term 2 payment envelope.

STUDENT(S) NAME:

I DO NOT give permission for the above students to participate in their performance (correct as at May 2009) and HAVE NOT paid the first costume instalment fee. I understand that should I change my mind later it may not be possible for them to perform if costumes have been finalised.

I DO give permission for the above students to participate in their performance (correct as at May 2009) and have therefore paid the first costume instalment fee on my invoice so that a costume is ordered and reserved for them.

I understand that once paid instalments amount are non refundable and non transferable.

Signed: _____

TERM TWO INVOICES WILL BE DELIVERED VIA YOUR CHILDS CLASS IN APPROX WEEK 8.