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## Dance Centre

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## NEWSLETTER 4 /2008

### Local Business Awards

I am humbled to report that we have made it into the FINALS of the Messenger Press Local Business Awards for the North and North Eastern Region. Messenger changed our category from Professional Services to Consumers Choice, but all votes were counted. **Many many thanks to all those who supported me and the school by voting.** The winners will be announced on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and I will be sure to let you know how we go, but just between you and me I'm THRILLED with getting this far!!!

### News from Jane....

Please note that I have to travel overseas for my brothers Wedding in August. I have planned my trip in a way to limit it to a week and so I will miss only one lesson from the classes I teach. Your invoice will be adjusted accordingly. I will be leaving Saturday night (there will be classes Saturday morning!) 02.08.08 and will be returning on Sunday 10.08.08. **If I teach your child's class, there will be no classes on Tuesday 05.08, Thursday 07.08 or Saturday 09.08.** All other classes with other teachers will remain as normal. Sorry for any inconvenience, I felt this would be less disruptive than organising a one off relief teacher.

In Newsletter 2 I spoke briefly of my undertaking to achieve an accredited status with Australian Dance Vision (ADV) so that we can later issue VETAB certificates. This is underway and is a two year process! I have since been approached by ADV to apply to be an Associate Assessor which will require me to travel to other dance studios in Australia and assess their students. I'm considering this application in light of our own centres needs, and also that of my family. However, after only being involved in this organisation since September 2007, it's a great honour to be asked, and recognition of my qualifications and experience, both of which I have worked so hard to gain.

### Performance Update

#### All Performances

Tickets for all concerts will be on sale at the start of term three. The prices for all performances remain the same as last year, but GST will be added. (\$8.80 for adults and \$6.60 for children.)

#### 1. Dance Magic (3 - 5 years)

*1.1 A Dance Magic information sheet* has been attached to newsletters of children who participate in Dance Magic classes. Please read carefully and phone or email the Centre with any questions.

*1.2 Dance Magic Costume is \$22* and will be yours to keep after the performance. The price is included on your current invoice.

**It is VERY important if you would like your child to participate in the DM Concert that you return your fees including the costume fee prior or on the due date.** We do not have the man power to chase everyone, so if we have not received the payment by this date, no costume will be ordered for your child. This due date is not flexible as the supplier needs the order this early so that it can be filled. Obviously if you do NOT give permission for your child to be in the performance then please just pay class fees, and not costume fee.

#### 2. Classical ballet, Jazz and tap (Over 5's) only

##### *2.1 Rehearsal Fee*

A rehearsal fee of \$4 per rehearsal has been added to your Term 3 invoice. For example, if your child participates in a ballet class and a jazz class, they will attend TWO rehearsals, and therefore \$8 will be added. This fee covers the cost of hiring the theatre and theatre technician for the Saturday rehearsal. This rehearsal is important as it familiarises your child with the stage and ensures they will not feel insecure for the performance.

##### *2.3 Term Three Class Time Rehearsals*

Term 3 lessons will be devoted to rehearsing and choreographing our dance pieces for the performances. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in class (unless they are unwell!) as it is very difficult for children to remember spacing requirements etc when there is not a full class to rehearse with.

## Welcome Sharyn!

Sharyn Rucioch has been appointed Administrative Assistant and joins our ever growing staff team! Sharyn will provide me with some much needed admin support and I am thrilled to have her on board! Sharyn has been with the school since it was The Beagley School of Ballet and has three children who attend classes!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms

Julie Camilleri and I have streamlined the sale of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms. Please ask for a form if you would like to sell any items, and then hand to your teacher. You will find items on sale at each class, or ask your teacher. We are also starting to have some tap shoes....

## Class Time

Please remember that when you are at any of our class venues with younger children not attending classes that you please ensure they are not running around and making loud noise. As well as safety concerns, this is very distracting for the students and teachers.

## Friends of the Australian Ballet (SA)

Students are invited to become a Member of 'Junior Friends'. Friends of the Australian Ballet will be offering a Sunday class with a dancer from the Australian Ballet again in early 2009. You may remember from Newsletter 2, that two of our Grade 3's attended this years class and found it to be a wonderful experience. If your child is currently in Grade Two or above, I'd recommend completing an expression of interest form (available from me) to send to 'Friends' so they can contact you closer to the event.

## Term 3 Fees

### Due Date

Term three fees are due in SIX WEEKS time by **Saturday 26.07.08** unless prior arrangement with the office. Contact by email at [jgdc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jgdc@optusnet.com.au) or phone 8251 1145. Fees received after this due date will incur a late fee. We are a small business with limited cash flow. There are huge expenses incurred when mounting performances so please be prompt with payment so that we too can pay others.

### GST

You will notice that as we are in the new financial year that GST is added to your fees. This is now a government requirement that I must comply with.

## *What's happening around the school...?*

### Holiday Workshops

Due to the enormous success of our April School Holiday workshop we are running some more programs. Vacancies are available at the time of printing, but please book asap if you would like a spot secured for your child! Students are most welcome to invite their friends.

Both workshops will be held at Surrey Downs Community Centre, 6 Zanoni Crescent, Surrey Downs.

#### 'Fairy Workshop' for children 5-7 years old.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July , Session times: 930am, 1015am, 11am and 1145am. \$10 per child.

Children will participate in ½ an hour of learning a dance, and then get crafty making a fairy mask for ½ an hour.

#### 'Down on the Farm' for children 2-4 years old.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July , Session times: 930am, 1015am, 11am and 1145am. \$10 per child.

I have organised for 'Old Macdonalds Travelling Farm' to attend. Children will participate in ½ an hour of dancing and singing about farm animals and then spend ½ an hour patting and feeding the farm animals.

### So you think you can dance?

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 25 children from Grade Three and Four gathered together to watch the 'best bits' of So You Think You Can Dance. Students enjoyed a picnic tea and a mini dance off with Miss Ashleigh and Miss Jane supervising. All students enjoyed this social time together!

### Australian Dance Vision Assessments

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, thirteen Grade 2's, 3's and 4's will participate in their Ballet Assessment with an external assessor. We wish them every luck and look forward to sharing their results with you in Newsletter 5!

### Grade 2, 3 and 4 'Ballet Olympics'

The Ballet Olympics were created to ensure that all children had a goal to strive for, even if they were not participating in an external assessment. If your child attends Grade 2,3 or 4 ballet, please come and watch them win their gold medal! Olympic days will be held in the last week of term 2 (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.) The students will showcase their 'Olympic events' for their parents! This has been such a successful strategy I think I will incorporate it into every years program.... And perhaps name it 'The Ballet Challenge!'