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Teacher News - Babies, Welcomes and Farewells!

In 2009 we bid farewell to **MARJORIE CHALLIS (Dance Magic and Dance Sing Play)**. A fully qualified school teacher, Marjorie will be spending 2009 concentrating on her school teaching role.

ASHLEIGH HAUSCHILD (Jazz and Tap) will be completing her Year 12 through Charles Campbell in 2009! As a result, Ashleigh won't be teaching Jazz and Tap next year but rather focusing on getting through this tough year ahead!

Both Ashleigh and Marjorie have provided excellent teaching throughout the year, and been a wonderful part of our team. I that one day soon they will be back working for us! We wish them all the best in the meantime!

As you know I will be having my 2nd baby in early March 2009. As a result **HEATHER CHARNOCK** will be relieving me in Term 1 for ALL my classes. Heather has been working alongside me for all of Term 4 so the children are familiar with her. In Term 2 I will be returning to teaching, although not a full teaching load. I will gradually increase my teaching hours as the year progresses and bubby gets bigger!

Heather is a fully qualified JP teacher who has been involved with ballet most of her life. She brings new energy and enthusiasm to the school, and I know that you will make her feel very welcome. Heather has two children of her own, Catherine and Cameron.

There will be a reduction in the number of Dance Magic classes offered in 2009. (Please refer to the timetable) **ANGELA MCDONALD BOOTH** will be taking Dance Magic as of 2009. Angela has a Diploma of Performing Arts (Dance) from Western Australia and a little girl of her own, Elliot, who is 18 months old.

Jazz and Tap classes will continue, however also with a few changes in terms of timetable due to venue restrictions. **KELLY LARCOMBE** will be taking over from Ashleigh in 2009. Kelly completed her study at QUT and has a Bachelor of Dance / Bachelor of Education, and a wealth of experience! Kelly has two children, Caitlin who is 4 and Evie who is 16 months.

SHARYN RUCIOCH, who has been working as my assistant since May will expand her role to Administration Manager in 2009. Sharyn will be the first point of contact for new and existing families via phone and email while I try and take some time off with my new baby and still keep the business rolling over! You will be advised of any changes to contact numbers in the New Year.

Please join me in welcoming this highly qualified and excellent team. I look forward to working with them in an effort to continue to provide the highest quality dance tuition to your children.

Don't forget!! - Christmas Break Up Party

COOL 4 KIDS
spreads



CHRISTMAS
CHIMERS

Students, family and staff are invited to our end of Year Christmas bash! Tony from 'Kool for Kids Entertainment' will entertain us with a 45 minute Christmas concert, followed by a 'bring a plate' Christmas party. This is designed to be a low key no fuss bash where children will have the opportunity to wish each other a Merry Christmas and celebrate the year we've had.

WHEN: Friday 28th November

TIME: 5-630pm (so that everyone can attend, normal jazz and tap classes are cancelled for this evening)

WHERE: Greenwith Community Centre, cnr The Golden Way and Golden Grove Rd, Greenwith.

COST: Free, but please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

RSVP: Yes please, via slip to class teacher so we know how many people to set up for and how many drinks to buy.

Enrolments 2009

Attached you will find the **2009 Timetable**. Please note some times have changed, and this is due to me scaling down the school a little due to baby no 2. and also venue and teacher availability.

Classes suitable for your child's age group have been highlighted, **but they have NOT automatically been re enrolled. You need to enrol your child**, and it is suggested that you do this prior to Friday December 12th 2008. Priority is given to children who are the existing members of a certain class; however, many classes have waiting lists, and any places still vacant after December 12th will be made available to others.

As mobile phone no's and email address' change quite often, please ensure you complete the Student Information Form on the other side of the Timetable. This will help us maintain accurate records which are of vital importance if we need to contact you in an emergency.

Enrolment will be confirmed and Term starting dates etc will posted in mid January 2009.

SURREY DOWNS refers to Surrey Downs Community Centre. It is located at 6 Zanoni Crescent, Surrey Downs. The main hall is used for dance classes and there is access to toilets and a waiting / play area out the back. All areas are air-conditioned and heated.

GREENWITH refers to Greenwith Community Centre. It is located on the corner of Golden Grove Rd and The Golden Way. We use the medium size room for classes, and seating is placed in the hallway for parents. The medium room is air-conditioned and heated.

TURRAMURRA replaces Golden Prove Primary School and is located at 1000 Lower North East Rd Highbury. We recognise this is further to travel for some parents, however we use a large hall specially setup for ballet. It has one wall of mirrors, ballet barres and a sprung timber floor. There is a kiosk and waiting area for parents, and plenty of car parking. The Centre is air-conditioned and heated.

The fee schedule remains the same for 2009.

Remember! This and all Newsletters are posted on our website. Feel free to check if you need to remind yourself of dates etc....
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New BOYS ONLY Class!

On a Thursday we are scheduling a new class for BOYS ONLY between the ages of 5-9 years. This class is a combo class and is called 'Boys Rhythm.' Boys will participate in movement games and also learn moves that are more 'boy focused'. (Jumps, leaps, spins, kicks etc!) Of course, boys are welcome in any of our ballet, jazz and tap classes (in fact it is encouraged!) however as often there is only 1 boy in each technique class I thought it would be great for them to have the opportunity to share a class with other boys and share the same sense of community that the girls do!

DVDS

If you missed out on ordering a DVD of the Dance Magic concert or the Over 5's performance, you may still order a copy through your child's class teacher. Please leave your name and \$12 with them and you will receive your order the following week.

Diary Dates for 2009

Dance Magic (3-5 years) Performance

Sunday 13th September 1-2pm
Golden Grove Arts Theatre

Over 5's Performance

Required on both Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November. Times to be confirmed.
Golden Grove Arts Theatre

Classical Ballet Assessments

Saturday 19th September. Times to be confirmed.
Turramurra Ballet Studio.

** Please note: In 2008 we trialled moving our performance to term 3 to avoid the heat and end of year Christmas fatigue. This worked exceptionally well, and I think all would agree its far less stressful! That said, for 2009 ONLY I will have to revert back to Term 4 for the Over 5's performance. This is due to the fact that I am taking Term 1 off with my baby and therefore Classical Ballet Assessments will move from the end of Term 2 until the end of Term 3. **

Thankyou to all families, students and the staff team for making 2008 such an enjoyable and busy year! We look forward to working with you in 2009. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas period and New Year.
Jane Grech