

NEW
PROGRAMSHip Hop
Ballet
ContemporaryFor teenagers
with no or
limited
experience
(Intermediate
classes also
available)Held at
Golden Grove
High School
with KELLY
LARCOMBE.See our
website for
details.Jane Grech
Dance Centre*Sharing the Love of Dance*

Welcome!

Welcome to the many new families who are joining us for the first time in 2010 and **Welcome Back** to our wonderful and loyal families who are returning from 2009.

Please read our newsletters carefully, as there are many important dates and notices included. We also have a 'Jane Grech Dance Centre' Facebook site, which we encourage you to join in an effort to keep up to date. Don't forget our website, www.janegrechdancecentre.com.au is an excellent resource and has forms for download etc.

I am pleased to announce that this year I have appointed KELLY LARCOMBE as our Deputy Principal. Kelly will continue her teaching load but will also be the team leader for Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop teachers and look after the school when I am away assessing other schools. ANGELA McDONALD BOOTH has accepted the position of Dance Magic team leader. Both Kelly and Angela will be valuable in assisting me with the ongoing training, development and feedback to our teachers.

Our teaching faculty has one again grown! We welcome Jacki, Kelsea, Lauren, Emma and Leigh to the team. All our teachers have undergone our in house training system, and as teaching is an art which can always be improved, we also meet regularly to share ideas and participate in professional development. Like any organisation focused on quality, teachers receive performance reviews and feedback. If you have feedback on our teaching staff or any aspect of the school, please contact our Office via phone or email and it will be passed to the correct area via our reporting system, which also ensures I am part of this process.

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Member Benefits Attached

Public Holidays

As part of our philosophy to be 'family friendly' we do not have classes on the Saturdays or Mondays of Long weekends. You are not charged for these classes.

Term One Public Holidays:

No Classes Saturday 6th March or Adelaide Cup Holiday on Monday 8th March.

No Classes on Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)

Uniforms

Most uniforms can be ordered directly through the school. Please ask a teacher for an order form or download one from our website on the 'Uniforms' page. We also have a Pre Loved Uniform Shop which operates from our most central location SURREY DOWNS. The dates for the shop for term one are: **WEEK 4: Saturday 20th February 10-11am and WEEK 8: Saturday 20th March 10-11am**

Our Pre Loved uniform shop is staffed by volunteers, so we ask that you are patient in the event it is busy. If you have an item in good condition you would like to sell, please ask your teacher for a sellers form and return it with the item in a bag to your teacher. Items not sold after a 6 month period will be returned.

SURREY DOWNS COMMUNITY CENTRE is located at 6 Zanoni Crescent, Surrey Downs.



Hot Weather Policy

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 or 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.**

Relief Teacher Policy

When teachers are unwell and cannot teach we approach the other members of the staff team to replace them. 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.

Parents in Class

Parents are welcome to observe their child's first class (a Dance Magic child may need their parent there for a couple of classes.) Once your child is settled (Over 5's should only need the one class) we ask that parents do not sit in the studio and watch. We find that the students can not concentrate as well, their behaviour changes and the noise level can be very hard for the teachers to talk over. A reminder that the last class of Term is Open day so that you can still share your child's dance experience. Respecting this guideline means an improved learning environment for your children: we as teachers find it very embarrassing having to ask parents to no longer watch class when their child is settled.

Performance News

Totally MAD students do not participate in a formal performance.

Dance Magic and Beginner BALLETT will be combined performances in November. Your child's exact time will be finalised closer to the event.

Primary Ballet upwards, and ALL Jazz and Tap students (from ALL branches) will perform in September. Once again, please just keep the date free, times and your child's 'night' to perform will be posted shortly.

Headpiece Club!

Over 5's Ballet, Jazz and Tap Students: Many parents often ask us how they can help us in preparation for the performance. This year we will be holding a headpiece / costume club which will probably run once in Term 2 and twice in term 3. Held on an evening (with cake and champagne) it will be a social get together where we will work on the smaller projects (led by Kelly and Jane) for costuming. You do not need to commit to all the nights we hold, even by coming once would be a great help. Of course everything is provided, and you don't need to be all that creative, you just need to be able to follow directions!!

If you think you might like to be involved we would LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD! Please email jobs@janegrechdancecentre.com.au and let us know if you have any preference for what time you would be available to meet, and hopefully we can find some common ground between us.

IMPORTANT DATES 2010 For your diary!

Dance Magic / Beginner Ballet Performance

3-6 year olds
Golden Grove Arts
Centre
Sun 21st Nov and
Sun 28th Nov

Your child will perform
on only ONE of the
dates. Times TBC

Over 5's Performances

Golden Grove Arts
Centre
18th and 19th
September
Times TBC

Proposed Ballet Assessments *

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Students only
25th – 26th JUNE
Times TBC

* Certain levels only.
You will be advised of
this.

TERM DATES

Term One
Wed 27th Jan –
Thurs 1st April

Term Two
Mon 19th April –
Sat 3rd July

Term Three
Mon 19th July – Sat
25th Sept

Term Four
Mon 11th Oct –
Sat 11th Dec

Contact details

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

Phone:

0408 847 759 Monday to
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Email:

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www.janegrechdancecentre.com.au

Our office is open Part Time across venues. If we are unable to answer the phone, please leave a message so we can return your call asap.

Internet Payment Details:

BSB 115 879 Account No 419 910 986
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 One Due Date: Saturday 13th Feb)**

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

Donation Update

JGDC is committed to partnering with the Community in an effort to be a positive role model to our students, and better the world in which we live. Every term we donate \$1 on behalf of every child enrolled in the Centre towards charities that work towards creating better lives for children whether they are sick, disadvantaged or in need of support. So far this scheme has donated \$2650. Past charities include: The Women's and Childrens Hospital, The McGuiness McDermott Foundation, The Make A Wish Foundation, CanTeen, MS Society, Jane McGrath Foundation and Victorian Bush Fire Appeal

Backpacks for Aussie Kids

This term I am very excited to be supporting Backpacks for Aussie Kids. In addition to our Dance Centre donation we are asking members of the Dance Centre to forward donations of:

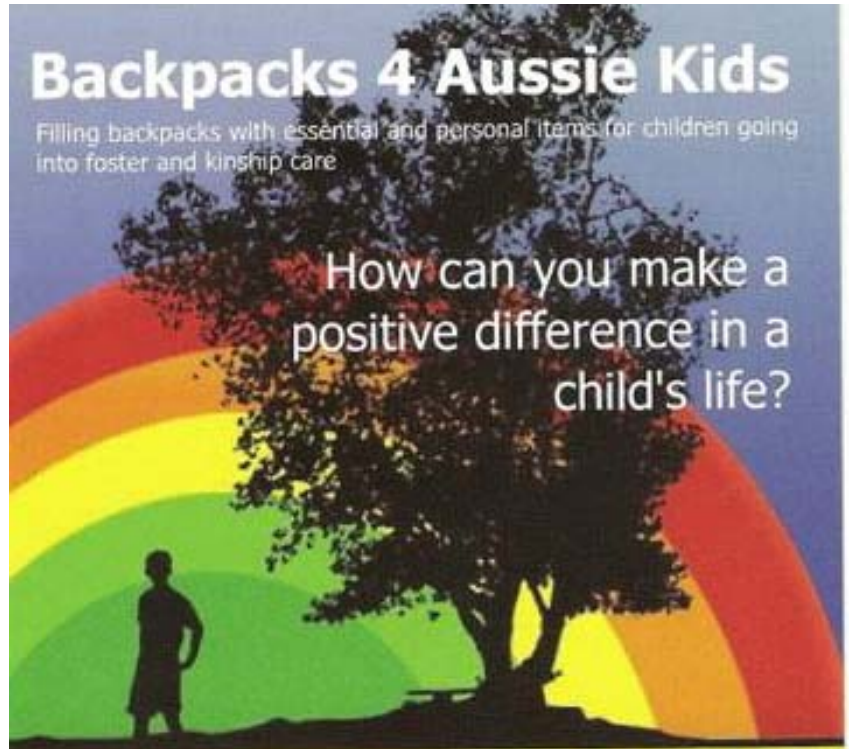
Colouring in books and pencils
or Crayons
Toothpaste and Kiddies sized
toothbrushes
Deodorant for teenagers
Nappies from Newborn to
Walker
New Underwear for sizes 4-16.
Torches (with batteries)

**Please forward your
donation to your class
teacher by the End of
Term One.**

Backpacks 4 Aussie Kids

Filling backpacks with essential and personal items for children going into foster and kinship care

How can you make a
positive difference in a
child's life?



**The Mission - To
create 1000 backpacks
for kids in need.**

There are so many children in our country who are in need of more than just a kind word. They need basic essential things like pyjamas, toothbrushes, clean underwear and a soft toy to cuddle at night.

**Visit the website to see how
you can help.**

<http://backpacks4aussiekids.org>



Or join the fanpage on FaceBook
www.facebook.com/backpacks4aussiekids