

# The Ballet Class

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# Newsletter December 2017

## TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY!

The End of Year Performance 2017

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The Science Theatre, UNSW, Kensington

Alice in Wonderland Ballet

Performance 1.30pm Start

Senior Performance 5.00pm Start

(THIS INCLUDES ALL STYLES OF DANCE)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CONCERT DAY  
PROCEDURE TO FIND YOUR REHEARSAL  
TIMES AT THE SCIENCE THEATRE ON THE  
MORNING OF THE CONCERT



Our senior students having fun preparing the performance programme

## A Little Information Which Might Help You for Concert Day

- Please do not pack any foods which contain nuts to protect those students who have nut allergies.
- Please come dressed in your leotard or appropriate dance clothing for your rehearsals.
- If you are a part of an Eisteddfod Group please remember to bring your costume.
- If you haven't bought your tickets you can do so tomorrow at The Science Theatre.
- Please drop your cup cakes to the tuck shop when you arrive.
- Please respect our volunteers, they give up their time to help the students, we want them to come back next year!

## DVD ORDERS

If you would like to order your DVD of the end of year concert please do so now, these are \$55 and cover both Alice in Wonderland and the Senior Performance. You can deposit your payment into our account and send us an email to confirm you've done this or email your credit card details to us and we will process your order. Bank details can be found towards the bottom of this newsletter. Alternatively you can order this tomorrow at The Science Theatre.

**Personal photography and live recording is strictly prohibited and this is controlled by the Child Protection Act.**

## LETTER OF THANKS

At this time of year as you know the teachers become very busy and it can be quite a stressful time of year. All the teachers have family and life beyond ballet but continue to dedicate numerous hours of their own time to help with preparation of costumes and the organisation of the concert. I was very touched to receive a beautiful message from a parent and I would like to share this with you. Small things can often mean so much.

"You have a committed and caring team, and you spread the joy of dance and community, not to mention the hard work ethic. There are young women whose characters are being moulded by your school. A life worth living is one for others (as you are doing), and there is the fulfilment and antidote to stress."

## **RAD Classical Ballet Examination and Class Award Results Have Arrived**

Congratulations to all our Royal Academy of Dance Examination students on achieving such amazing results. Your results can be collected from the desk at the Science Theatre on Sunday by parents only.

### **SAVING THE CHURCH**

We had a visit from a lady called Maria Judd who is passionate about conserving anything of historical value in our area. Apparently the site on which the church is built, the original stonework is very old and is possibly part of the first church of Sydney. Maria intends to research this and is looking for people to support her should she create a petition. Maria's email address is mariajudd@me.com should you wish to show your support by contacting her.

### **SILVER SWANS AT THE BALLET CLASS**

We are happy to announce that in 2018 we will be introducing the new Royal Academy of Dance programme for mature dancers aimed at 45 years plus called Silver Swans. We are looking for expressions of interest as to whether we should schedule a daytime or evening class. Please contact the office via email if you are interested.

### **Certificate III**

Penny Lancaster who is the Head of The Australian Dance Institute will be joining Christine to speak to parents and students and explain the benefits of the dance certificates I, II, III & IV in Dance at 10am 16<sup>th</sup> December at The Church, 518 Old South Head Road, Rose Bay

### **2018 timetables plus quick reference**

Please find attached our 2018 timetable together with a quick reference guide. Please note that a considerable amount of time and effort is taken to compile this timetable to avoid clashes within the school with various styles of dance and with studio and teacher availability. We are unable to change the timetable to suit peoples' work commitments or other activities. Students booking Private Lessons in 2018 are encouraged to email your preferred times as soon as possible so as to not miss out on your preferred time.

### **Register Now For Your 2018 Classes**

Every year we only receive about 20% of our registrations before Term 1 starts and spend the best part of Weeks 1 & 2 chasing our tails trying to figure out who is attending which classes and chasing parents for registration forms which should have been completed before commencement of classes at The Ballet Class. To avoid this happening again next February we urge you to book now for your classes in 2018. This will also avoid any disappointment with class time preference.

### **January Dance Camp**

We will be holding our January Workshop on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The workshop will include ballet, contemporary, hip hop, character, stretch, rhythmic gymnastics, French through music, stage makeup workshop, choreography workshop and craft activities. Please see the attached for details and timetable.

### **EXCITING NEWS – WE HAVE SECURED A NEW STUDIO SPACE FOR 2018**

The Ballet Class will be moving into another Exciting space in Rose Bay over the holidays. The newly refurbished studio space will be called "Rose Bay Beach" and is located at 690 New South Head Road, Rose Bay.

## **For Sale - Two tickets for Meow Meow**

2 tickets for sale for Meow Meow's Pandemonium in the Sydney Festival at the Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 8pm \$129 each  
Please email the office if you are interested in purchasing these tickets.

## **New Leotards for 2018**

The Ballet Class will be adding an additional leotard to the uniform list for 2018. This Repetto leotard can be purchased from Ballet Emporium, Bondi Junction, who will be offering The Ballet Class students a discounted price of \$39.95 (normally \$64.95). They will also be offering us a discounted price on their wrap top at \$39.95 (normally \$59.95). You may also still purchase/wear the current Bloch or Capezio leotards.

The code for the Repetto Leotards are DE780 for all colours

The code for the Repetto Wrap top is D102 colour Pink (Tendresse)

Ballet Emporium also offers The Ballet Class students 10% off all other Capezio items.

**The Repetto colours we will be using for the Grades are;**

Grade 1 Lilac (Lillas), Grade 2 Pale Pink (Tendresse), Grade 3 Jacaranda (Bleu Glacier),

Grade 4 Watermelon (Rose Poupe), Grade 5 Aqua

## **The Ballet Class Term Dates 2017**

**Term 4** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**End of Year Performance** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

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<b>Summer Workshop</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January inclusive
<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April inclusive – no classes on Friday and Monday. Classes will run as normal on Saturday
<b>Autumn Holiday Eisteddfod Rehearsals</b>	<b>and Vocational Syllabus Classes TBC</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>R.A.D. Vocational 1<sup>st</sup> Session</b>	End May/early June
<b>Queens Birthday</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June – no classes this day
<b>Winter Holiday Classes</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>I.S.T.D. Modern &amp; Tap Examinations</b>	Approximately mid to end Term 3
<b>Extensive Classical Exam Classes</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>R.A.D. Graded Examinations</b>	Approximately Week 2/3 Term 4
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October – Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
<b>End of Year Performance</b>	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December

**Open classes for students entering Joan & Monica Halliday Awards**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February at the Royal Academy of Dance

**Mindfulness Workshop to improve flexibility through yoga**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at The Ballet Class

**Anxiety Management Workshop in preparation for the forthcoming Eisteddfod season**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at The Ballet Class

**RAD Autumn School Classes**

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April at The McDonald College

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