



2014 Newsletter #2

Wow this term has gone by really fast. Well done to all our students for all their hard work this term. Everyone is progressing really well and improvement is evident.

We have noticed a huge difference in learning and progress in classes where students are trying hard to dress correctly at all classes and are now making sure their hair is also tied up correctly and appropriately.

This is a quote from Ballet Foundations but applies to all disciplines of dance:

"Parents: Send your child to class in the appropriate dress and hair code. You do not want your teachers spending time fixing hair or asking kids to stop messing with it. You wouldn't send a soccer player out on the field without shin guards- or a swimmer to the pool in jeans and a t-shirt... Learning the correct attire and hair is part of the discipline you want your child to learn- SUPPORT US by reinforcing this. It is 100% true that the class takes their studies more seriously when they are dressed correctly and hair is in a bun- or secured tightly. The entire discipline of a class can be effected by these things- that is WHY we ask for them!"

WATCHING DAYS

Watching days are posted on the Website under class info / class viewing dates. Please read the following:

- Due to lack of space in the studio and a lack of chairs we ask that not too many people accompany each child.
- Larger classes - two spectators per student please (including children)
- As we do not have many chairs, children can sit on the floor if there are no seats – maybe bring a cushion ☺
- We ask that all spectators, including children, remain in their seats at all times to not distract the dancers and no talking during the class please.
- The dancers want to do their very best for you so we need to make sure they are not distracted.
- Street shoes must be left outside the studio and no food is to be taken in to the studio.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Term One: Friday February 7 – Thursday April 17

Term Two: Monday May 5 - Saturday July 5

- No Classes Queen's Birthday Weekend Saturday May 31 - Monday June 2

Term Three: Saturday July 19 - Saturday September 27

Term Four: Saturday October 11 – Term 4 will finish with the Recital

- Most classes will be held on the Saturday October 25 - Labour weekend. You will be advised if your class is not running.
- No Classes Labour Day Monday October 27
- No Classes Show Weekend Friday November 14 and Saturday November 15

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Unfortunately our experience with the e-newsletters has not been that successful as too many people are unable to open them, or they are not received at all. It is important that the information in newsletters is received quickly and accurately so important dates and information can be noted. We cannot continue to produce the amount of paper notices that we currently do and we also cannot guarantee that they reach home to the parents. We also wish to take advantage of modern technology so we have decided to trial a new method. We will distribute a small notice to all families alerting you that there is a new newsletter posted on our website. We are aware that there are a few families in the school who do not have email access thus will most likely not have internet access either. These families need to contact the office immediately so that a paper notice can be given to you.

Please check the website for all regular updates and general information on a regular basis – all the information needed will be posted there. The responsibility to check notices will be up to individual parents, as the office staff and teachers cannot be accountable for each and every parent getting the correct information in a timely manner, especially when students leave their notices behind.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please let us know if you change your mailing details, or your email address, or cell phone number. It is very important that we have the correct information especially in an emergency.

EMAILS

To help us be more efficient and to help reduce confusion we ask that you please state your child's full name, class and location when you email the office with a query about your child or their class.

When a parent's last name is different to their child's, and we are only given the child's first name as a reference in an email, we are not always sure who we are corresponding with.

Please also be aware that we do have some students in the school with the same first and last name so it can be very confusing sometimes and we do want to ensure that we are giving the correct information to you.

CELL PHONE NUMBERS

A HUGE thank you to those of you who text the dance school cell phone with their contact cell phone number.

Your number is now stored in the phone.

We would really appreciate those who have not texted us with their number (as requested in the last newsletter) to please do so.

Please state Student's last name
 Student's first name please state all children
 Name of the person belonging to the number you have txt us from
 EG SAMUELS Joshua, Lauren and Mikayla (Garth)

INTERNET BANKING and MANUAL BANKING

Please can you state your child's first and last name in the reference field when making an internet payment. If you are making the payment at the bank please ask the teller to do this.

If you are making a payment for more than one child please put as much in the reference as possible. A follow up email to Mandy would be very helpful if you cannot give us enough information in the reference field.

mandy@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz

CAR PARKING AT THE STUDIO

We understand finding a car park near the studio can be very difficult at certain times of the day. Unfortunately you may need to park a small distance away and walk to the studio. This is no different to parking near your child's school where parking is in demand.

Please be aware that some of the local businesses and residents are not happy with our cars parking in their parks and blocking their driveways.

To avoid getting a parking ticket please remember the one metre rule away from driveways. CCC are becoming vigilant about this in our area and most specifically in front of Ideal Electrical.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

We have office space to lease at our Papanui studio.

If you know of anyone who is looking for space please can you let them know the following information:

- Approximately 165 square metres
- Executive fit out
- Ground floor and first floor, front unit
- Off Street Parking available

Contact details: Bill Kingston 0274438172 (M B Cook Ltd) or Graeme Redmond 0274335141 (Grenadier Real Estate Ltd)

NAME YOUR GEAR

Could we please ask that all clothing is clearly named (including shoes). It makes the chance of recovering property left behind so much easier. A moment of labelling items will mean that it is not deemed LOST PROPERTY.

RECITAL SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

Our sincere apologies for the delay in the souvenir programme being produced. The files went missing but they have now been retrieved resulting in the task taking longer than anticipated. It is in progress and we hope to have the programme completed by Term Two.

LOST PROPERTY

We will do our best to get all named lost property back to the owner but at the end of the term all unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity. We simply do not have the space to store the large amounts of clothing left behind from each venue each term. Please take a moment to check if you have lost anything and check before the end of term.

CELL PHONE FOUND

We have an unclaimed cell phone. Did you lose your cell phone at the recital? Telecom have been able to give us the number for the phone but it does not match any of the numbers in our records. The phone is locked so we could not trace the owner via contacts. If you think this is your phone or know whose it may be please contact the office.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please ensure you read the terms and conditions posted on the website in reference to returning to classes in term two. Please ensure that your term one fees are paid to guarantee acceptance back into your classes.

As mentioned in the first newsletter we are sympathetic to those who are genuinely struggling to pay their fees but you must contact us to discuss options.

2014 EXAMS AND MEDAL TESTS / RECITAL AND REHEARSAL DATES

Exam and Medal Test dates and information will be posted once we have been given this information.

Students will not be entered for exams or medals without payment and the correct information.

Exam fees are **due May 24th**. Please note we will not be chasing late payments this year so please record the due date now.

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| Approximate <u>Exam / Medal Dates</u> : | RAD BALLET EXAMS/ ASSESSMENTS: | End of Term 3 or early Term 4 |
| | NZAMD EXAMS AND MEDAL TESTS: | Between 5-31 August |
| | JDNZ JAZZ AND HIP HOP EXAMS: | Friday 5 Sept-Sunday 7 Sept |

Recital Dates: 6th or 7th December

- Rehearsal Dates 22 or 23rd November
- Rehearsal Date at the theatre 29th or 30th November

NEW CLASSES TERM 2

Depending on enrolments the following classes will commence in term two:

- Sumner Pre School Class 1.00 – 1.45 with Miss Cariad
- Sumner Beginner Jazz Thursday 3.30 – 4.15 with Miss Selena
- Ladbrooks Beginner Jazz 3.30 – 4.14 with Miss Kathrin

If anyone would like to enrol in one of these classes please contact the office.

DANCE AFTER PRESCHOOL: CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR NEW ENTRANT SCHOOL CHILDREN

We have beginner level dance classes in all of our locations. When your child is ready to move from preschool class to a jazz, ballet or hip hop class please contact the office or have a look at the timetables on the website to find a suitable class.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING SALE

All the money collected from the second hand sale has now been handed out. If you did not receive anything from us it will be because none of your items were sold.

You may leave your clothing in the second hand clothing boxes as we do have people looking through them throughout the year or you may come to the studio and take your items back.

Please remember that the second hand clothing is a non-profit area to the school so we cannot afford to pay staff to be organising your clothing. Please do not ask teachers or staff to search for your items. You will need to come and retrieve the clothing yourself unless it can be located with no fuss and expense to the school.

We are happy to put items into the boxes during the year. Please ensure each item for sale is named and that each item is in a separate snap lock or resealable bag which is clearly labelled with your child's name class and a phone number as well as the cost of the item for sale.

****All items will remain in the second hand boxes until sold or retrieved by their owner**

CORRECT PRE SYLLABUS / PRE PRIMARY / PRIMARY UNIFORM

The correct uniform for these levels is the ballet pink Chloe Dress. These can be purchased from Dance Pacific. The Farmers and Kmart outfits may we worn in preschool classes but once the children move from their preschool class the correct uniform should be worn please.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

All students in beginner level classes to about Grade 5 Ballet / Pre Ele Jazz would have received a class notice which outlined the correct uniform. Part of this uniform is a flower or scrunchie that is to be worn at each class. Each level has a different colour to differentiate the classes.

- Flowers are for students in Jazz classes Grade 1 – Elementary and Ballet Grade 3 – Intermediate Foundation
- Scrunchies are for students in jazz classes Beginner – Pre Grade 2 and ballet Pre Syllabus – Grade 2

We are still waiting for a couple of colours to arrive in the flowers and the Scrunchies are almost all made. The cost is:

- Flowers are \$2.00
- Scrunchies are \$3.00

Those who have not yet purchased their hair accessory can now do so. Please give your \$2.00 or \$3.00 to your teacher in class. Please come with the correct amount as teachers do not carry change.

DANCE SHOOOL HOODIES

If you would like to purchase a dance school hoodie for winter please have your payment to us by the end of the term Thursday April 17. The order will be sent through after Easter so that the hoodies will hopefully be ready not long after the start of term two.

Your order will be processed once we have your payment. If your payment is received after the order is sent through you will have to wait until we have 11 more orders.

We now have children's sizes in the warmer thicker material hoodie.

- Size 6 – 14 child \$68.00
- Size 8 – 18 Adult (women's) \$70.00

We are still supplying the cheaper hoodie. Please note that the material is quite a bit lighter and thinner than the more expensive hoodie

- Size Small – Xlge Youth \$50.00
- Size XS – XXL Unisex to be confirmed

We do have a few hoodies left in stock at the old prices of \$65 and \$48.

If you wish to try a hoodie on to find the correct size, you could find others in the class who have hoodies and work out your size from there or contact Kay or Anna at the office to organise a time to come in to try one on. Please note we do not have all the sizes in stock.

We do have sample sizes of the new children's sizes at the studio - no one will be wearing the new children's sizes yet

REMINDER: Please do not Wear Shoes Worn Outside in our Papanui Dance Studios.

Every year we ask that children must wear different footwear in our studios than they wear outside.

All spectators must take their shoes off before entering the studios.

Student must change into their dance shoes once they are in the waiting room.

Please check the website regularly for new and up to date information

Office hours and contact details are on the website. www.annaleschoolofdance.co.nz

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Anna ☺

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