

News

Congratulations to our students who represented Victoria last weekend at the ATOD Australasian scholarships. Our students danced exceptionally well and achieved the following results:

Zoe Smith - 1st Senior Jazz

Tara Smith - 2nd Senior Tap

Bella Vohs - 4th Junior Tap

Jessica Ryan - 2nd Junior Jazz

Junior Exams (level 1 & 2 Ballet, Jazz & Tap and grade 1 Ballet)

Level 1 and 2 Ballet, Tap and Jazz Exams are this Sunday at both the Street Front and Back Lane Studios. Please refer to the timetable sent earlier this week and ensure you arrive 30 minutes prior to your designated time. Make sure you know which studio your exams are in (Ballet is Street Front and Jazz and Tap are Back Lane).

ATOD Tap and Jazz exams (level 3 and above Jazz and Tap)

These are NEXT WEEK 3rd-5th August. Please find attached the final timetable. Make sure you are aware of your exam time and arrive 30 minutes prior to this with immaculate presentation. Make sure you have checked which studio your exams are in as both Street Front and Back Lane are running exams.

Remove all jewelry or cover earrings. No nail polish, make-up or fake tattoos.

NO CLASSES WILL RUN AT ALL ON SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST AS ALL STUDIOS WILL BE USED FOR EXAMS.

Cecchetti Ballet Exams

Exam lists have arrived this week and exam slips will be given out in your classes. Please make sure you receive these and take them with you to your exams. Grade 5 & 6 exam are on 11th and 2th August and Inter and Advanced exams are on 19th August.

Uniform for Cecchetti exams:

Grade 5 & 6 - aubergine leotard (no skirt) and matching ribbon in hair, ribbons on ballet shoes

Inter & Advanced - navy leotard (no skirt) with matching ribbon in hair, ribbons on ballet shoes

We have some aubergine leotards for hire from the studio.

2 Ballet classes per week

I remind you that 2 Ballet classes per week are required all year to be eligible for exams. If students drop a class in the second part of the year, they will slip behind their peers with their technique and knowledge of the work and may not be ready for examinations in the following year.

How to do a Ballet Bun

If you are new to dancing, here is tutorial on how to do a ballet bun:

<https://www.bloch.com.au/blogs/education/how-to-make-a-perfect-bun> (Copy the diagrams and descriptions as the video shows a more complicated method).

Make sure you use plenty of “V” shaped pins and a bun net as well as spray and gel.

Note we do NOT use “doughnuts” in buns. Use the child’s hair to create a bun.

A bun should sit on the back of a dancer’s head and not be visible from the front.

Bunnings BBQ - help needed

The fundraising committee have a Bunnings BBQ booked for Sunday 11th August. This unfortunately clashes with a competition for most of our elite students, so we are looking for volunteers from the wider dance community to support this event. If you can spare an hour or two on Sunday 11th August to assist with this, please email Michele Brown at bubbles.tinkerbelle@hotmail.com. This is a great opportunity for Dance Dads to get involved and support the dance school with all funds raised being donated back to Cathy-Lea students!

Cathy-Lea Cabaret

This event is on at Amberlee Reception on Saturday 23rd August and will involve our elite students as well as several other classes (Singing, Musical Theatre, Acting, Open Jazz and Ballet). The cost is \$58- per adult and \$28 per child. Tables seat 10-12 people and can be reserved with a \$50 deposit from Monday. There are only 20 tables available, so don’t miss out!

Concert Bond

You will soon receive an invoice for a concert bond for the 2019 End-of-Year Concert from the costume ladies. Payment of this bond is an assurance to us that you intend participating in this event which is on at the Drum Theatre on 30th November and 1st December. There is a compulsory dress rehearsal on 28th November (pre-schoolers exempted) and a full-school rehearsal which is also a pre-requisite of participation in the show on Saturday 16th November. Please ensure you have noted these dates in your diaries. We will start purchasing costumes for the concert in a few weeks, so will need this payment made promptly to ensure your child does not miss out.