

# NEWSLETTER

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### Diary 2009

<b>Term 2</b> 27th April – 10th July
<b>16 June</b> Grade Rep Meeting
<b>21 June</b> Performance Groups Dress Rehearsal
<b>28 June</b> Scholarship Concert Griffith Duncan Theatre
<b>5 July</b> Sydney Eisteddfod Open Age Classical & Jazz Groups
<b>20 – 22 July</b> Graded Winter Workshop
<b>23 – 25 July</b> Vocational Winter Workshop
<b>Term 3</b> 27th July – 2nd October
<b>1 August</b> Sydney Eisteddfod Finals Open Jazz
Tentative Graded Exams <b>TBA 4,5,6 August</b>
<b>8 August</b> Sydney Eisteddfod 17/U Contemporary
<b>9 August</b> Sydney Eisteddfod 14/U Jazz Group
<b>22 August</b> Sydney Eisteddfod 12/U Classical & Contemporary Groups
<b>17 – 20 September</b> SODA
<b>27 September</b> Presentation Day
<b>Term 4</b> 19th October – 11th December
<b>11th December</b> Dress Rehearsal Civic Theatre
<b>12th December</b> End of Year concert Civic Theatre
<b>13th December</b> NCD Graduation
<b>14th &amp; 15th December</b> RAD Bursary
All information is correct, to the best of our knowledge, at time of printing. Please check the studio timetable & noticeboards regularly

### ★ Dear Parents and Students

*A message from Italy:*

I cannot wait to see the progress in all of the Performance Groups and in your exam preparation. I know that you have all been extremely busy preparing for the Scholarships and I am looking forward to viewing your work on my return as well as arranging Mock Exams. I have had a very busy schedule examining in Italy and have also managed to make some promising contacts for future dance careers. Keep up the hard work!

### ★ Graded Exam Entries (Tiny Tots – Grade 5) & Winter Workshop

All entries for Graded Exams must be handed to the office by **30th May** along with payment. Candidate numbers for exam entries are now on the notice board. You will be invoiced by the Rose Fund for the hire of Exam Uniforms for Grades. Exam Uniforms are to remain at the studio and handed to students on the day of their exam. Winter Workshop entries and payment are due **1st June**.

### ★ Concert Photos and DVDs

We still have a number of Concert Photos and DVDs to be collected from the office. Please see Christine for collection of these items.

### ★ Scholarship Concert – Sunday 28th June

Ticket sales: tickets will be on sale at the studio from **Saturday, 6th June**.  
Adults: \$25    Concession: \$20

If anyone is able to **donate raffle prizes** to the Fund for the Scholarship Concert Raffle, these will be most gratefully received. Prizes can be handed in to the office.

Morning rehearsal times for Sunday 28th June will be on the next newsletter.

### ★ Character Shoes – Exam Grades 4 & 5

If you need to purchase Character Shoes for Grades 4 or 5 for the exams, our preference is that you get the shoes that have a 'Cuban' heal. Grades 1, 2 & 3 should have the lower heal (not the 'Cuban').

### ★ Performance Groups

Please check that your name and date of birth are correct on the Groups List on the notice board.

All group dates the McDonald's Challenge have now been confirmed:

<b>Open Age Classical:</b>	<b>Sunday, 5th July (8pm)</b>	<b>Concert Hall, SOH</b>
Open Age Jazz:	Sunday, 5th July (12.30pm)	Concert Hall, SOH
<b>17/U Contemp:</b>	<b>Saturday, 8th August (9am)</b>	<b>Science Theatre, UNSW</b>
14/U Classical:	Saturday, 1st August (1pm)	Science Theatre, UNSW
<b>14/U Jazz:</b>	<b>Sunday, 9th August (6.30pm)</b>	<b>Science Theatre, UNSW</b>
14/U Contemp:	Saturday, 1st August (9.40am)	Science Theatre, UNSW
<b>12/U Classical:</b>	<b>Saturday 22nd August (12.30pm)</b>	<b>Science Theatre, UNSW</b>
12/U Contemp:	Saturday 22nd August (1.45pm)	Science Theatre, UNSW

NB: above times are Section Performance times. Students will be advised on Arrival Times shortly.

### ★ Performance Group Rehearsals - Sunday 21st June

All Performance Groups will be required for rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal on this day at the studio. Times will be advised on next newsletter.



★ Could we ask those students who received **perpetual trophies** at last years Scholarship Concert to please return them to the office.



### ★Exam Music CDs

Orders for Mrs Pickering's Exam music CDs can be placed at the office.

Graded Exams: \$16.50 (1 x CD)

Vocational Exams: \$27.50 (2 x CDs)



### ★NCD Thankyou

Thank you for supporting the NCD student's fund raiser Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle. A total of \$364 was raised and will go toward their Graduation Formal in December.

### ★Vocational Exam Students – Sydney Session

Students entered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sydney Exam Session, who wish to hire a leotard from the Rose Fund are to be fitted for their leotard on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May** in the costume room at the studio.

Payment of \$15 for the hire of leotard and hair ribbon must be paid on this day to the Rose Fund in order to secure a leotard. Orders will not be taken without payment. Please note that hired leotards must be returned to the studio as soon as possible after your exam (same day if possible).

*Fitting Times:*     **Intermediate Foundation @ 10.15am**  
                          **Intermediate & Advance Foundation @ 1.30pm**

### ★ Scholarship Criteria

This year an external judge will not be choosing the finalists as we want to use a full appraisal of hard work instead of "just on the day". Mr Jason Wilcock will adjudicate at the Scholarship Concert. Our new criteria will be closely followed.

- Attendance – checking of all rolls – as well as technical lessons
- Punctuality – "L" for late on rolls
- Self Motivation in classes
- Notable improvement by obvious initiative and practice
- Must be enrolled with MWM for the past 12 months
- Grooming
- Uniform adhered to in all classes
- Respect for all staff members
- Self discipline in all classes
- Voted on by all staff

The six finalists chosen from all three categories (Classical, Contemporary & Jazz) within the Junior School, Middle School and Senior School are to present 3 exercises on stage at the Scholarship Concert. If the decision is unanimous to split the scholarship, both recipients will benefit from the scholarship for 6 months each to cover class fees for the particular style. If a student in senior school of MWM is applying to attend NCD the following year then the scholarship will cover all RAD classes for the following year.

### ★What a Mess!

On Wednesday evening the studio foyer was left in such a mess by students that one of the parents had to clean up the discarded rubbish left laying around. This is extremely disappointing. There are two large bins in the foyer for your rubbish – please use them! Comfortable areas have been provided for student's use between classes. Please don't abuse this privilege – respect your fellow students and staff members by keeping the common areas tidy.

