

NEWSLETTER

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Diary 2009

Term 1
27th January – 9th April

Term 2
27th April – 10th July

16 June
Grade Rep Meeting

21 June
Performance Groups
Dress Rehearsal

28 June
Scholarship Concert
Griffith Duncan Theatre

5 July
Sydney Eisteddfod
Open Age Classical &
Jazz Groups

20 – 22 July
Graded Winter
Workshop

23 – 25 July
Vocational Winter
Workshop

Term 3
27th July – 2nd October

1 August
Sydney Eisteddfod
Finals Open Jazz

Tentative Graded Exams
TBA
4,5,6 August

8 August
Sydney Eisteddfod
17/U Contemporary

9 August
Sydney Eisteddfod
14/U Jazz Group

22 August
Sydney Eisteddfod
12/U Classical &
Contemporary Groups

27 September
Presentation Day

Term 4
19th October – 11th
December

11th December
Dress Rehearsal
Civic Theatre

12th December
End of Year concert
Civic Theatre

13th December
NCD Graduation

14th & 15th December
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

As we approach the end of Term 1 I would like to wish all of you a very happy and restful holiday. Term 2 will be another busy one with the Scholarship Concert, 28th June @ the Griffith Duncan Theatre, the Sydney Eisteddfod and exam preparation. Naturally, attendance and punctuality will be of utmost importance if we are going to have a successful term, therefore, could I ask everyone for assistance in this regard? If your child does need to be absent due to illness, please phone the office to let us know. The Scholarship Concert will include all students, who will be showcased in De Files in Classical, Jazz and Contemporary as well as the Performance Groups; and will be filmed by Alan Hornby. I will be taking ten NCD students to New Zealand during the holidays to compete in the Alana Haines Australasian Awards. I'm sure you all join me in wishing them all the best. The last day of Term will be Thursday, 9th April with lessons resuming on Monday 27th April

★ Isobel Anderson

I would like to congratulate all of our students who danced so beautifully at the Isobel Anderson Awards last week. Congratulations to our finalists: **Intermediate Foundation** – Rosa Quinton (2nd), Linden Sayers (3rd), **Advanced Foundation** - Dimitree Spriggs, **Advanced 1** – Olivia Heyworth

★ Private Lessons – Easter Break

Due to the cancellation of the Newcastle Eisteddfod the private lessons booked for Tuesday 14th April and Wednesday 15th April have been **cancelled**. Anyone who was owed a lesson will receive a credit on their next account.

★ 2008 Concert DVDs

Your pre ordered concert DVDs have arrived and can be collected from Christine in the office.

★ Winter Workshops

Please check you have the Winter Workshop Brochure which will be handed out in class this week. I recommend that all Graded students from Pre-Primary onward and all Vocational students who intend to do their examination in the Newcastle Session to attend this workshop. It is a wonderful way for the students to fully prepare for their exams. We would like to limit the class sizes, so be sure to get your entry in early. We have already had several booking enquiries from students from other studios!

Graded Workshop: 20th – 22nd July Vocational Workshop: 23rd – 25th July

★ Graded Exams – Newcastle Session

Students will also receive their exam forms for Graded Exams next week. If you don't have one, check your child's bag. Please, contact the office if you did not receive a form.

★ Costumes

It was agreed at the Benefit Fund Executive meeting to purchase the new Performance Group costumes as well as having lovely skirts made for the classical De Files, which will include all ballet students in the school, for the Scholarship concert. The total expenditure for the school will be \$10,000. Donations for viewing classes during Open Week and the sale of tickets in the Easter Raffle will assist this cause and we thank you for your co operation. There will be a cake stall, run by NCD students, and Easter Raffle tickets will be on sale in the foyer, Saturday 4th April.

★ Presentation Day, Sunday 27th September (tentative date)

Presentation day, with some special performances by NCD students, will be held in Studio 3 on 27 September. NCD students will present all the trophies and special awards to the MWM students. Only the Scholarship Awards will be presented at the Scholarship Concert with all other Awards given at the Presentation. This will then allow enough time at the Scholarship Concert for the entire school to perform. Please, see ticket information on the attached Rose Fund Note.

★ Grade Representatives – Scholarship Concert

We are asking for volunteer Grade Representatives for each class involved in the Scholarship Concert. Could any interested parents please fill in the tear-off at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office by the end of term 1. For an explanation of the role of the Grade Rep, please see the attached Rose Fund note. The first Grade Rep Meeting will be on the 16th June @ 7.30 – 8.30pm in Studio 3. Grade Reps are issued with a free ticket to the Concert.

★ French Group

I will be watching the French Group rehearsal on Monday 6th April. Please be well prepared for this rehearsal!

★ Child Illness

Local schools have been issuing warnings about illnesses such as whooping cough, please be aware of the symptoms and consult your Dr if you have concerns.

★ Internet Usage

Internet use is permitted by NCD students for the purpose of their academic studies only. Overuse by NCD and MWM students has slowed the internet considerably, causing many problems for myself, management and office staff. Internet downloading by MWM or NCD students for any reason other than college work is not permitted.

Open Jazz Group Rehearsal
Sunday 24th May @ 9.30 –
4pm Cost: \$15 (cash to Miss
Linnert on the day)

★**Open week** will include the following classes as well as private lessons.

Friday 3 rd April		Saturday 4 th April		Monday 6 th April		Tuesday 7 th April		Wed. 8 th April		Thursday 9 th April			
L2 Jazz	6.30	Gr 4 Clas.	9am	Primary	4.30	Tiny Tots	4pm	L 4 Jazz	5.15	G3 Jazz	5.45		
L2 Cont	4pm	Gr 5 Clas.	9.45	Adv F.	5.15	Int Found	5pm	L 5 Jazz	6.30	G4 Jazz	5.45		
L3 Cont	6.30	Gr 1 Clas.	9.45	Adv 1	5.15	L1A Jazz	4pm	L3 Jazz	6.30				
		Pre Prim.	9.45	L4 Cont	6.30	L1B Jazz	5pm	L5 Cont	5.15				
		G2 Clas.	9am			L1A Cont	6pm	Jnr Boys Jazz	6.15				
		Tiny Tots	9am										
		I.F. Open	10.30										
		Intermed.	11.30										
		Adv 2	4pm										
		L1B Cont.	9am	A Gold coin donation to the Benefit Fund would be appreciate. All donations to assist in purchasing costumes for Scholarship Concert & Performance Groups.									
		Gr 1 Jazz	9am										
		Gr 2 Jazz	9.45										
		Gr 3 Clas.	11.15										
		Gr 3 Cont	10.30										
		Gr 4 Cont	12.15										

★**Congratulations Alex!**

Congratulations to Alex Rzechowicz (level 5) who scored the main role in a 'Sears' TV Commercial while visiting Los Angeles recently. Alex had the opportunity to work with Academy Award winner, Janusz Kaminski while in the USA and back home is working with veteran Aussie actor Chris Heywood in a short film. Quite impressive! During another audition for an Australian dance drama, Alex notes that even though the part he went for was for a hip-hop dancer the entire 90 minute audition was on ballet. This once again highlights the importance of classical technique within the industry.

★**AICD (Choreography)Scholarship**

The AICD Choreography workshop will be held on 3rd May. Any HSC students who are interested in entering this should see Mrs Pickering for details.

PERFORMANCE GROUPS
DRESS REHEARSAL
 Sunday 21st June
 (times to be advised)

★**Students of the Term**

Management and staff have decided that all of these students will receive a certificate of improvement. The overall most improved students and classes will have their photo displayed in the foyer for one term.

Congratulations to the following Students of the Term: Tiny Tots – **Molly Hodgins, Danica Hugo**, Pre-Primary – **Sophie Pickard**, Primary – **Pollyanna Robinson**, Grade 1- **Chathuni Mabotuwana**, Grade 2 – **Isobel Formby**, Grade 3 – **Yasmin Gupta**, Grade 4 – **Harley-Jane Noake**, Grade 5 – **Verity Webb**, Int Found. – **Emma Stephenson**, Intermed. – **Dann Wilkinson**, Adv Found. – **Mya Hunter**, Adv 1 – **Charlotte Fleming**, Adv 2 – **Elizabeth Masters** Primary/Gr 1 Jazz – **Angelique Wilson**, Gr 2 Jazz – **Miranda Hoffman**, Gr 3 Jazz – **Darcie McFadyen**, Gr 4 Jazz – **Jamie Anderson**, L1A Jazz – **Emma Maxfield**, L1B Jazz – **Isabella Velkov**, L2 Jazz – **Stephanie Kocass**, L3 Jazz – **Breanna Green**, L4 Jazz – **Isabella Palmieri**, L5 Jazz – **Ashleigh Coburn**, Jnr Boys Jazz – **Liam Cromerty**, Gr 3 Contemporary – **Lara Beverley**, Gr 4 Contemporary – **Grace McCarthy**, L1A Contemporary – **Betrice Walker**, L1B Contemporary – **Elizabeth Creevey**, L2 Contemporary – **Erica Lyall**, L3 Contemporary – **Lydia Pedneault**, L4A Contemporary – **James Hine**, L4B Contemporary – **Verity Farragher**, L5 Contemporary – **Katrina McLardy**.

Congratulations to the following Classes of the Term: Junior School: **Grade 4 Ballet, Grade 4 Contemporary, Grade 2 Jazz**, Middle School: **Intermediate Foundation, Level 1B Contemporary, Level 1A Jazz**, Senior School: **Advanced 2, Level 5 Contemporary, Level 3 Jazz**.

Congratulations to the following students voted overall individual improvement: Junior Ballet - **Verity Webb**, Middle Ballet – **Dann Wilkinson**, Senior Ballet – **Charlotte Fleming**, Junior Contemporary – **Grace McCarthy**, Middle Contemporary– **Erika Lyall**, Senior Contemporary – **Verity Farragher**, Junior Jazz – **Jamie Anderson**, Middle Jazz – **Stephanie Kocass**, Senior Jazz – **Breanna Green**

★**Stephanie Williams**

Stephanie Williams was the guest artist last Sunday at the Isobel Anderson Awards: She was not only a true inspiration as an artist in her performance but also as a mentor in her advice to the young students: Stephanie stated that it was hard to believe that only 7 years ago she was apart of this competition on the same stage. She said these experiences have great value in the journey and if you are a "winner" or not at the moment set your goals and if you work hard and keep striving each day you are closer to achieving your goal. This is wonderful advice to all students. I'm extremely proud of Stephanie not only for her achievements but as a motivator to young students, she always remembers her "roots" and is appreciative for her past training. I really think she is deserving of the Telstra Award this year and would like to ask the entire school to vote. Text 'Stephanie' to 0439 225 538

★**Winter Dance Festival**

This Eisteddfod runs from 1st May and may be an option for students who are looking for a replacement for the Newcastle Eisteddfod. Entries have closed, however we have phoned them and they will take entries via email until Sunday afternoon, 5th April. Please state your name, age, date of birth and categories you wish to enter. NB: the floor does NOT have tarket. Email: epda@idl.com.au

Fond wishes, Marie Walton-Mahon

Grade Representative Interest

I, _____, parent of _____

would like to volunteer as a grade representative for Grade _____ for the Scholarship Concert.

Phone: _____