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Diary 2009
Term 3 27 th July – 3 rd October
3 – 12 September Genee
17 – 20 September SODA
27 September Presentation Day 11-2pm
4 – 6 October NCD Auditions
Term 4 19 th October – 11 th December
27 October Parent Teacher Meeting 7pm
13 – 15 November Mid Term Break
Sunday 6th December Full Dress Rehearsal & Photos
Dress Rehearsal 11th December Civic Theatre
End of Year concert 12th December Civic Theatre
NCD Graduation 13th December
14 & 15 December RAD Bursary
18th – 22 January 2010 Summer School

★Dear Parents and Students

It's wonderful to finally see the end of five weeks of exams! I look forward to reading about your progress while I'm away and noting the difference on my return. Please have suggestions for the Presentation Day performance ready for me to consider. Please look carefully at the diary 2009 to the left and put any calendar dates in your diaries so you don't miss anything important as we approach the production.

★Parent Teacher Meeting - Postponed

After the costume meeting this week it was decided to postpone the parent/teacher meeting until **Tuesday 27th October @ 7pm (Studio 3)**. Due to the enormity of the work it was too stressful for the allocated dressmakers to have samples of all costumes ready by the end of term. I will also include my discussion with parents on this evening.

★End of Year Concert – Costumes

To assist with the purchase of materials for the concert all students please pay a deposit for their costume. This way we can bulk order fabric to keep costs down.

Costume Deposits = \$25 Tiny Tots & Pre Primary
= \$50 all other grades (incl. Small rabbits, NCD)

Place your deposit in a clearly marked envelope (name, grade, phone number) into the rose box. The sooner the Rose Fund receives payments, the sooner the dress makers can make their bulk orders and begin their creations. Thank you all for your cooperation in this regard.

Alice in Wonderland students have started to be measured in classes from last Saturday.

7 Deadly Sins students will be measured during the next few weeks.

Elite Syncopations students are to check the noticeboard for times to visit Mrs Alley for costume fitting. One class at a time will be sent to her. NB: Elite Syncopations designs and colour coordination have already been completed and details given to Mrs Alley for each girl and boy. I will discuss accessories at the parent/teacher meeting. Under no circumstances are sequins to be added to your costumes. Sample costumes will be made for Raegan Williams, Simon Jones & Georgie Zakarouskas. **Could these students phone Mrs Alley for an appointment Ph: 4952 3942**

★AICD Workshop

The Australian Institute of Classical Dance (Marilyn Jones OBE, Artistic Director) will be holding a workshop on 4th October for interested students Advanced Foundation onward. Please see the notice board for more information and ask at the office for an entry form.

★Congratulations

Congratulations to former student Roseanna Anderson, currently with Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance, for receiving the Charlotte Kirk-Patrick Award & scholarship recently in London.

★Congratulations NCD & MWM Groups!

Last weekend marked the final eisteddfod performances for the MWM & NCD students for the Sydney Eisteddfod. Here's a quick tally of our groups' achievements for 2009:

- U12yrs: Classical – HC, Contemporary – 3rd
- U14yrs: Classical - 3rd, Contemporary – 2nd
- U17yrs: Modern – 1st
- Open Age: Classical – 1st, 2nd and H.C; Modern – 1st, Jazz – 2nd, Contemporary – H.C

What fantastic results! Congratulations to all of our groups.

★Physiotherapy

Please pay any overdue fees ASAP. There are many overdue accounts from 2nd term.

★Photo Orders

Next Saturday 13th September is the last day for Scholarship Concert photo orders. Orders can be handed in to the office or directly to Katie O'Brien.

★Lead Roles

All students who have speaking roles in the 'Alice in Wonderland' are to pick up a CD from the office.

☆Healthy Eating

Here's a thought! Fruit and vegetables are almost always cheaper per kilogram than highly processed snack foods. If fresh varieties seem expensive, see if the frozen or canned varieties are available. Check the price per kilo of different products and compare which is really better value for money.

Eg:



Less healthy choice	\$/kg*	Healthier Choice	\$/kg*
Muesli Bars 6X20g	\$23.25	Bananas	\$3.99
Rolled-up fruit bar 8X15g	\$40.00	Dried Apricots 200g	\$10.30
Savoury biscuit shapes 200g	\$15.45	Watermelon	\$1.95
Crisps 50g	\$28.80	Pears	\$3.99

*Prices as at March 2008

☆MWM/NCD Summer School

What a great way to prepare your body for the new year after the holiday period. Our Exciting Summer School 2010 brochures are now being handed out!!!! The workshop will run from 18th January – 22nd January 2010. Inviting all students from Grade 5 – Pre professional, this exciting intensive workshop includes special guest teacher Lisa Bolte ex Australian Ballet company principal artist, as well as our very own specialist teachers. Registrations are for our studio as well as outside students; a great opportunity to make some new friends and enjoy some unique classes in Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Repertoire, Drama and Body conditioning. Class numbers are limited so early registration is advisable to avoid disappointment. Registrations are now open and will close when class sizes are full. **MWM and NCD Students please note: you do not need to supply studio with the photo's & exam information, just registration forms.**

☆Guest Teachers

We are fortunate to have many successful students dancing professionally in various parts of the world. It is lovely when they can return and visit bringing with them their experiences and different styles of dance to share. During September we have two workshops planned for contemporary dance from both Roseanna Anderson and Tara Soh. Roseanna currently with Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance, and will be giving a workshop on Tuesday 15th September from 9am-11.30am. Tara Soh will join us on Thursday the 17th for a similar time frame. Tara has been dancing professionally with Australian Dance Theatre Company and as a company member performed on this past season of so you think you can dance. It is exciting for our staff and students to gain from these guests.

☆Presentation Day – Sunday 27th September

Please have your suggestions on what you wish to perform on his day when I return.

☆Genee

Best wishes for those heading to Singapore to the Genee. We will keep you informed.

☆DIPLOMA Audition Reminders

This is an exciting time of the year for Diplomas you have all worked very hard towards this. You have been given your package with open audition dates, company, and school information. Please use your initiative. Check websites regularly for up to date information and anything you may be interested in.

☆A nice note

All staff are extremely proud of the level NCD have reached this year. You are all individuals and each and every one of you has something special to contribute to the world of dance. Please remember all staff are here for your guidance and assistance always ask for help if needed.

☆Good Bye and Congratulations

Thank you to Emma Jones who has kindly given up her holiday to share her love of dance with our students, Emma had planned to stay longer but has been offered a full contract with Magdeburg Theatre in Germany; Emma will be finishing up with us on the 11th of September.

With Fond Wishes,
Marie Walton-Mahon