

NEWSLETTER

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Diary 2009



Staged08 – Swan Lake Photo:
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27th January Classes Commence

Term 1
27th January – 9th April

Isobel Anderson
26th – 29th March

Term 2
28th April – 10th July

Term 3
27th July – 2nd October

**Tentative Graded
Exams TBA**
4,5,6 August

Term 4
19th October – 18th
December

Bursary Semi Final
December TBA

Dress Rehearsal
11th December
Civic Theatre

End of Year concert
12th December
Civic Theatre

NCD Graduation
13th December

*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

Welcome back to all families and we trust you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you for the positive feedback for our end of year Performance, staff and management were very happy with all the students in both their preparations and onstage. The photographs and the DVD will be available very soon. Special welcome to any new families joining us this year we trust your stay with us will be motivated and happy.

The timetable for 2009 will be available to view at the studio from Wednesday 21st January until Friday 23rd January between 9 am – 4pm. All classes officially commence on Tuesday 27th January from 3.30. However if you still haven't had a chance to view the timetable the studio will be open on this day for NCD orientation from 10.30am.

☆ 2009 Year Planner

We have taken results from this survey into consideration as a result our year planner will reflect the needs required by the majority of families.

☆ New Structure

We as staff continue to encourage and support each student in their endeavour to achieve their personal best. To continue to lift the standard of each level in classical ballet we have agreed that my experience and expertise must be spread as far through the grades/students as possible. Students thrive on consistency in tuition therefore after in depth discussions with the staff we have decided to adapt class teachers for all the levels. These teachers will be totally responsible for all training up until examinations.

I will view the classes on a regular basis making notes to assist the staff with the exam detail and criteria. Reports will be discussed as part of staff development. This will give me a chance to see if your child is slightly behind in picking up the work of a particular section of criteria, it will give me a chance to make an appointment with you to discuss a way in which we could assist your child.

☆ Vocational Exams

Congratulations to Vocational students who had their exam in the November session 2008. Some students forgot to hand in their envelopes and their results are waiting to be posted. Please hand your stamped addressed envelope into the office.

☆ Bursary

We are very proud to announce that Nicole Clark –Mitchell (MWM) and Danielle Muir (NCD) were the only 2 students representing NSW in the Australian Bursary. I have had excellent feedback from the audience that noted their excellent work.

☆ 2009 Enrolments

Some parents have not filled out the 2009 enrollment form and survey at the end of the year. Could you please drop this in asap or phone to cancel the enrollment as we need to have class rolls ready to commence. Your cooperation is appreciated. Private lessons are placed in a priority order. If you have yet to hand in your private lesson not be allocated. Please check the timetable carefully.

☆ Expressions of interest

The expressions of interests indicated Drama for Junior, Middle and Senior and stretch classes from Intermediate upwards as popular electives for 2009. Please check these class times and enquire at the office if you wish to enroll as we still have vacancies.

☆ 2009 Eisteddfod Group

Performance opportunities are a wonderful part of a young dancer's training. The Marie Walton-Mahon Dance Academy is happy to support the students if they wish to participate in performance groups representing the studio. We do ask that you be aware of the commitment that this opportunity requires. Performance Groups are an elective that is extra tuition above normal term fees. Group fees/costume fees are charged accordingly. Students must attend all rehearsals including dress rehearsals. A missed rehearsal will cause anxiety for your child and a disruption for the teacher's choreography and fellow students. Teachers may determine a student is not prepared to perform if that student has missed too many rehearsals. Missing rehearsals may lead to understudies being used. A list of tentative dates for the group performances will be included in the next newsletter along with a year planner. Auditions will be held in the first two weeks of Term 1, all students are most welcome and encouraged to attend these classes as timetabled. (Please check the noticeboard) Notification of results will be posted up on the noticeboard after this two week period.

Groups for 2009 Under 12 = Grades 5 and Inter Found, unless a teacher invites a student { Level 1 }
Under 14 - Intermediate - Advanced Foundation unless a teacher invites a student {Level 2 & 3}
Open age - Advanced 1 & 2 {Levels 4 & 5} Due to the survey completed in 2008 the under 10's group will not be running in 2009.

☆ New Students

New students will be given a "buddy" to take special care of them and make sure they know all their class. It would assist if all new students wear a name tag for the first few lessons. This can be obtained from the office.

We look forward to seeing the students in classes once again and a bright dance year ahead.

Marie Walton-Mahon