



Term 2 Newsletter 2017

Dear Students and Families,
we hope you are having an enjoyable term. We are very pleased with the way students have settled into their classes and are enthusiastically tackling new dance techniques and skills. As you will notice Newsletters will be emailed so please keep your email address updated and inform us of any changes. Newsletters may also be downloaded from the Evolution Dance School website <http://evolutiondanceschool.com.au/bulletins/>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th to Friday 30th of June- Dress up in your favourite colour week

Monday 3rd July to Friday the 7th of July- BBO Dance Days

Early August - **Ballet, Tap & Acrobatics Examinations**

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of December- 4pm Concert stage rehearsal at LOCC.

Sunday December 17th- 3pm Annual Dance Concert Light of Christ Centre Waitara!!

Studio Uniform

A reminder to all students and parents as we near the end of Term 2 that all students are expected to be dressed in correct full studio attire for classes. This includes having long hair pulled into a ponytail or bun and shoes suitable for the style of dance class they are attending along with specified clothing. If your child attends after school care please pack their uniform in their bag. Students may get changed in the hall bathrooms prior to class. Please remember that wearing suitable attire to dance is as important as taking your instrument to band practise.

Dress up week

To end Term 2 our final week the 26th to the 30th of June will include dress up for dance. Wear your favourite colour to class, this may be a pink t-shirt, yellow pants, green socks or come dressed head to toe in purple.

Closed classes

Parents are reminded that all classes are closed for viewing. We are happy for parents to view the first lesson (parents of younger students can watch the first few lessons). After this we ask that parents wait outside. Of course we understand when grandparents/alike are visiting and would like to come in for a one off view of lessons. Generally, lessons are more productive and less distracted if parents are not inside the classroom. We only want the best learning environment and this not only affects your child, but other students in the class. If any parents/friends of the school have any concerns about this or anything else please let Miss Amanda know. In Term 3 we will offer an open day for you to attend and observe your child's progress.

Concert DVDs

If you are yet to receive your 2016 concert DVD please contact Miss Amanda ASAP to ensure you take delivery of it as they have been sent out.

Ballet, Tap & Acrobatics examinations

Ballet, Tap and acro exam notes have been handed out to students during class and need to be returned with payment by the due date listed. Ballet, Tap and Acro exams dates are TBA.

Our studio offers examinations to students in order for them to be formally recognised for their achievements in dance. From past experience, we feel the students participating in exams find the process challenging, enjoyable and rewarding. These students excel in the development of their technique, strength, musicality and presentation skills. Exams are most suitable for students who are committed to dance and who show an interest to practice at home. Parents of young students are required to help students practice at home.

Please seriously consider participating in a ballet and/or tap exam this year, especially if you have been learning for a number of years. If you are new to our school and wishing to participate in an exam, please discuss the suitability of sitting an examination with Miss Amanda or your teacher.

BBO Dance Days

Ballet Tap and acrobatics students will have received notes from their class teacher regarding the opportunity to attend Dance days. 'Dance days' is the BBO's national annual dance event. BBO trained students from all over Australia have the opportunity to take part in the intensive dance course held in the July school holidays. The Dates for 2017 are the 3rd of July to 7th of July (inclusive). Over the period of 4 days, students from all levels in classical ballet, tap and acrobatics attend The McDonald College on the 5th day students will perform at The UNSW Science Theatre.

Fees

Term 2 fees are now well and truly overdue, if they have been overlooked please settle them at your earliest convenience. If you have not received your invoice please check your spam folder first and then contact accounts@evolutiondanceschool.com.au to have it reissued.

For those who questioned why last terms invoices were less than expected thank you for bringing this to our attention. A mistake on the accounts department side has billed all students one week less than necessary. Term 3 invoices will incur the extra week to rectify this. Please note nobody has been overcharged but many have been undercharged. No late fees will be incurred this term as a result of our error.

Costume Levy

Term 2 invoices include a costume levy for each class. This covers the cost of the first dance costume of each class for the concert. These costumes are yours to keep upon completion of the annual dance concert. Please note costumes will not be issued until full payment has been received (including class fees). You will be given another costume levy with your Term 3 invoice for your child's 2nd routine. Costumes will be distributed later in the year and are to be hung up and stored in a safe place (not used as dress ups). If you do not wish for your child to participate in the end of year concert performance please notify Miss Amanda ASAP as materials/costumes have already started being purchased/made.

Preschool Rhythm and Movement

This year we have added a tiny tot's rhythm and movement class to our repertoire that aims to cater to preschool aged students. It is a great introduction to dance and plenty of fun for children. We would appreciate you recommending to friends or family members with children who may be interested to help raise the profile of this new addition :-)

Refer a Friend

The highest compliment we can receive is when you refer us to your family and friends. We really appreciate the support of our loyal dance families! If you recommend friends or family to our dance centre and they subsequently enrol, you will receive a \$10 Thankyou Credit on your next tuition invoice.

Second hand box

If you have or would like to purchase second hand shoes or studio uniform, Miss Amanda has a box on hand with items for sale. Should you wish to sell anything, please place it in a snap lock bag with your name, number and how much you would like for it. Photos of items for sale may also be listed on our Evolution Dance School Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EvolutionDanceSchool?fref=ts>

Communication

As we expand it becomes increasingly important for us to communicate well. Email is now our preferred form of communication. Please regularly check your email and let us know if your email address (or other personal information) changes. Our email address is info@evolutiondanceschool.com.au. Alternatively you may contact your class teacher directly by addressing your email to their first name @evolutiondanceschool.com.au (e.g. Amanda).

Newsletters: will be issued via email during the term. They are filled with important information so please ensure you read them thoroughly.

Invoices: Term fees are issued via email any communication regarding them is to be directed to accounts@evolutiondanceschool.com.au

Facebook: is a great way to stay in touch and to share photos etc. Please "like" us and join the fun. <https://www.facebook.com/EvolutionDanceSchool>

Instagram: follow and tag us (#evolutiondanceschool) on instagram @evolutiondanceschool

Class notes: information that is specific to a class or genre will be handed out by your class teacher

Feedback: is welcomed and valued. We do our very best to accommodate everyone. So please feel free to communicate any suggestions you may have.

We understand that life is busy and there are competing priorities, but ask that you please make an effort to read all information provided.

Thank you for your continued support and trust,

Miss Amanda and staff.