

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4, 15th February 2010

### WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

Welcome back to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy 2010 at the Harbour Performing Arts Centre. It's wonderful to see children already enjoying their dancing. This year we have a fantastic group of experienced teachers who will inspire every student to achieve their best.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE.** The school newsletter will be made available on the school website in the student area. They will also be available and handed out at school. The username and password for the student area is 'student' and the password is 'hpac2008'. This is confidential information and not to be shared. The photos from the 2009 concerts are also available in this area.

### UNIFORMS & GROOMING

We are now going into week four of the new year and it is noticeable that a number of students do not have shoes or are not wearing their correct uniforms. It is a safety issue that children are still dancing bare foot in ballet classes especially from Grade one and above. It is in your child's interest of injury prevention to be wearing the correct shoes. Hair should be neatly tied back off the face and ideally girls hair in a bun. We realize that many children come straight from school, however, on these days a suggestion might be to wear hair tied back for school. Children with fringes should wear an elasticated hair band so that it does not affect their head movements.

Talent-Choreography Competition/ school BBQ  
Saturday the 20th March 5.30 pm

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1st March	Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.
20th March	BBQ and Talent quest at the studios
31st March	Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries
27th March	End of Term1. (Saturday)
19th April	Monday, Term 2 commences
6th June	Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio
12th-13th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod group weekend
From 14th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solos
3rd July	Term 2 ends

### TEACHERS FOR 2010

**Francesca Boros:** ARAD, RAD, RTS — *BALLET*

**Merryn Gould:** *BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ*

**Robbie Krupski:** *MUSICAL THEATRE*

**Rebecca Nicholson:** *TAP, JAZZ*

**Melissa Field:** *JAZZ, BALLET*

**Suzanne McCarty:** *PILATES*

### STUDENT TEACHERS

**Beth Jeffery:** *JAZZ, BALLET, CONTEMPORARY*

**Ben Keast:** *HIP HOP*

**DRINK BOTTLES** should be brought to class and taken into the studio not left in the fridge please. Children will no longer be allowed to leave the studio to get a drink from the sink. This is disruptive to the lesson and wastes considerable time.

If you interested in your child performing a solo at the Coffs Harbour eisteddfod, please phone Francesca. There are time slots still available. Performing a solo gives a student a great sense of achievement and is also great fun. The closing date for entries is fast approaching and entry forms for the eisteddfod will be handed out to all students who are currently taking a private lesson. **All entries must be checked by a teacher. Students of HPAC may only enter a solo at an eisteddfod if they are attending a regular private lesson.** Please note parents and/or caregivers are responsible for eisteddfod fees and postage of the entry forms to the local Eisteddfod. If you are already looking for costumes to hire Debs Dancewear has plenty to choose from contact Debbie on 02 66511691, 0416100820, or email: dabsdancewear@bigpond.com

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## TAP EXAMS

Our first session of CSTD tap exams will be held on Sunday 12th of September at the Studios. A special preparation workshop is being arranged in the first week of the July school holidays with a visiting examiner from Queensland. This will help tap examination students with the examination procedure and gain valuable feedback from an examiner. Please check your tap shoes regularly for protruding screws.

## BALLET EXAMS

### R.A.D. Classical Ballet Exams

The children's exams will take place in TERM 3. If your child wishes to take an exam, they must be attending 2 ballet classes a week. A winter workshop will be organized in the second week of the July holidays to help the children prepare for the examinations. Please note that the R.A.D. allocates the examination date and will not guarantee any provisional dates that are issued.

## SCHOOL JACKETS AND T-SHIRTS are still available to order at the studio.

The Jackets are \$40.00 and the T-shirts \$30.00. Orders can now be placed by writing your child's name on an envelope with your requirements, sizes and payment. Please make payments for clothing in cash.

## COSTUME RETURNS

Please return all hired or borrowed solo costumes to Miss Francesca by the end of week 4. We are in the process of cataloging the costumes that are for hire and need to photograph them. If you wish to hire them for this year's eisteddfods this can now be arranged through Debs Dancewear.

## Vocational Graded Examinations

These are professional examinations and are no longer entered as a class. I will speak to the parents and children individually when I feel that they are ready for these examinations. The exams are technically demanding and require a lot of hard work but they give the students a fantastic sense of achievement. I would like to congratulate the girls who were all successful in their Intermediate foundation and Intermediate exams, a special mention to Rachael Parriott who gained 81 marks and a Distinction in her exam.



## SECOND HAND ITEMS

Parents are most welcome to advertise second hand items on our corkboard which is next to the large blackboard. There are lots of parents looking for shoes etc at the moment so now is a good time to unload any of those items which you no longer require.

## 2010 EISTEDDFODS

This year the school will be entering two Eisteddfods for groups - our local Coffs Harbour and the Port Macquarie competition, which will again take place at the new Glass House Theatre in Port. This will be a exciting opportunity to dance on a large stage in a fully equipped theatre. A number of the senior students have expressed an interest in entering their groups at the Grafton Eisteddfod which will take place on Easter Monday the 5th of April. I realize that many families travel away or may not wish to take part over Easter, so please let me know if you wish your child to attend. The groups I will consider entering are the open age Classical, Modern, Jazz, and Contemporary. Most of the Jazz classes from Grade 1/2, 7 & 8 yrs and above will have the chance to dance at Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. This will be a wonderful performing experience for children. If, however your child is not taking part please let the teacher know, it in no way disadvantages them in their weekly class as learning routines is part of dance education. These routines will be part of the end of year concert which I hope every student will take part in.

Francesca