

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 3, 13th February 2011

WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

A warm welcome to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy 2011 at the Harbour Performing Arts Centre. It's wonderful to see the students 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 to those families who do not have internet access. The username for the student area is 'dancers' and the password is 'iop890'. This is confidential information and not to be shared. The photos from the 2010 concerts are also available in this area.

UNIFORMS & GROOMING

We are now going into week three 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. Students who are attending Grade 1 and up to Grade 5 ballet should ideally now also have Character shoes or alternately be wearing their jazz shoes for character to protect their heels. There are plenty of shoes available in our folder located on the table in the waiting area. Hair should be neatly tied back off the face and ideally girls hair in a bun. We realise that many children come straight from school, however, on these days a suggestion might be to wear hair tied back

Choreography Competition and BBQ
Saturday the 12th March 5.30 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st March	Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.
12th March	Choreography competition at the studios
31st March	Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries
9th April	End of Term 1. (Saturday)
26th April	Tuesday, Term 2 commences
29th May	Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio
11th-12th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod group weekend
13th-19th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solos
2nd July	Term 2 ends

TEACHERS FOR 2011

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

Merryn Gould: *BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ*

Robbie Krupski: *SINGING*

Rebecca Nicholson: *TAP, JAZZ*

Melissa Field: *JAZZ, BALLET*

Suzanne McCarty: *PILATES*

Kyla Holley: *DRAMA*

Ashlee Pennington: *HIP HOP*

Beth Jeffery: *JAZZ, BALLET, CONTEMPORARY (student teacher)*

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.

EISTEDDFOD SOLO ENTRIES.

The closing dates for Eisteddfod solo entries are fast approaching and entry forms for the eisteddfods 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

The CSTD tap exams will be held in September at the Studios. A special preparation workshop is being arranged in the July school holidays hopefully with a visiting examiner. 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 & Assessments

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 and be confident with the exam content. Pre-Primary and Primary students wishing to take their assessment need to take one lesson per week and feel confident with their work. A workshop will be organized from the 13th-15th of July to help the children prepare for the examinations and assessments. 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 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. SPECIAL OFFER on children's size 6 and 8 T-shirts, \$20 to clear on remaining stock. Please make payments for clothing in cash.

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 this year.

COSTUME RETURNS

Please return all hired or borrowed solo costumes to the studio by the end of week 3. We are in the process of updating the costume catalog. Costumes hired last year must be returned and new arrangements made. If you wish to hire them for this year's eisteddfods, this can now be arranged through **Debs Dancewear**.



SECOND HAND ITEMS

Parents are most welcome to advertise second hand items in our folder which is situated on the table in the waiting area. 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 the first weekend of the Easter holidays. 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, National Character, 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