

# Harbour Performing Arts Centre

**NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4, 16th February 2009**

## WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

Welcome back to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy 2009 at the Harbour Performing Arts Centre. It's wonderful to see children already enjoying their dancing. This year we have a fantastic group of 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 2008 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 21 March 5.00 pm**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1st March	Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.
21st March	BBQ and Talent quest at the studios
31st March	Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries
9th April	End of Term1. (Thursday)
27th April	Monday, Term 2 commences
31st May	Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio
6th-7th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod group weekend
From 15th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solos
4th July	Term 2 ends

## TEACHERS FOR 2009

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

**Meredith Wilson:** *JAZZ / CONTEMP.*

**Rhys Edwards:** Advanced LGDTA tap — *TAP*

**Merryn Gould:** *BALLET*

**Jennie Cullen:** *MUSICAL THEATRE*

**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 with Miss Francesca, Miss Merryn, Miss Meredith and Mr Rhys. 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. Please note parents and/or caregivers are responsible for eisteddfod fees and postage of the entry forms to the local Eisteddfod

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## STUDIO TWO

Over the Christmas break a Tarkett floor has been fitted in studio 2. As this studio is also used for other lessons apart from Tap it was essential that we provided a safe and clean floor for all classes. Please make sure that any protruding screws from tap shoes are screwed in firmly as it is of no advantage to have loose screws at Eisteddfods where Tarkett is used. It will be great to practice on in our studio. The tap exams are scheduled for term 3.

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

The Jackets are \$38.00 and the T-shirts \$27.00. 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.

## 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 85 marks and a Distinction in her exam.

## 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.



## 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.

## 2009 EISTEDDFODS

This year the school will be entering two Eisteddfods- our local Coffs Harbour and the Port Macquarie competitions, which will 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 13th 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 will be 13 & 14 yrs and open age. We are now already preparing costumes and choreography for the performances. If you know already that your child will not be taking part, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. Most of the Jazz classes from Grade one and above will have the chance to dance at these Eisteddfods. They are a wonderful performing experience for children. If, however your child is not taking part, 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*