

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4, 17th/Feb/2008

WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

Welcome back to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy this year at the Harbour Performing Arts Centre. It's wonderful to see children at the studio enjoying their dancing. This year I am working hard to make the environment at the studio a happy and enjoyable place for all students!

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

As you know we've thought long and hard about a school name change and now that we've made the decision we're hoping that the change will enhance the communities understanding of what we do. Your feedback will be always welcomed on these matters of strategic direction. Please help us to please you!

NEWSLETTERS. The school newsletter will be made available on the school website. The format will be kept the same for this year as it was for some of last years editions. It will also be available in the student area of the school website. The username and password for this area will be emailed to your email address in our records from the enrolment form. There will be more things added into this area but we want the username and password details kept within the school. If you do not receive an email with the username and password, email Guy at accounts@hpac.net.au

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?

This years Summer school guest teacher, Stephanie Tulloch was unfortunately not selected into the last twenty contestants. Stephanie is a former student of Francesca from La Vive Classic in Port Macquarie. Kassie Lee who made it through is originally from Coffs Harbour and was a pupil of Jackie Barber who owned this school before Jacque Hoole. We wish her every success in the competition. Some students may have also seen our workshop drama and hip hop teacher Tim Maddren in Blue Water High. Keep your eyes out for these three!

Talent-Choreography Competition/ School BBQ
Saturday the 15th March 5.30 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st March	Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.
15th March	BBQ and Talent quest at the studios
31st March	Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries
12th April	End of Term1. (Saturday)
28th April	Monday, Term 2 commences
31st May	Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio
7th-15th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod
5th July	Term 2 ends
16th-18th July	Winter workshop (RAD children's exam preparation)

TEACHERS FOR 2008

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

Hailey Croxton: Cert. IV Perf. Arts — *JAZZ / CONTEMP.*

Rhys Edwards: Advanced LGDTA tap — *TAP*

Cheryl Berry: RAD, Solo Seal — *BALLET*

Rebecca Nicholson: — *JAZZ and TAP*

Meredith Wilson: — *PILATES and CLASSICAL*

Jennie Cullen: — *MUSICAL THEATRE*

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 Hailey, 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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TAP CLASSES

Over the Christmas break we have renovated studio 2 for Tap. Please make sure that any protruding screws from tap shoes are screwed in firmly. At the end of this term the tap studio will have a new brick wall between it and studio one. We're hoping that it should reduce the noise levels significantly. The Tap exams will be scheduled in Term three and exam preparation will take place during the winter workshop.

SCHOOL JACKETS AND T SHIRTS

The long awaited and new jackets and T shirts are about to arrive from the supplier and will be available soon for sale. 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. The initial order is at a reduced price. The jackets and T shirts will be available after this order singularly and directly from the distributor. Payments for clothing for the reduced cost initial bulk order, must be made in cash.

2008 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. 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 child will take part in.

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.

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. WELL DONE !!!



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.

Many thanks for your school support,