

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4, 17th February 2013

### WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

A warm welcome to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy 2013 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.

This year the school newsletter will be made available on the school website in the student area as well as being distributed at the studio. Photos from 2012 Concerts are available from

[www.coffsdigiwed.com/concert2012](http://www.coffsdigiwed.com/concert2012)

### 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. Students who are attending Grade 3 and up to Grade 5 ballet should have a mulberry pink leotard. Younger ballet students should have a pale pink leotard. All jazz, Tap and contemporary students should be wearing black or their ballet uniform. Hip Hop students can wear Jazz shoe. 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 for school.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1st March      | Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.                          |
| 31st March     | Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries               |
| 13th April     | End of Term 1  |
| 29th April     | Term 2 commences   |
| 19th May       | Stage rehearsal for 14yrs and Open age at Coffs Harbour High School. |
| 26th May       | Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio           |
| 8th-10th June  | Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod group weekend                               |
| 10th-16th June | Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solos                                       |
| 29th June      | Term 2 ends  |

### TEACHERS FOR 2013

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

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

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

**Lyndall Phillips:** *BALLET, JAZZ*

**Lauren Harper:** *PILATES*

**Kate Sevenoaks:** *HIP HOP, JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY.*

**Clare Jeffery:** *JAZZ, (student teacher)*

**Emily Elliott:** *BALLET, JAZZ, TAP, DRAMA (student teacher)*

**Claire Jones:** *HIP HOP (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.

**PARENTS WAITING AREA-PLEASE KEEP NOISE LEVELS TO A MINIMUM and TRY NOT TO OPEN THE STUDIO 2 DOOR DURING CLASSES. Check the timetable first !**

**EISTEDDFOD SOLOS: Please remember to bring your CD'S to EVERY private lesson.**

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 for all your **uniform** and **costume** requirements on 0416100820, or email: [debsdancewear@bigpond.com](mailto:debsdancewear@bigpond.com)

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## TAP EXAMS

The CSTD Tap exams this year are scheduled for Sunday the 8th of September. A tap exam preparation workshop will be arranged closer to the exam date. We would like to remind Tap students to check their tap shoes regularly for protruding screws which can damage the Tarkett floor.

## GUITAR LESSONS

Miss Lyndall is now teaching Guitar lessons at the studio on a Saturday. If you are interested in booking lessons for your children please email Lyndall .

lyndallphillips@email.com

## PARENTS VIEWING WEEKS / PARKING

This year the Parent/Carers viewing weeks will be between Easter and the end of Term 1. Like last year I will prepare a viewing timetable so that we will not hinder other businesses in the area. We would like to remind parents that the car park must not be used as a turning circle and there should be no parking at any time in front of our neighbours roller doors. Like us they need to access their premises after normal business hours .

**SCHOOL JACKETS AND T- SHIRTS** are available to order at the studio. The Jackets are \$45.00 and the T-shirts \$32.00. 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.

## COSTUME RETURNS

Please return all hired or borrowed solo costumes to the studio by the end of week 4. We update the costume catalog at the beginning of each year and costumes hired last year must be returned and new arrangements made If you wish to hire them for this years eisteddfods. This can now be arranged through **Debs Dancewear**.

This year the school will be entering two Eisteddfods for groups - our local Coffs Harbour and the Port Macquarie competition, which will again this year take place at the Glass House Theatre. This will be a exciting opportunity to dance on a large stage in a fully equipped theatre. Most of the Jazz classes from Grade 1, 7 & 8yrs 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 their teacher know. It in no way disadvantages them in their weekly classes as learning routines are apart of dance education. These routines will be part of the end of year concert which I hope every student will take part in. We are looking forward to an exciting year of dance experiences

## BALLET EXAMS

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

The children's exams will take place in TERM 3 from Monday 29th of July. 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, feel confident with their work and meet the new age requirements. A workshop will be organized from the 10th-12th 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 2013 EISTEDDFODS

### CONCERT DATES 2013

**BALLET CONCERT:** 7th December Rehearsal, 8th December Performance 11am & 4pm

**VARIETY CONCERT:** 13th December Rehearsal, 14th December Performance 11am & 4pm