

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 4, 16th February 2014

### WELCOME BACK FROM FRANCESCA

A warm welcome to all our new and existing students and their families. I hope you enjoy 2014 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.

The school newsletter will be made available on the school website in the student area as well as being distributed at the studio.

#### Ballet Concert Photos

Rory Banwell's Ballet photo proof books are available on the front table at the studio for your convenience. Ordering is simple as Rory has offered us such a wonderful deal on her photos. Just choose your class photos and you will receive all of them for \$25.00, add a further set of class photos for only \$5.00 more! The photos will be on a disc for you so you can print them out in your chosen size whenever you like.

Rory will be picking up the final orders on February 28th, so don't miss out. These photos are of the highest quality and I'm hoping we will have some more orders. At the moment with so few orders I will be unable to secure a photographer for future Concerts, so please have a look at the photos if you haven't already done so.

**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 !**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

1st March	Grafton Eisteddfod Solo entry closing date.
1st March	Closing date for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solo entries
12th April	End of Term 1
28th April	Term 2 commences
18th May	Stage rehearsal for 14yrs and Open age at Coffs Harbour High School.
25th May	Dress rehearsal for Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod at the studio
6th-8th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod group weekend, starts Friday afternoon with 6yrs,8yrs,10yrs groups. ( to be confirmed)
9th-15th June	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod solos
28th 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)*

**Maddison Waters:** *BALLET, JAZZ, TAP, (student teacher)*

**Emma Nolan:** *Drama, (student teacher)*

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

The closing dates for Eisteddfod solo entries are fast approaching and entries for the eisteddfods are all online. **Your teacher will help you with the sections to be entered. 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 online entries to the local Eisteddfods. 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)

# The Harbour Performing Arts Centre

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Tap exams this year are sched-

## TAP EXAMS

uled for 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.

## 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.

**2014 EISTEDDFODS** 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 & 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 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. Selected 14 yrs and open age groups will be entered for the Grafton Eisteddfod. Please let your teacher know if you are not available on the 13th of April. We are looking forward to an exciting year of dance experiences!

**PARENTS VIEWING WEEKS / PARKING** This year the Parent/Carers viewing weeks will at 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 is a tenants only parking area and can not be used by parents and carers parking. It 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. Like wise the Tutti Frutti gates are used all the time and must not be parked in front of. We would suggest for older students that turning left onto Keona Cct. and then using of our grassed area in front of the school as a drop off point. This is a safe alternative as the students do not need to cross the road.

**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. 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**.

**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.

## BALLET EXAMS

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

The children's exams will take place in TERM 3 from 28th 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. Primary students wishing to take their exam need to take one lesson per week, feel confident with their work and meet the new age requirements. A compulsory workshop will be organised from the 9th-11th of July for students taking the exams. 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.

### CONCERT DATES 2014

**BALLET CONCERT: 6th December Rehearsal, 7th December Performance 11am & 4pm**

**VARIETY CONCERT: 12th December Rehearsal, 13th December Performance 11am & 4pm**

