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Newsletter

Term 3 2019

Mrs Frost's Message

Welcome back to term 3 and the very busy exam period! The last days of exams and assessments are upon us and I must thank all the staff, student helpers, parents and committee who saw to it that things ran smoothly and to those parents who provided delicious lunches and teas and also manned the office for us. Thank you also to all those families who ensured their child/children arrived for all their classes and mock exam. We saw a huge improvement in their confidence and understanding of their work and the necessary etiquette.

The July holidays also included 5 busy days of SFD comps. A number of new competitors had their first taste of competitions and I hope they found it fulfilling. Thank you to all the coaches and the parents who were there with me every day. It was also great to see RBG students and former students helping out with the running of the comps. As always volunteers are hard to come by and

RBG always goes above and beyond to help out. Results are posted elsewhere in this newsletter. A special congratulations to Eloise Lamb who won the Major Classical Scholarship and to Millie Wood who placed 3rd in her first junior classical scholarship.

We are now moving towards Presentation and concert and the excitement this generates in the school. Senior auditions are on Saturday 10 August and I wish these 28 students chookas! Presentation notices have gone out via caremonkey and email and are also reproduced within this newsletter. Concert notices will follow very soon. It's imperative

that I have exact numbers, particularly for Coppélia, as there are so many large set group dances to cast so please return your answers a.s.a.p. for both big events. Costumes for all items need to be tried on and decisions made about any new ones so accurate participation numbers are required! Scenery has already been looked at and work will soon begin on touching up, repairing and refurbishing sets for the juniors as well as Coppélia.

Regards
Mrs Frost



Thank you's

A very big thankyou to all the families that have assisted us during the end of Term 2 at our working bee, and also for all the assistance during the school holiday classes, and exam time. As a not for profit school we really appreciate all the help that is provided by families, whether it is supervision of children, cooking food or helping get the studios clean and tidy. We would not be able to operate without all this wonderful help, so thank you!

Fundraising

Term 2 – Cadbury Chocolates

Thank you to all the families that took home 1 or more boxes of chocolates to sell for our Term 2 Fundraiser which was Cadbury Chocolates. We still have a few boxes left, so if you think you could sell another box please let the office know. Also, if you still have not returned your Cadbury money could you please do so ASAP.

Term 3 – Disco

Our fundraiser for Term 3 is a Disco to be held at the RBG studios. Refer to the attached flyer for full information.

Community Grant - Matinee Performance of 'Coppelia'

This year the Ringwood Ballet Group have again applied for and been successful in obtaining a community grant through the Maroondah City Council to provide a free performance of our 2019 Ballet Production 'Coppelia' at our Thursday matinee session. The community groups we target for the free performance include the under privileged, disadvantaged and elderly in our community. If there are any groups in our community that you feel would fit into the free performance please contact Carolyn on carolyncallanan@hotmail.com so that we can provide information to all relevant groups.

CareMonkey Reminder

Just a reminder that at Ringwood Ballet, we use a system called CareMonkey to manage your child/children's information. This system also allows us to send out electronic consent forms for events such as master classes, exams, concert replies, etc. Most families are currently accessing the system, which is fantastic! However we still have a few families that have not logged onto the system as yet. If you are having any problems with accessing the system or how to use it, please contact Cassie Bowman at secretary@ringwoodballet.org.au or leave a message at the office and someone will get back to you. All information regarding Presentation Night and our upcoming Concert is sent out via this system, so it is very important that you are able to access the system and that it is working correctly for you.

Payment of Invoices - Reminder

Please note that all invoices for exam fees and levies are now overdue and need to be paid ASAP, and a reminder that term 3 Fees are due at the end of July.

Also if paying fees directly to our bank account, could you please ensure that you use your invoice number as a reference and your child's surname. Please do not use your surname, if it is different from your child's, as we are receiving payments for items and do not know who they are for.

Helping on the RBG Committee

As a not for profit organisation, the administrative side of the Ringwood Ballet Group is run by a volunteer committee of parents. The current committee is made up of 9 parents, who have children currently dancing in the middle and senior school. The current committee are looking for a couple of parents from our junior school to join our committee to assist with the dissemination of information to our junior levels and also to be able to provide the committee with valuable feedback from our junior students and their families. If there are any parents of junior students that are interested in becoming part of our committee please contact Carolyn Callanan directly on 0413 306 386 or via email at president@ringwoodballet.org.au

SFD Competition Results

Congratulations to our competitors at the SFD comps in July! You were all great ambassadors for RBG both on and off stage and a delight to be with! Thank you also to your families for ensuring you were there on time and for their support.

COMPETITORS: Abigail Bouchier-Jafari – Ainsley Thomson- Alannah Clarke - Amber Fan – Amelia Suidgeest – Charli Kilworth – Charlotte Callanan – Charlotte Stuart – Chloe Wallace – Ellie Tilden – Eloise Lamb – Emily Casey – Emma Callanan – Georgia Morrison – Grace Morgante – Hayley Snowball – Isabelle Lee – Jade Hoogendoorn – Laura Young – Mia Harrington – Millie Wood – Molly Zhou – Noelle Ko – Odelia Chan – Sarah Hudson – Stephanie Yan – Sydney Callanan – Tessa Walsh

1ST PLACE

Eloise Lamb	Major Classical Scholarship
Charli Kilworth	Classical Solo
Amelia Suidgest/Emma Callanan	Jazz Duo
Charlotte Stuart/Ainsley Thomson	Demi Character Duo
Sydney Callanan/Charli Kilworth I	Lyrical Duo
Abigail Bouchier-Jafari	Jazz Solo
Millie Wood	Jazz Solo
Eloise Lamb	Tap Solo
Eloise Lamb	Demi Character Solo
Emma Callanan	Demi Character Solo



2ND PLACE

Eloise Lamb	Classical Solo
Georgia Morrison	Classical Solo
Millie Wood	Classical Solo
Alannah Clarke/Stephanie Yan	Jazz Duo
Emma Callanan	Jazz Solo
Eloise Lamb	Neo Classical Solo
Jade Hoogendoorn	Neo Classical Solo
Charli Kilworth	Demi Character Solo
Sydney Callanan	Demi Character Solo
Sydney Callanan	Lyrical Solo



3RD PLACE

Millie Wood	Junior Classical Scholarship
Molly Zhou	Classical Solo
Ainsley Thomson	Jazz Solo
Millie Wood	Neo Classical Solo
Moly Zhou	Neo Classical Solo



HONOURABLE MENTION

Charli Kilworth	Major Classical Scholarship
Amber Fan	Classical Solo
Charlotte Callanan	Classical Solo
Hayley Snowball	Classical Solo
Mia Harrington	Classical Solo
Sydney Callanan	Classical Solo
Amber Fan	Jazz Solo
Amelia Suidgeest	Jazz Solo
Charlotte Callanan	Jazz Solo
Mia Harrington	Jazz Solo
Sarah Hudson	Jazz Solo
Isabelle Lee	Neo Classical Solo
Tessa Walsh	Neo Classical Solo
Ainsley Thomson	Lyrical Solo
Hayley Snowball	Demi Character Solo

SPECIAL MENTION

Odelia Chan	Neo Classical Solo
Emma Callanan	Neo Classical Solo



Concert tops and RBG Varsity Jackets

Concert t-shirts and singlets are once again available for purchase. Concert top order forms are available at the office with orders due back by Saturday 17th August. A size chart and copy of the logo is available to view at the studios. Another order will also be placed for the RBG Varsity Jackets. I need a minimum of 10 jackets to place an order, so if interested please let the office know. The jackets do take a minimum of 6 weeks ONCE ordered, so they would make a great Christmas Present!

Ringwood Ballet



Coppélia
and supporting programme
2019

PRESENTATION NIGHT

TICKET SALES:

Tickets go on sale from Monday 19th August and are purchased directly through the Karralyka website via this link <http://www.karralyka.com.au/Theatre/Touring-and-Community/Ringwood-Ballet-Presentation-Showcase-2019> or in person at their box office Monday to Friday.

Prices are:

- Pre School programme \$8.00 each (show time 4.30pm -5.30pm)
- Main programme \$15.00 each (show time 6.00pm – 8.15pm)

About Presentation Evening:

This is an annual event that showcases ALL our students in selections of their class work and acknowledges their achievements in examination and assessment. We will also be announcing our Scholarship and Award winners during the evening. Every student in the school from Kinder through to Advanced 2 is expected to participate. The evening is designed to allow the audience – of family and friends – the chance to observe the training progression through the school in all styles. It is also a great chance for the staff to find out (in a less formally structured programme) how well our youngest and newest students will deal with going on stage come concert time, thus enabling us to decide whether they are ready to perform in the much more formal setting of a concert. Students dance for an appropriate amount of time for their level of expertise.

To present a more balanced programme and to allow more people the chance to buy tickets we divide the programme into two sections, a Pre School (Kinder and Pre Primary) performance and then the Main performance for all other students from Level 1 to our advanced senior students.

DRESSING ROOM HELPERS:

The Presentation Evening cannot be run without a lot of parent help backstage. We need 3 parents per dressing room and without this support we will have to cancel the evening. It is imperative that we have enough help backstage to move the students quickly and quietly to and from the dressing rooms to side stage. Please consider helping in this way – even though it means you will NOT be able to watch the performance.

A roster for dressing room helpers can be located through a google doc, click on this link for access [presentation helpers](#)

PRE - SCHOOL PRESENTATION EVENING 2019

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

This programme includes all the KINDER and PRE PRIMARY students and is a delightful way to enjoy their progress and love of dance, as well as giving us the opportunity to see their response to being on stage before the concert!

- DATE: SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019
- VENUE: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood
- CONTACT PHONE ON THE DAY: RBG Mobile - 0436 007 771

All students must be brought to their dressing areas via the stage door. Student Assistant helpers need to be there for the rehearsal and the evening performances. The Kinder and Pre Primary classes will meet in the dressing rooms– KINDER IN DRESSING ROOM 1 AND PRE PRIMARY IN DRESSING ROOM 2. They will then ALL be brought onto the stage for their practice. NO belongings can be left in the dressing rooms as the rest of the school will be occupying them before the pre school programme is finished.

THIS PROCEDURE WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE.

- NO PARENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAY BACKSTAGE ONCE THEIR CHILD HAS BEEN HANDED TO A STAFF MEMBER
 - NO FOOD OR DRINK IS PERMITTED IN THE AUDITORIUM
 - THE REHEARSAL IS AT THE THEATRE NOT AT THE STUDIOS

Please note all ballet and tap shoes must have a name in them, they change their shoes side stage.

REHEARSAL ON STAGE

9.00 am All teachers and crew to set up and prepare. ALSO THE STUDENT ASSISTANTS ROSTERED ON TO HELP IN THE DRESSING ROOMS WITH THESE LEVELS

9.15 am LATEST ARRIVAL TIME FOR ALL KINDER and PRE PRIMARY children
9.30-10.30 PRE SCHOOL Programme rehearsal -finishing with the senior classical item.
KINDER and PRE PRIMARY children do CLASSICAL first then TAP.

Children should attend the rehearsal in old uniform or something easy to move in, so that uniform items are clean and ready for the evening performance.

Parents may wait for their child by sitting quietly in the auditorium –
NO FOOD OR DRINK OR PRAMS OR PUSHERS ARE PERMITTED. Siblings must kept sitting still and quiet. If this is not possible you will have to leave the auditorium and wait outside as it is a distraction to the children on stage.

PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019 - 4.30 P.M.

3.30 P.M. Staff, Committee Helpers. Student Assistants for Kinder and Pre Primary to arrive.
3.45 PM: Kinder, Pre Primary children to arrive at the latest 3.45 pm with hair groomed in a bun if possible.
4.30-5.30 (approx) - Performance. All children will remain near the side stage area with a staff member in charge. PRE PRIMARY ON OP SIDE AND KINDER 2 ON P SIDE

Their programme will conclude with a performance by some of our senior students and then all the children will be brought on stage to be presented individually to you and to receive their reports and certificates

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE:

Families need to make their way to the door at the back of the Theatre where their child/children will be released to them

NO CHILD MAY BE COLLECTED BEFORE THIS OR AT ANY OTHER MEETING POINT

Parents with students in BOTH performances will also have to leave the auditorium between the performances

Please use a pale blue ribbon or other simple hair accessory to decorate the hair. Pre Primary students should be wearing their pale blue class leotard and pink ballet tights. Kinder children may wear whatever they like. Tights take the place of underwear and no extra “undies” are necessary. NO crossovers will be worn on stage.
Go directly to the allocated Dressing Room to get ready and wait until a staff member fetches the children. Kinder Ballet and Tap shoes MUST be named to avoid chaos backstage when they change shoes. All tap shoes must come to the side stage area with the child and will be placed in allocated spots.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2019
REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

ALL LEVELS 1-6 AND RAD 6P-8 AND ALL SENIORS PLUS ALL LEVELS OF JAZZ, TAP CONTEMPORARY AND CHARACTER

- **DATE: SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019**
- **VENUE: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood**
- **CONTACT PHONE ON THE DAY: RBG Mobile - 0436 007 771**

All students must be brought to their dressing areas via the stage door. Rostered on helpers need to be there for the rehearsal and the evening performances.

- **NO PARENTS WILL BE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE EXCEPT THOSE ROSTERED ON**
 - **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS PERMITTED IN THE AUDITORIUM**
 - **THE REHEARSAL IS AT THE THEATRE NOT AT THE STUDIOS**
- **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FOR CLASSICAL LEVELS 1-3-5 WILL BE THROUGH THE FOYER DOOR FOR REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE**
- **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FOR CLASSICAL LEVELS 2-4-6 AND ABOVE WILL BE THROUGH STAGE DOOR**

9.00 am All teachers and crew to set up and prepare. SENIOR ITEM arrive for placing of dance
9.30-10.30 PRE SCHOOL Programme The programme finishes with the senior item at end of this rehearsal

9.30 am Latest arrival time for all ROSTERED ON HELPERS FOR LEVEL 1 AND HIGHER LEVELS
10.15am LATEST arrival time for ALL classical students – go directly to allocated dressing room
10.45am ALL students who only do Jazz and Tap to arrive
10.30-1.00 (approx.) Run through of 2ND PART of the programme

ALL students MUST be punctual and ready to begin rehearsing at the stipulated time – THIS IS NOT THEIR ARRIVAL TIME! They need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to rehearsal to find their place backstage and get changed.

All students MUST be collected by 1.15 pm – the teaching staff and committee are not child minders!

Children should attend the rehearsal in old uniform or something easy to move in, so that uniform items are clean and ready for the evening performance. We suggest a drink and light snack be sent with those in attendance for several hours

PERFORMANCE – LEVEL 1 TO SENIORS
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019
AT THE KARRALYKA THEATRE
MAIN SHOW COMMENCES AT 6.00 P.M.

3.30 - All dressing room helpers for PRE SCHOOL SHOW to arrive
3.45 at the LATEST - All children in Pre school show to arrive and the dancers in the Senior item
4.30 P.M. - ALL DRESSING ROOM HELPERS FOR LEVEL 1 AND ABOVE LEVELS TO ARRIVE
5.00 P.M.: All students to arrive and go directly to allocated changing areas
(Pre School show begins at 4.30 to approx 5.30)
PERFORMANCE: starts at 6.00 p.m. and ends approx. 8.15 p.m.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE:

Please collect your child/children promptly from the stage door OR foyer door. (Levels 1-3-5 through foyer door, and Levels 2-4-6 and above through stage door)

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: correct colour leotard for classical level, Cobalt blue for jazz and tap with jazz shorts and tap skirts: pink ballet tights and Jazz/Tap tan tights must be worn. Classical students will have been told in class about skirts for classical. If any student borrows anything from RBG it MUST be left with us at the end of the performance – from skirts to hair ribbons as we are not a charity. Students MUST keep all their items neatly together in a bag and have all items NAMED!

In order for the programme to run smoothly and effectively it has to be run with great precision so we ask that you follow all the rules and read all the information or ask questions if you are still unsure! Then sit back and enjoy!

Ringwood Ballet Group

2019 Disco



Come and join us on Saturday 17th August for the RBG 2019 Disco. All students from Junior, Middle and Senior school are invited to attend and you are welcome to bring a friend!

Date: Saturday 17th August

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: RBG Studios

Price: \$15 per head (all inclusive)

Includes: Drinks, 1 slice pizza, donut, and glow sticks (Extra slices of pizza available for \$3 each)

Pre-booking and payment is essential to allow for accurate catering of the event, and no money will be needed on the night.

Flyers with a return slip are available at the office, please return with payment of \$15 per attendee to the office by Wednesday 14th August 2019.

Afternoon Tea

To celebrate Mrs. Frost's 25 years as Artistic Director of the
Ringwood Ballet Group.

WHAT: Afternoon Tea, nibbles, tea, coffee and a limited tab on the bar.

COST: Adults \$25, Children 12 and under \$15 (under 3 free).

WHEN: Sunday 25th August 2 - 5pm

WHERE: Ringwood RSL, 16 Station Street Ringwood

RSVP: 11th August email office@ringwoodballet.org.au or contact

Carolyn Callanan on 0413 306 386 with numbers and payment.

Payment to be made direct to BSB: 633 000 AC. No.153306022 with
surname as reference.

Children welcome.



OUR SPONSORS



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

AUGUST 2019

Sunday 4th - Exam session ends
Saturday 10th - Senior Ballet Audition
Saturday 17th – Disco
Sunday 25th – 25th Anniversary Afternoon Tea

SEPTEMBER 2019

Saturday 7th – Presentation Evening
Saturday 21st - End of term 3
Saturday 21st to 29th - SDF Competitions

OCTOBER 2019

Monday 7th - Start of Term 4
Sunday 13th - SFD Choreographic Comps

NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday 2nd - Regular classes
Monday 4th - NO CLASSES (due to poor attendance in previous years)
Tuesday 5th - Cup Day - NO CLASSES
Sunday 10th - Concert Tickets go on Sale
Saturday 16th - Last Saturday of Normal Classes
Sunday 17th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Friday 22nd - Last day of 'normal' classes
Saturday 23rd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 24th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 25th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 27th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 30th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday 1st - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 2nd - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 4th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 7th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 8th** - Full Dress Rehearsal (Community Centre) COMPULSORY
Monday 9th - Final Senior Open Class and Theatre Bump-in
Tuesday 10th** - Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre COMPULSORY
Wednesday 11th** - Senior Ballet/Contemporary/Character FULL DRESS REHEARSAL Karralyka COMPULSORY
Thursday 12th - 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)
Thursday 12th - 7pm Performance (Blue Cast)
Friday 13th - 7pm Performance (Red Cast)
Saturday 14th - 12.30pm Performance (Blue Cast)
Saturday 14th - 7pm Performance (Red Cast) and End of Term 4
** These rehearsals are compulsory