



TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2017

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Mrs Frost's Message:



Well here we are well into term 3, exams are just finished and we are settling in to our renovated premises!

Over the busy holiday period we spent 6 days at the SFD comps with our beautiful students and I congratulate all of them on their achievements. 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.

Exam prep followed and we saw the students gaining in confidence and form over each day. Once again thank you to those who volunteered their time to help out and provide delicious lunches etc. I even squeezed in a full P.D. day

revising the RAD Higher Grades on my one "day off"!

At this time we also returned to our studios – a stressful and extremely exhausting operation. Despite many issues that we are gradually working through it is great to be back in a fresh new environment. Many of you volunteered your time and expertise to enable such a quick return and your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Despite a disastrous start to last Sunday, exams have run smoothly and the candidates have mostly come out feeling happy with their exam. I do want to add a special thank you to the families and children and of course the staff, when we were locked out for nearly 2 hours before exams – your support and patience was fantastic.

I must also congratulate the 27 seniors who completed RAD Vocational exams in May and received excellent exam results!

Now we prepare for Presentation Evening on 9th September – forms and information has gone out via caremonkey and there is also a copy included in this newsletter. We need permission slips back as soon as possible in order to prepare the programme successfully. This is a great way for our families to see how our curriculum develops through the many levels and styles.

Seniors have also been working towards auditions for Raymonda and a cast list will soon be available. Rehearsals will begin immediately after this as there are so many wonderful dances in this ballet. Watch out for slight timetable changes (especially senior classes) to accommodate these rehearsals.

We also say farewell to Mr Chris as he moves into a new phase of his life as a father and training for the police force. He will be sorely missed by all of us and we wish him and his wife Stephanie with their new baby all the very best for the future. We welcome Courtney Mantarro and William Douglas in his place.

Concert notices and permission slips will soon be available via caremonkey and at the studio so do watch out for them as we cannot begin rehearsals until we have exact numbers. Many costumes will also begin appearing for fitting so that we can plan what new costumes are required.

Regards - Mrs Frost



SOUTHERN FEDERATION OF DANCE COMPETITIONS

We congratulate all our competitors for representing RBG so well throughout the week of comps!

Abigail Bouchier-Jafari – Charlotte Callanan – Emma Callanan- Sydney Callanan – Holly Deray – Holly Eckley – Rose England - Sean Ferenczi – Mia Harrington – Olivia Hewitson - Charli Kilworth – Eloise Lamb – Katie Little-Hales – Stephanie Little-Hales – Renee Liu – Katie Lowry – Kim Luu – Chelsea May – Jorja McKee – Phoebe McNamara – Katherine Mende – Juliette Mende – Tahlia Oldmeadow – Brielle Smith – Charise Smith – Hayley Snowball – Emily Standfield – Charlotte Stuart – Amelia Suidgeest – Maya Suidgeest – Keisha Suunderland – Christina Susilo- Elizabeth Susilo – Isabel Tatterson – Ainsley Thomson – Amy Wallace – Chloe Wallace – Millie Wood.

PLACE GETTERS

SCHOLARSHIPS:

MAJOR JAZZ:

Emily Standfield (1st)

JUNIOR CLASSICAL:

Juliette Mende (1st)

Keisha Sunderland (2nd)

MAJOR CLASSICAL:

Stephanie Little-Hales (1st)

Katie Little-Hales (2nd)

Emily Standfield (3rd)

Chelsea May (HM)

3RD PLACE:

Amy Wallace - Classical

Chelsea May - Classical

Maya Suidgeest - Classical

Charlise Smith - Jazz

Olivia Hewitson - Jazz

Amy Wallace - Neo classical

Maya Suidgeest/Olivia Hewitson - Lyrical duo

Olivia Hewitson - Lyrical

Chelsea May - Lyrical

Abigail Bouchier-Jafari - Demi C

Eloise Lamb - Demi character

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Hayley Snowball - Classical

Charli Kilworth - Lyrical

Juliette Mende - Tap

Emma Callanan - Demi character

Keisha Sunderland - Demi character

1ST PLACE:

Holly Eckley - Classical

Keisha Sunderland - Classical

Emily Standfield - Classical

Emily Standfield - Jazz

Steph & Katie Little-Hales – Neo duo

Juliette Mende - Neo classical

Stephanie Little-Hales - Neo classical

Ainsley Thomson - Lyrical

Keisha Sunderland - Lyrical

Maya Suidgeest/Olivia Hewitson -

Demi Character duo

Chelsea May - Demi character

Stephanie Little-Hales - Demi

character

Emily Standfield - Demi character

HONOURABLE MENTIONS (HMS):

Christina Susilo - Classical

Katie Little-Hales - Classical

Mia Harrington - Classical

Charli Kilworth - Classical

Sean Ferenczi- Classical

Charlotte Callanan - Jazz

Abigail Bouchier-Jafari - Jazz

Amelia Suidgeest - Jazz

Chelsea May - Jazz

Christina/Elizabeth Susilo - Neo duo

Katherine/Abigail/Charlotte - Neo trio

Brielle Smith- Neo

Elizabeth Susilo - Neo

Christina Susilo - Neo

Eloise Lamb - Neo

Sydney Callanan - Lyrical

Jorja McKee- Lyrical

Charlotte Stuart - Lyrical

Isabel Tatterson - Lyrical

Maya Suidgeest - Lyrical

Mia Harrington - Tap

Katherine Mende - Tap

Emily Standfield - Tap

Sydney Callanan - Demi character

Katie Little-Hales - Demi character

Hayley Snowball - Demi character

Katie Lowry - Contemporary

2ND PLACE:

Ainsley Thomson - Classical

Stephanie Little-Hales - Classical

Millie Wood - Classical

Juliette Mende - Classical

Olivia Hewitson - Classical

Katie Lowry - Jazz

Holly Eckley/Amy Wallace - Neo duo

Katie Little-Hales - Neo classical

Emily Standfield - Lyrical

Juliette Mende - Demi character

Amy Wallace - Demi character

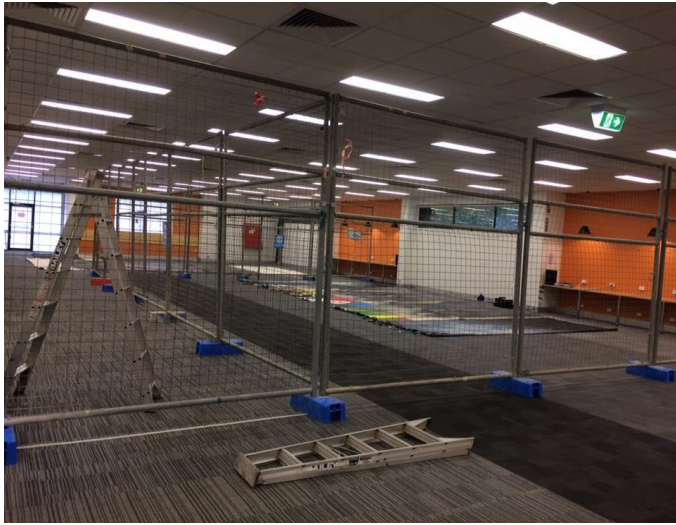
Ainsley Thomson - Demi character

Charlotte Callanan - Neo classical



MOVING DAY – THANK YOU'S!

A very big thank you to the many families and students that helped us move out of the Old Ringwood Library and back into our studios at the end of Term 2. It was a massive job and I can't believe we managed to do it all over the 2 days. So once again thank you. For all those families that assisted during this time, and in any other way over the first half of the year, your working bee levy will be reimbursed in your Term 4 fees.



The renovated studios were also officially opened by Maroondah City Council and MP Michael Sukkar, over the school holidays. Council and the builders are still finalising a few jobs and working through a few issues at our studios, but we are getting there and hope to have everything finished soon.



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 have currently raised \$2300 in profit from this fundraising so a very big thank you. All monies raised will be going towards the purchase of shelving/cabinetry for our redeveloped studios. If you still have not returned your Cadbury money could you please do so ASAP.

Term 3 – FAMILY MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Our next fundraiser for Term 3 is a Family Movie Fundraiser on Sunday 17th September, so please save the date! The Movie will be Beauty and the Beast. Information has been emailed to all families and is on display at the studios.

CONCERT TOPS

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 26th August. A size chart and copy of the logo is available to view at the studios

COMMUNITY GRANT – MATINEE PERFORMANCE OF 'RAYMONDA'

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 2017 Ballet Production 'Raymonda' at our Thursday matinee session. As you would be aware, 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.

Leader Local Grants –Ringwood Ballet – 'Everyone Belongs Through Active Dance'

The Ringwood Ballet Group has also recently applied for and been selected as one of the 10 finalists for the Maroondah Leader Local Grants. We have applied for a grant to update and modernise some of our equipment, such as our sound system, flooring and barres. Now we need you help to vote for our idea.

The idea with the most amount of votes wins a \$1000 grant. Voting opened on Monday July 31 and finishes on Friday August 18. Please spread the word within the community and get people voting for our idea.

Link is www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au

COMMITTEE POSITION VACANT

Unfortunately 2 of our committee members have had to step down recently, so we are now down to 7! This is not a lot of people to run the administrative side of the school which has over 240 students and families. If you think you would be able to offer some time and get involved please contact Carolyn Callanan on president@ringwoodballet.org.au or catch me at the office sometime to discuss what is involved.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual Presentation Night is coming up on Saturday 9th September. Tickets go on sale on Monday 21st August and are handled through the Karralyka, you can access them on line with this link <http://www.karralyka.com.au/Theatre/Touring-andCommunity/Ringwood-Ballet-Presentation-Showcase-2017> or at the box office during the hours of 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Pre School programme price \$7.50 each (show time 4.30pm-5.30pm) Senior programme price \$14.00 each (show time 6.00pm-8.15pm)

If you wish to attend both programmes the cost is \$17.00, unfortunately when booking on line you will have to pay the full price as Karralyka do not have the facility to split the ticket prices, please email Cathy May on secretary@ringwoodballet.org.au and advise what you have purchase and a reimbursement of \$4.50 per ticket will be made.

Further information about the night is detailed in the newsletter. Please note that in order for the night to go ahead we do need parent helpers to assist the students back stage, which unfortunately means that these parents will not be able to watch the night. If you are able to assist please put your name on the google document using this link <http://bit.ly/2tU6HYe>

***Please remember any assistance provided at the working bees or during exam time, goes towards your 4 hours of assistance at the ballet school, and families will be reimbursed their Working Bee Levy the following term, once assistance has been provided

PRE - JUNIOR PRESENTATION EVENING 2017

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 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017
- **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

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 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017 - 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 2017

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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

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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**

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 PRIMARY AND HIGHER LEVELS
10.15 LATEST arrival time for ALL classical students – go directly to allocated dressing room
10.45 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 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017
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

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!

Important Dates 2017

August

- Sunday 6th - Exam session ends
- Saturday 12th - Senior Ballet Audition

September

- Saturday 9th - Presentation day/night
- Saturday 23rd - End of term 3
- Saturday 23rd - SDF Competitions

October

- Monday 9th - Start of Term 4
- Sunday 15th - SFD Choreographic Comps

November

- Tuesday 7th - Cup Day - NO CLASSES
- Sunday 12th - Concert Tickets go on Sale
- Saturday 18th - Last Saturday of Normal Classes
- Sunday 19th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Friday 24th - Last day of 'normal' classes
- Saturday 25th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Sunday 26th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Monday 27th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Wednesday 29th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

December

- Saturday 2nd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Sunday 3rd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Monday 4th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Wednesday 6th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Saturday 9th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Sunday 10th** - Full Dress Rehearsal (Community Centre) **
- Monday 11th - Final Senior Open Class and Theatre Bump-in
- Tuesday 12th** - Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre **
- Wednesday 13th** - Senior Ballet/Contemporary/Character Full Dress Rehearsal at Karralyka**
- Thursday 14th - 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)
- Thursday 14th - 7pm Performance (Blue Cast)
- Friday 15th - 7pm Performance (Red Cast)
- Saturday 16th - 12.30pm Performance (Blue Cast)
- Saturday 16th - 7pm Performance (Red Cast) and End of Term 4

** These rehearsals are compulsory



Save the date - Family Movie Fundraiser

Raising funds for:  Ringwood Ballet Group	Sunday 17 September	4.00 pm screening
Ticket \$15 (including small drink + lolly bag)		Raffle and cupcakes stall
@ Reading Cinemas		Chirnside Park

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