

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Students,

A warm welcome back to the Cameron Ballet Academy and especially to all the new students and their families who are joining us this year.

Our Mission

The Tutors at Cameron Ballet Academy aim to teach in a positive and caring manner and assist each student to reach their full potential. Above all, we aim to inspire a love and appreciation of Dance.

The 2012 Team at CBA:

Chrissy Cameron ARAD RTS

Jill Arkley ARAD RTS

Laura Watkin B.Dance RTS

Elizabeth Marler

Emma Putnam

Megan Quatermass Dip Mus, Dip Performing Arts LTCL

Gloria Witheford

Kath Dowd

Jenny Edwards

CBA Principal

Junior School Director

Classical/Contemporary Tutor

Competition Teacher

Classical/Contemporary Tutor

Pianist

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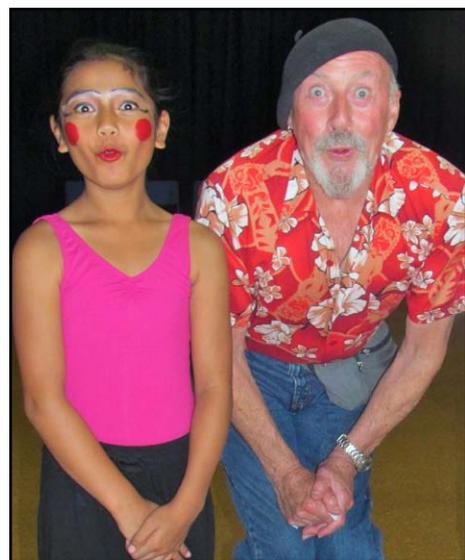
Administrator

Parent Helper

RAD International Summer School

This exciting event took place in January this year and CBA student Rawinia Tamihere was lucky enough to travel to Wellington to attend. Rawinia had a fabulous time and writes:

In January I was lucky enough to attend the International Summer Ballet School in Wellington. I was really nervous at the start but by the last day I was sad to go. The girls came from all around NZ plus some from Australia and London.



Rawinia Tamihere with Sir Jon Trimmer at the RAD International Summer School

We spent 6 days at the school learning ballet, contemporary, creative dance, hip hop, musical theatre mime and makeup. Here's a little bit about some of my teachers;

Sir John Trimmer taught us mime and he also gave us makeup lessons every day. I thought we were so lucky to have him teach us, plus he was really funny.

Tomoko Furuya Hristov was our ballet teacher from London. We did our Grade 5 ballet class with her, she was amazing.

Tanemahuta Grey was our contemporary and creative dance teacher. I loved this class. I was lucky to get to spend some extra time with him where he spent time working with me on a dance which combined ballet, contemporary and kapa haka, it was awesome!

We also had a trip to the RNZ Ballet and St James Theatre and we were able to watch some of the RNZB dancers rehearsing. On the last day was the prizegiving and as a special surprise Luke Rittner the RAD CEO from London was there to present our certificates. He's the one who's name is signed on the bottom of our ballet exam certificates!

If anyone gets the chance to go, it is an amazing opportunity you will love it for sure.

Rawinia Tamihere

Grade 5

DVDs available

We still have a small number of DVDs available from last year's show. If you would like to order a copy please email the office at admin@cameronballet.co.nz. DVDs are \$25.00

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Internet payments

For those who prefer to pay fees via internet banking, please note the CBA bank account is: **06-0185-0367510-00**. Please remember to put the students name and grade as a reference eg *M.Brown / Grade 1*. Thank you.

Second Hand Dancewear:

If you would like to sell an item that no longer fits your child, we do have a second hand register based at the Hobsonville Community Hall. If you would like to list any items in the book please remember to provide the following details:

Contact name

Description of the item eg *Dansoft ballet shoes size 1B*

Condition eg *as new, good, reasonable etc*

Selling price

Contact phone number and/or email

Once the item has sold please locate your listing in the register and mark it as SOLD.

Homework Notebooks:

All students Pre-Primary – Grade 5 should bring a small notebook to each class so that exercises/steps may be written inside for home practise. Students in Grades 2-5 should also bring their own pencil to class. For the younger grades (Tiny Tutus - Grade 3) parents are often invited into the final minutes of class so that parents gain an understanding of what students are working on, and assist them with their home practise.

Hobsonville Community Hall

We are grateful to the Hobsonville Hall Society for their continued support of Cameron Ballet Academy. The hall floor is a wonderful surface for our young dancers and we are delighted to announce we have recently had approval for mirrors to be installed in the coming weeks. Please help us to keep the hall looking at its best by adhering to a few housekeeping rules:

- In the interests of child safety please remember to enter through the back entrance to the kitchen area rather than through the entrance closest to the main road.
- Please do not leave children unattended in the carpark area.
- Please ensure that students do not consume any food in the studio areas.
- Students may bring drink bottles into the studio containing only water (please no sugary drinks)
- No children are permitted on the stage area at any time.
- Please keep the door leading to the stage area closed at all times.
- All rubbish (particularly foods that decompose) must be taken home for disposal.
- Please alert a CBA team member if you notice the toilet paper has run out in any of the bathrooms.
- The paper towels must be disposed of in the plastic bins provided. Please do not flush these down the toilet as it will cause a blockage.
- Please do not place chairs against the walls as this may cause damage to the new paintwork.
- No smoking inside or outside at the Hobsonville Community Hall
- It would be appreciated if parents of the final class of the day could kindly assist with stacking the chairs away in the waiting room – thank you!

Website:

Please check the website for calendar updates and up to date timetable information.

Happy Dancing! From the Team at CBA

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