

# Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Term 1 - 2012 - Newsletter 2

## Dear Parents/Students,

We are delighted to see the students are all settling into their classes and making good progress.

## Parents Watching Week

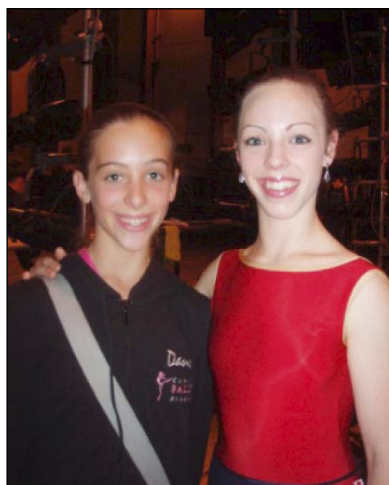
We warmly invite parents to view classes during the final week of Term 1, from Friday 30th March – Thursday 5th April inclusive.

## Dates to Diary:

Fri 30th Mar – Thu 5th Apr	Parents Watching Week
Monday 23rd April	Term 2 commences
Wednesday 25th April	Anzac Day, NO CLASSES
Fri 1st – Mon 4th Jun	Queen's Birthday weekend, NO CLASSES
Saturday 23rd June	Cushion Concert
Saturday 30th June	Term 2 concludes
Monday 16th July	Term 3 commences
Saturday 22nd September	Term 3 concludes
Sun 23rd – Thu 27th Sept	CBA Grades Exam Seminar
Fri 28th – Sun 30th Sept	CBA Grades Examinations

## RNZB Mentor Programme 2012:

Each year, a handful of students are selected to be mentored by RNZB Company members. We have been very lucky that two of our students are among the seven chosen this year. Libby-Rose Niederer is being mentored by Bronte Kelly and Madison Fotti-Knowles is being mentored by Emma White. Over the coming months both the girls will get to experience Company life including a trip to Wellington to visit the RNZB's studios.



Libby Rose with Bronte Kelly



Madison with Emma White

Madison writes: What a thrill it was to be chosen for the RNZB Mentor Programme! We met our mentors briefly on Saturday the 3rd March and I can't wait to email my mentor, Emma White. I hope to learn from her stories and how she got to where she is today. It will be very exciting to go down to Wellington in October to the RNZB headquarters.

Libby-Rose writes: I feel very lucky to have been accepted into the RNZB mentor programme this year. My mentor is Bronte Kelly and I got to meet her recently in Auckland before the NYC show that she was performing in. I'm waiting for Bronte to get back to Wellington and email me with the

answers to some of the questions I asked her about being a professional dancer with the RNZB Company. It is a great opportunity to be able to meet with her when she comes to Auckland for shows and I'm excited to be going to Wellington in October for a visit to the RNZB studios.

Well done to both Madison and Libby-Rose on their acceptance into the Mentor programme - we wish them both well and look forward to hearing more about their experiences!

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## Other Student News:

Kate Olsen is an Intermediate student at CBA and has been putting her ballet skills to good use in the wider community which is lovely to see.



Well done Kate, you make a beautiful teacher!

## Kate writes:

*I was recently asked to organise and run a pink ballerina party. Seven 5 year old girls who were very excited to meet a real ballerina arrived in their pink dresses ready to do some dancing. We did their makeup, nails and put their hair in a bun. After I did a dance for them in my tutu and pointe shoes I then taught them a few steps on the barre and in the centre. We finished with a little dance with lots of twirls and spring points. We played pink pass the parcel, pin the tutu on the ballerina and had a treasure hunt for pink lollies. All the little girls went home happy and I really enjoyed the experience*

*By Kate Olsen*

## Grades Exam Seminar 2012:

All students from Pre-Primary to Grade 6 wishing to sit an Examination or Presentation in September this year will be required to attend a seminar just prior to the Examination session. Students will be required to attend additional classes during this week, not necessarily at the same times as during term.

The seminar week has been set so please make a note of the following dates:

Sunday 23rd September – Thursday 27th September inclusive.

Please note the dates of CBA's Examination session for grades students:

Friday 28th September, Saturday 29th September and Sunday 30th September.

## Make up Classes:

It is encouraging to see so many students from Beginners Ballet through to Grade 3 making up classes if they have been absent from their usual lesson.

If a class was missed and you are able to make arrangements to attend another day, you are warmly welcome to do so. It is not necessary to attend the make up class in the same week, but it must be taken within the same term.

## Second Hand Clothing System:

There is a "Second Hand Register" located at the Community Hall, where pre-loved dancewear can be listed for sale. Buyers will be able to contact the seller directly. The register sits on the fridge under our noticeboard displayed so please feel free to list your second hand items.

## Cushion Concert - Saturday 23rd June, 3.30pm

Please diary the date for our annual mid-year Cushion Concert which is a favourite on the CBA calendar. More details will follow in Term 2.

## Character skirts:

The new look skirts are beautiful and do complement the students with their various leotard colours. It is not essential to have existing skirts re-ribboned immediately, but all students wishing to sit an exam this year (Grade 6 excluded) must have the new ribbons on their skirts by the end of August. Please contact Tania deMontalk-Allen who is kindly offering her services to make new skirts and re-ribbon existing ones. Tania's email address is: [tdemontalk-allen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tdemontalk-allen@xtra.co.nz)

Happy Dancing Everyone! From the Team at CBA