

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Term 2 - 2012 - Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome back to Term 2 and a very warm welcome to all the new students who have just joined CBA. Everyone seems very enthusiastic about all the up coming events. Now that the cooler temperatures are here we would kindly ask students to wear warm, close-fitting clothing in class. Teachers need to correct body alignment, therefore sweatshirts and baggy pants are not allowed during class time. Students should wear a close fitting cross-over cardigan if needed for extra warmth. And students attending the evening classes should be dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures and have extra clothing to put on when departing.

Dates to Diary:

Queen's Birthday Weekend:	Fri 1st/Sat 2nd/Mon 4th June - NO CLASSES
Cushion Concert:	Saturday 30th June
Grades Exam entries in by:	Saturday 30th June
Last Day of Term 2:	Saturday 30th June
First Day of Term 3	Monday 16th July
Grades Seminar	Sunday 30th Sept – Wednesday 3rd October
RAD Exams	Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th October (note change)

NAMING CLOTHING:

Please could students ensure they have their uniform items clearly named, crossovers in particular, as these are often discarded during class and get left behind. Thank you!

COMING SOON! CBA TRACKSUITS:

CBA velvet tracksuits will be available for purchase very soon! The tracksuit is sporting our stunning new CBA logo. More details will be available on the website soon.

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

MAKE-UP CLASSES:

Please remember that if a student misses a class, they may make-up their class on a different day (Pre-School to Grade 3 level). This is particularly important for those working towards a Presentation or Examination.

STUDENT NEWS:

We would like to congratulate all our competition students who have been representing Cameron Ballet Academy to the highest standard over the school holidays and are all enjoying great success. Of special mention is Cadence Barrack who, at the Rotorua Comps, won the Intermediate Ballet scholarship with the highest aggregate of points for 11 year old competitors. Libby-Rose Niederer competed in the Palmerston North Comps and placed 1st in all six ballet sections for her age group which took her on to win the Senior Ballet Championship. Wonderful achievements, well done!

GOOD LUCK LAUREN

We would like to wish NZ Olympic Swimmer Lauren Boyle all the very best in her quest for a medal at the London Games. Lauren has been having weekly private ballet lessons with Mrs Cameron this year to improve her postural alignment in the water which in turn we hope will help her swim faster! She has fitted her ballet into an already rigorous schedule, training in and out of the water to achieve peak condition. It is a reminder that with a concerted effort and the will to succeed, great things are possible. Good luck Lauren!

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Please note that there will be NO classes over Queen's Birthday Weekend, on Friday 1st June, Saturday 2nd June or Monday 4th June. Junior students who have another class option are welcome to attend a make up class before or after the holiday weekend.

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CUSHION CONCERT

Date: Saturday 30th June 2012

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Hobsonville Primary School hall

We warmly welcome parents and friends to attend this (approximately) 40 minute demonstration of students performing selected studies from the RAD syllabus. Students dancing are required to arrive at Hobsonville Primary School Hall by 3.15pm in exam attire and hair neatly in a bun. Please bring a plate of finger food (drinks provided) so that we may have a shared afternoon tea at the conclusion of the cushion concert.

GRADED/VOCATIONAL BALLET EXAMINATIONS & PRESENTATIONS 2012:

Examinations through the Royal Academy of Dance (for Grades 1-8 and optional for Intermediate Foundation-Intermediate students) and Presentations (for Pre-Primary and Primary students) enable students to work towards a goal through their Ballet classes and receive achievement and recognition for their hard work.

Our Grades Examination dates have changed. Please note the dates are now:

Thursday 4th October to Sunday 7th October 2012 (inclusive).

Entry forms will be distributed in the coming weeks. It is important to read through all the following Examination/Presentation information carefully. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries. If your child is unable to participate in the exam session please let us know as soon as possible as candidate groupings will need to be arranged. Entry forms and the examination/presentation entry fee will need to be returned to us on or before **Saturday 30th June 2012.**

Before entering, please be aware of the following:

- Students are entered into the RAD Examinations in groups and it is therefore essential that every member of the group understands their obligation to attend classes regularly.

For your information, below are the Examination and Presentation entry fees, as set by the Royal Academy of Dance, for 2012. These fees are collected by Cameron Ballet Academy and paid as one lump sum to the Royal Academy of Dance. The Second Child discount applies to younger siblings eg Mary is entering the Grade 4 exam and so pays the 1st Child fee, her brother Tom is in Grade 2 and is eligible for the 2nd Child discounted fee.

Presentations:	1st Child	2nd Child
Pre-Primary	\$43.00	\$37.00
Primary	\$47.00	\$40.00

Examinations:	1st Child	2nd Child
Grade 1	\$69.00	\$52.00
Grade 2	\$82.00	\$62.00
Grade 3	\$93.00	\$70.00
Grade 4	\$102.00	\$77.00
Grade 5	\$111.00	N/A
Grade 6	\$118.00	N/A
Intermediate Foundation	\$178.00	N/A
Intermediate	\$189.00	N/A

REFUND POLICY

(as stated by the Royal Academy of Dance):

50% of any examination/presentation class fee will be refunded if a candidate is unable to take the examination due to illness and a Doctor's Certificate is made available to the RAD. No refunds will normally be made for withdrawal for any other reason.

OTHER EXAMINATION COSTS

Day Fee:

Pre-Primary/Primary	\$14.50	(30 min Presentation)
Grades 1, 2, 3	\$17.50	(40-45 min Examination)
Grades 4, 5, 6	\$19.50	(60 min Examination)
Vocational exam	\$19.50	(60+ min Examination)

The day fee contributes to the Pianist and hall hire costs:

Admin Fee: \$5.00 (Charged to the first sibling sitting a Grade exam.)

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Extra classes/ Holiday Seminar

Pre Primary	TWO extra classes in Term 3 PLUS TWO day exam seminar	\$50
Primary	TWO extra classes in Term 3 PLUS TWO day exam seminar	\$50
Grades 1 2-3	3 day Seminar	\$50
Grades 4, 5	4 day holiday Seminar	\$65
Grade 6	2 day seminar 2 additional classes during Term 3	\$70

Private/Shared Lessons:

Bookings are now being taken for students wishing to have a private lesson on their exam work. Private lessons are strictly limited due to teacher and hall availability so booking requests will be prioritised in the order they are received.

Private lesson	1 student	30 minutes	\$35.00
Shared lesson	2 students	30 minutes	\$17.50 ea
Group lesson	3 students	45 minutes	\$17.50 ea
Group lesson	4 students	45 minutes	\$14.00 ea

Please note that payment for any one-off private or shared lesson is to be put into a sealed and named envelope and handed to the teacher prior to the lesson commencing.

Wishing you all a happy term and keep up the good work!
Happy Dancing Everyone,
From the Team at CBA

GRADES EXAM SEMINAR 2012:

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

Sunday 30th September - Wednesday 3rd October inclusive.

Students from Pre-Primary to Grade 6 wishing to sit an Examination or Presentation in September this year will be required to attend this Seminar (which will take place after school) just prior to our Examination session. Students will be required to attend additional classes during this week, not necessarily at the same class times as during term.

A special Seminar timetable will be advised once RAD examination entries have been received and processed.



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