

# Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Term 1 - 2013 - Newsletter 1

## Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome to Cameron Ballet Academy! A special welcome to all the new students and their families joining the school this year, we hope your time with us is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. And to our existing students and families, we look forward to another year of exciting achievements.

## The 2013 Team at CBA:

Chrissy Cameron ARAD Dip NZSD	Director/Tutor
Jill Arkley ARAD RTS	Tutor
Laura Watkin ARAD Bdance	Tutor
Elizabeth Marler	Tutor
Bernadette Tippett	Tutor
Megan Quatermass Dip Mus, Dip Performing Arts LTCL	Pianist
Gloria Witheford	Pianist
Kath Dowd	Administrator

## Term Dates to Diary:

There are 4 terms to the CBA calendar

Term 1: Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> April	(no classes Easter Weekend Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr inclusive)
Term 2: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> July	(no classes Queen's Birthday weekend Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun inclusive)
Term 3: Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul – Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
Term 4: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	(no classes Labour Weekend Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct inclusive)

## RAD Grades Exam Dates for CBA:

Pre-Primary – Grade 7                      Wed 2nd – Sat 5th Oct                      Closing Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July

## RAD Vocational Exam Sessions in Auckland:

Inter Foundation – Advanced 2:	20th – 29th May	Closing Date: 9th March
	10th – 29th Aug	Closing Date: 18th May
Inter Found & Intermediate	2nd – 5th Oct	Closing Date: 13th July

## Parents Watching Week:

We warmly invite parents to watch class on the final week of each term. Parents are welcome to bring family members along during this week, but we ask for your cooperation that all young siblings are able to sit quietly so they don't disrupt the class.

## Fees:

For your information class fees are due in the first 2 weeks of each term upon receiving an invoice. It is possible to make part payments throughout the term, please just email us to set this up. Any payments handed to the teacher in class must be in a sealed envelope with your Child's name, Grade and relevant details of payment eg Term 1 fees, uniform etc.

Receipts will always be issued for cash payments.

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## Summer Schools

The summer holidays can be such a long time without dance for our budding ballerinas so it is well worth investigating what summer dance programs are on offer for those who miss dancing during the school holidays. A number of CBA students had a great deal of fun during the holidays attending various dance courses. We had students attend The Ngatea Summer School (where Libby-Rose Niederer won the Excellence award and Laura Crawford won most promising student), The Wellington Summer School, (where Bree Drummond won the Excellence award for the Intermediate level), The Auckland Academy of Dance Summer School, The McDonalds College Summer School (Sydney) and Ecole Ballet School (Sydney).

Two students were fortunate enough to attend seminars in Sydney and both had a wonderful experience.



Bronte Heath at the McDonalds College Summer School



Libby-Rose Niederer in front of the Sydney vista. Libby attended the Ecole Summer School in January

Below is a little bit of what CBA students had to say about their experiences:

### Laura Crawford writes:

*In January I attended the Wellington Dance Academy Summer School. They had inspirational teachers such as Nicole Ransley who was part of the Royal Ballet in England and the Bolshoi Ballet held in Russia, and Jane Turner, who was principal of the RNZB and now teaches at Westmere Pilates. Dance styles taught*

*included repertoire, jazz, classical, contemporary and R.A.D Syllabus, and for warm up we did.... ZUMBA!!! Which was absolutely hilarious but so much fun at the same time! It was a great experience and I recommend it for all ages.*



Cadence (left) and Bree (right) after class at the Wellington Summer School

### Bree Drummond writes:

*I loved all the classes and teachers at the Wellington Sumer School and meeting lots of new friends from all over NZ. We started off every day with Zumba, which at first I found odd as I wasn't used to moving my body that way, but I really liked it by the end. Each day we had Classical Open, Jazz, Classical Repertoire, Contemporary and RAD. My favourite class was Rep because we got to learn Princess Florentine from Sleeping Beauty and Princesses from Swan Lake and we got to dance both en pointe for our parents on the last day which was so much fun. I can't wait to return in 2014.*

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## Hobsonville Community Hall

We are grateful to the Hobsonville Hall Society for their continued support of Cameron Ballet Academy. Please help us to keep the hall looking respectable 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 the teacher 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 so as not to damage the 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!

Thank you for your cooperation of the above rules and regulations which are stated in our hall hire agreement.

## Grooming

CBA is committed to the traditions of classical ballet dance etiquette, beginning with a dancer's appearance. Students attending a classical ballet class must always wear the appropriate uniform with long hair fixed tidily back off the face (a ballet bun for girls). Hair that is done appropriately helps in the training of the spot head – often students whose hair is not properly dressed in a “ballet bun” have trouble developing the correct use of the head for turns.

## Uniform

Approved exam apparel may be purchased directly through CBA. Whilst we may not have your exact size at fitting time, we can order in and have your uniform requirements to you by the following week. For your information, these are the colour leotards for each grade:

Angelina Ballerina classes: Baby PINK

Primary – Grade 1: LILAC

Grades 2-3: NAVY BLUE

Grades 4-5: MULBERRY

Vocational/Contemporary: BLACK for exam. Any colour for class.

## Parent Queries

It is preferable that all queries are made in writing via email to [admin@cameronballetacademy.co.nz](mailto:admin@cameronballetacademy.co.nz). We will endeavour to respond to queries within 24 hours.

In the event of an emergency, please phone Chrissy on 021-042-1471.

If a student will be absent for any reason eg camp, sickness, etc, we do appreciate an email to let us know.

## Website:

The website is updated regularly, with Please check the website for calendar updates and up to date timetable information.

Happy Dancing! From the Team at CBA