

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Term 2 - 2013 - Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome back to Term 2 and a very warm welcome to all the new students who have just joined Cameron Ballet Academy. We hope you are refreshed and ready for an exciting term of dancing ahead!

Now that the cooler temperatures are upon us 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. Older students who opt to wear a wrap skirt for class may only do so if not preparing to sit an exam within the next 6 months. And students attending the evening classes should be dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures and have extra clothing to put on when departing. A reminder to all students that hair is to be dressed neatly in a bun please. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Queen's Birthday Weekend: | Fri 30th May /Sat 1st Jun/Mon 3rd Jun - NO CLASSES |
| Cushion Concert: | 6th July 2013 |
| Grades Exam entries in by: | Saturday 6th July |
| Last Day of Term 2: | Saturday 13th July |
| First Day of Term 3 | Monday 29h July |
| Grades Extra Exam Classes | Sunday 30th Sept – Wednesday 2nd October |
| RAD Exams | Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 6th October inclusive |

ALANA HAINES

AUSTRALASIAN AWARDS:

At Easter time we had five exceptionally talented students from CBA represent the studio at the AHA Awards in Wellington. All the girls danced beautifully and we would like to congratulate each one of them for representing CBA to the highest standard.

Of special mention was Cadence Barrack and Laura Crawford for making the semi finals in the Junior section (top 22 of 128) and Libby-Rose Niederer, who made the semi finals of the Supreme section (top 22 out of 189). Cadence has been offered a 1 week scholarship to the Australian Dance Performance Institute, Laura a 1 week scholarship to the Prudence Bowen Atelier Dance Academy in Queensland and Libby-Rose a 2 week scholarship to the Australian Dance Performance Institute.

Congratulations, we are very proud of you!

COMPETITION STUDENTS

We are very proud of all our competition students who have been representing CBA to the highest standard at local and nationwide competitions recently.

Well done to you all!

Our competition dancers currently in training are:

Ivy Barrack (G2), Azaria Eddy (G3), Jessica Blain (G4), Jade Davenport (G5), Hayley O'Brien (Inter Foundation), Haylee Guy, Cadence Barrack, Breana Drummond (Intermediate), Bianca Loo (Advanced Foundation), Laura Crawford, Libby-Rose Niederer (Advanced 1).



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Tu-tu Happy: Laura Crawford, 13, Cadence Barrack, 12, and Libby Rose Niederer, 14, win scholarships to dance academies in Australia.

Pas de trois in Australia

By KELLY DENNETT

Three ballerinas are all aflutter this week after earning scholarships to dance academies in Australia.

Hobsonville's Cameron School of Dance students Libby Rose Niederer, Laura Crawford and Cadence Barrack all competed solo dances at the Alana Haines Australasian Awards this month in Wellington.

The trio competed against more than 300 Australasian ballet dancers in the junior and supreme divisions with fewer than twenty

Kiwis coming away with international scholarships.

With thirty-years dancing experience between the three of them, the ballerinas say they were shocked to receive such substantial rewards.

"There was so many amazing 11-year-olds that we were up against in the junior division," 13-year-old Laura says.

"I was quite surprised because you don't know what the judges want, they're different every time."

Laura Cadence, 12, and Libby Rose, 14, will each spend up to 25

hours a week practising their craft, but that increased by an extra five hours closer to the competition, they say.

The girls will receive up to two weeks tuition from highly-respected dance schools Prudence Bowen Atelier and Australian Dance Performance in Queensland.

Dance school director Chrissy Cameron says she is very proud to have her pupils do so well.

"All three of them are fantastic to work with. To have three of my students doing so well is really amazing."



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GRADED/VOCATIONAL BALLET EXAMINATIONS & PRESENTATIONS 2013:

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: Wednesday 2nd October to Sunday 6th October 2013 (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 6th July 2013

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 |
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| Pre-primary | \$45 | \$39 |
| Primary | \$49 | \$42 |

| Examinations | 1st child | 2nd child |
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| Grade 1 | \$71 | \$54 |
| Grade 2 | \$84 | \$64 |
| Grade 3 | \$95 | \$73 |
| Grade 4 | \$104 | \$80 |
| Grade 5 | \$113 | N/A |
| Grade 7 | \$121 | N/A |
| Intermediate Foundation | \$180 | N/A |
| Intermediate | \$191 | 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 - \$16.50 (30 min Presentation)

Grades 1, 2, 3 - \$20.50 - (40-45 min Examination)

Grades 4, 5, 7 - \$25.50 - (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 Presentation/ Examination)

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GRADES ADDITIONAL EXAM CLASSES 2013:

Additional classes will be programmed during Term 3 (on selected Sundays) as well over the following dates just prior to our examination session: Saturday 28th September – Tuesday 1st October inclusive.

It is compulsory for all students wishing to sit an Examination or Presentation in October this year to attend this series of extra classes for full examination preparation.

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

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| Pre Primary | Four extra classes | \$50 |
| Primary | Four extra classes | \$50 |
| Grades 1-3 | Four extra classes | \$50 |
| Grades 4-5 | Three extra classes | \$50 |
| Grade 7 | Two additional classes | \$40 |

Private/Shared Lessons with Mrs Arkley:

Bookings are now being taken for students wishing to have a private lesson on their exam work.

Private lessons with Mrs Arkley are strictly limited due to hall availability so booking requests will be prioritised in the order they are received.

Cost is \$38 for 30 minutes (this may be shared between 1, 2 or 3 students)

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.

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!

CHARACTER SKIRTS:

Please contact Tania deMontalk-Allen who is kindly offering her services to make new skirts and re-ribbon existing ones.

Tania's email 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.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Please note that there will be NO classes over Queen's Birthday Weekend, on Friday 30th May, Saturday 1st June or Monday 3rd June. Junior students who have another class option are welcome to attend a make up class before or after the holiday weekend.

CUSHION CONCERT

Date: Saturday 6th July at 3.15pm

Venue: Hobsonville Primary School hall

We warmly welcome parents and friends to attend this (approximately) 45 minutes demonstration of students performing selected studies from the RAD syllabus. Students dancing are required to arrive at 3pm 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.

Wishing you all a happy term and keep up the good work!

Happy Dancing Everyone,

From the Team at CBA