

# Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter



A warm welcome to Cameron Ballet Academy, both to returning students and 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 dynamic manner and assist each student to reach their full potential. Above all, we aim to inspire a love and appreciation of Dance.

## The 2014 Teaching Team:

Chrissy Cameron ARAD RTS

Jill Arkley ARAD RTS

Laura Elliot.B.Dance RTS

Elizabeth Marler

Nicci Theis McEwan, former Principal, Scottish Ballet

Tonia Robertson ARAD Examiner

Bernadette Tippett

CBA Director

Classical Tutor

Classical/Contemporary Tutor

Classical /Competition Tutor

Classical Tutor

Classical Coaching

Classical/Competition Tutor

## 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.

## 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.

## Make-up classes:

*For junior students up to Grade 3.*

If a junior ballet student is absent from their usual class for any reason it is possible to do a “make-up” class by attending one of the other classes timetabled. Please attend your make up class within the same term as the absence.

## Private Coaching:

We are fortunate to have Ms Tonia Robertson, RAD Examiner and Nicci Theis McEwan, former Principal dancer (Scottish Ballet) available throughout the year to give private coaching to those who request a lesson. Regular as well as one off coaching is possible. Please contact [admin@cameronballet.co.nz](mailto:admin@cameronballet.co.nz) if you would like to be informed of dates Ms Robertson and Ms McEwan are available.

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## Grooming:

CBA is committed to the traditions of classical ballet 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.

## Second Hand Sale:

We had a great many items on display at the recent Second Hand Sale held on Enrolment Day. The unsold items have either been returned to their owners or are still in the cupboard at the Community Hall. Please enquire if you have not yet had your item(s) returned to you.

## Brand new Uniform:

This year Angela Davenport has kindly agreed to run a mobile shop on Saturday morning between 10am – 12noon at the Hobsonville Community Hall. Dancewear from the Dancer's Wardrobe will be available at this time for purchase, which will be situated outside the studio in the kitchen area.

## Character Skirts:

Character skirts are required for students in Grades 1-8. Brand new CBA character skirts are made for us by Tania deMontalk. Please order and pay directly to Tania, you can contact her by emailing [taniademontalk@gmail.com](mailto:taniademontalk@gmail.com). Character skirt order forms can also be found on the CBA website under the DRESS tab.

## Uniform:

### Junior Ballet (under 6yrs):

- Pink PCL Leotard with capped sleeve and matching chiffon skirt
- Pink soft ballet shoes in leather (split soles are acceptable)
- Pink socks (summer), pink tights (winter)

### Primary – Grade 1

- Lilac PCL leotard with capped sleeve and matching chiffon skirt (Primary only)
- Pink socks (summer), pink tights (winter)

### Grades 2-3

- Navy blue PCL sleeveless leotard
- Pink tights (convertible)

### Grades 4-5

- Mulberry PCL sleeveless leotard
- Pink tights (convertible)

### Grades `1-2

- Canvas Low Heel Character shoe
- CBA Character skirt

### Grades 3-8

- Canvas Cuban Heel Character shoe
- CBA Character skirt

## Website:

**Please check the website for calendar updates and up to date timetable information.** [www.cameronballet.co.nz](http://www.cameronballet.co.nz)

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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 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 car park 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!**

## Laura Crawford and Madison Fotti-Knowles

We are delighted to announce that two CBA senior students will soon be embarking on full time classical ballet training.



Laura Crawford

Laura Crawford has been accepted into the Prudence Bowen Atelier in Queensland and begins her fulltime training in 2015 and Madison Fotti-Knowles has been accepted into the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Russia, beginning her training on 1<sup>st</sup> September this year. Heartiest congratulations from us all, we are so very proud of you!



Madison Fotti-Knowles

Happy Dancing! From the Team at CBA