

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter



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!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May Vocational Exams: Sun 18th May – Sun 25th May

Queen's Birthday Wknd (no classes): Fri 30th May – Mon 2nd June (inclusive)

Sun 22nd June and Sun 29th June: Make up lessons available for some classes.

Grades Exam entries in by: Saturday 5th July

Last Day of Term 2: Saturday 5th July

First Day of Term 3: Monday 21st July

Cushion Concert: Saturday 9th August

August Vocational Exams: Sun 10th August – Fri 29th August

Grades Exams: Wed 1st October – Sun 5th October

NZAMD Contemporary exams: Thursday 16th October

End of year Concert: Sunday 7th & Monday 8th December

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DRESS:

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 crossover cardigan if needed for extra warmth. Older students who opt to wear a wrap skirt for class may only do so if not sitting 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!

THANK YOU:

A special 'THANK YOU' to all the students who assisted Mrs Arkley with demonstrating last term during her period of recuperation from a broken toe. We are very pleased to report that the 'toe' is fully recovered and ready for an action packed Term 2!

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GRADED/VOCATIONAL BALLET EXAMINATIONS & PRESENTATIONS 2014:

Examinations through the Royal Academy of Dance (for Grades 1-8, Intermediate Foundation and Intermediate) 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 Examinations are as follows:

Wednesday 1st October to Sunday 5th October 2014 (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 student 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 5th July 2014.

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 understand 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 2014. 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. Website: ameronballet.co.nz

Presentations:

	1st Child	2nd Child
Pre-Primary	\$47	\$41
Primary	\$51	\$44

Examinations:

	1st Child	2nd Child
Grade 1	\$73	\$56
Grade 2	\$86	\$66
Grade 3	\$97	\$75
Grade 4	\$106	\$82
Grade 5	\$115	\$90
Grade 8	\$130	n/a
Inter Foundation	\$182	n/a
Intermediate	\$193	n/a

OTHER EXAMINATION COSTS

Day Fee: - Pre-Primary/Primary - \$18.50 (30 min Presentation)

Grades 1, 2, 3 - \$23.50 - (40-45 min Examination) Grades 4, 5, 8, Inter Foundation, Intermediate - \$26.50 - (60 min Examination)

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

Admin Fee: \$6.00 (Charged to the first sibling sitting a Presentation/ Examination)

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.

admin@cameronballet.co.nz Thank you!

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GRADES ADDITIONAL EXAM CLASSES 2014:

Additional classes will be programmed during Term 3 (on selected Sundays) as well over the following dates just prior to our examination session: Sunday 28th September – Tuesday 30th September 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 class timetable will be advised (late August) once RAD examination entries have been received and processed.

Extra exam classes costs:

Pre-Primary & Primary: Four extra classes \$50

Grades 1-2-3: Four extra classes \$50

Grade 4-5: Three extra classes \$50

Grade 8: Two additional classes \$40

CHARACTER SKIRTS:

Do check your daughter's character skirt length and ensure that it falls 6cm below the base of her kneecap. If it is shorter than this length, a longer skirt is required. Please contact Tania deMontalk-Allen who is kindly offering her services to make new skirts. Tania's email is: taniademontalk@gmail.com

If you have a second hand character skirt you wish to on-sell, please contact admin@cameronballet.co.nz Thank you!

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!

SOLO PERFORMANCE

AWARDS: Students Grade 1 and above

This is an optional assessment, in addition to the regular Grades 1-3 exam, which is offered as an extension for students.

What is a Solo Performance Award?

The Solo Performance Award involves the student sitting a separate assessment, where they perform three solo dances for the examiner. Two of these solos are from the RAD Grades syllabus and the third solo can either be a third syllabus exam dance, otherwise it can be an original dance of any genre, as choreographed by the teacher.

How much are the fees for the Solo Performance Award?

The RAD Grade examination fees are written below:

Grade 1 Solo Performance Award: \$49.00

Grade 2 Solo Performance Award: \$57.00

Grade 3 Solo Performance Award: \$65.00

Please note that this fee is additional to their Grades exam fee.

Students in Grade 1 and above have the option of entering for a SPA. Private and/or shared lessons (on selected Sundays) are required to prepare for the Solo Performance Award and please note that these costs are additional to general class term fees. If interested in preparing for a Solo Performance please contact Mrs Arkley or Mrs Cameron or email admin@cameronballet.co.nz

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CUSHION CONCERT

Date: Saturday 9th August at 4.00pm

Venue: Hobsonville Primary School hall

We warmly welcome parents and friends to attend this (approximately) 45 minute demonstration of students performing selected studies from the RAD syllabus. Students dancing are required to arrive at 3.45pm in exam attire and hair neatly in a bun. In previous years we have had a shared afternoon tea at the conclusion, however due to the later start/finish time this year it will be performance only. All welcome!

Private/Shared Lessons for students Grades 1-5 - with Mrs Arkley:

Bookings are now being taken for students wishing to have a private lesson on their graded 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. Mrs Arkley is taking lessons between 12.15pm – 4.15pm on the following Sundays in Term 2: Sun 11th, 18th and 25th May. Sun 8th and 15th June.

The cost per lesson is

\$40 for 30 minutes

\$60 for 45 minutes

\$80 for 60 minutes

(Private or shared among 2-4 students)

Please note that the policy for payment for a one-off private or shared lesson is to put it into a sealed and named envelope and hand to Mrs Arkley prior to the lesson commencing.

Private/Shared Lessons with other teachers:

Other teachers do not administer lesson fees; therefore please settle payment of private lessons with Ms Robertson, Miss Elizabeth, Ms Nicci McEwan, Mrs Elliott or any other guest teacher by paying online to the CBA account prior to the lesson. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Private/Shared Lessons with Ms Tonia Robertson:

Bookings are now being taken for students wishing to have a private lesson with RAD examiner Ms Tonia Robertson. Ms Robertson has very limited availability this term but has confirmed she will take lessons on Monday 9th June and Monday 23rd June. 30 minute lessons at a cost of \$45 per lesson are available.

Please email admin@cameronballet.co.nz to book.

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. We are planning an extra day of make-up lessons on Sunday 22nd June and Sunday 29th June in lieu of Queen's Birthday weekend, where there are no other 'class options' for students to attend. Where 'two class per week students' have 3 class options, no make up lesson will be offered. Instead, it is expected that the student will (if possible) make up this lesson by attending the 3rd class at any time during Term 2.

Sunday 22nd June at Hobsonville Community Hall:

12.15pm Grade 4

1.15pm Grade 5

2.15pm Intermediate

3.15pm Finish

Sunday 29th June at Hobsonville Community Hall:

12.15pm Tiny Tutus

12.45pm Magical Movement

1.15pm Primary

2.00pm Grade 1

3.00pm Intermediate Foundation

4.00pm Finish

Contemporary students please note, a make up lesson will be scheduled in the first week of the July school holidays. Date and times tbc.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Please note that there will be NO classes over Queen's Birthday Weekend, on Fri 30th May, Sat 31st May, Sun 1st June or Mon 2nd June.

Junior students who have a mid-week class option as an alternative are welcome to attend that class anytime before or after the holiday weekend.

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

Happy Dancing! From the team at CBA

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