

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Newsletter Term 3, 2014

Dear Students/Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to a very busy term ahead! We have our Cushion Concert to look forward to in a few short weeks, followed by vocational exams in mid-August, then onwards to our Grades exams at the conclusion of term. Good luck to all students as they prepare for their special event.

Two senior students are travelling to Wellington in September to represent CBA in the RAD 14+ Scholarship and also take their Advanced 2 examination. We wish Libby-Rose Niederer and Laura Crawford the very best for these two special occasions, over two consecutive days in a row. Good luck!

Dates to Diary:

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| Saturday 9th August | Cushion Concert |
| Mon 17th Aug – 27th Aug | Vocational Exams |
| Sat 27th September | Term 3 Concludes |
| Sun 28th – Wed 1st Oct | Grades Examination – compulsory extra classes |
| Thu 2nd – Sun 5th Oct | RAS Grades Exams/Presentations |
| Mon 7th & Fri 10th Oct | NZAMD Contemporary exam extra classes |
| Thu 16th October | NZAMD Contemporary Exams |
| Fri 24th Oct – Mon 27th Oct | Labour Weekend – No Classes |
| Wed 26th November | Rehearsal at Auckland Grammar |
| Thu 27th November | Rehearsal at Auckland Grammar |
| Sun 7th December | End of Year Show |
| Mon 8th December | End of Year Show |

TERM 4 TIMETABLE

In Term 4, there will be minor changes to our timetable as students progress classes. Please note these changes are due to the Pre-Primary classes shifting from 30 min classes to 45 mins. For your information:

Tiny Tutus progress to Magical Movement

Magical Movement progress to Shining Stars/Pre-Primary

Shining Stars/Pre-Primary progress to Primary (45 min class)

Primary students progress to Grade 1 and are required to attend 2 classes p/wk.

Grade 1 students progress to Grade 2 (60 min class from 2015)

Grade 2 – Grade 3

Grade 3 – Grade 4

Grade 4 – either NEW Grade 4 or NEW Grade 5

Grade 5 – Intermediate Foundation

EXAM ENTRIES

Thank you for your Examination/Presentation entries. We have now submitted these to the RAD and we will receive notification of the examination timetable in mid-September.

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UNIFORM

As we are approaching our exam session, now is the time to check all uniform requirements are correct.

Character Skirts: Please check that Character skirts are the preferred length (6cm from the base of the knee cap). Any alterations or new character skirt requests may be made to Tania deMontalk before 1st September please. Please contact her by emailing taniademontalk@gmail.com.

Belts: Are no longer required for examinations.

Shoes: Split-soles in leather or canvas are now acceptable for the grades.

If you are uncertain if your child has the regulation uniform please do not hesitate to contact us.

BEING LATE TO CLASS

We do understand that these are busy times and there may be an occasion where a student is unavoidably late to class. Being late causes anxiety for the student and causes disruption to the rest of the class and it has been observed that there are a few students who are consistently late. This has a detrimental effect on the class as a whole, as we need to spend valuable time repeating information for the latecomers. In fairness to the students who are on time, constant latecomers will be permitted entry to the class, however they will not receive any of the prior information they have missed and stand to compromise their exam preparation. We do appreciate every effort to be on time!

CHANGE OF UNIFORM – GRADE STUDENTS

Currently our Grade 2-3 students wear navy coloured leotards and our Grades 4-5 students wear mulberry leotards. We would like to phase in an eventual change over the next 3 years so that in the future it will be our Grade 2-3 students wearing the mulberry and our Grade 4-5 students wearing Navy. Please note what grades students are required to wear for 2015:

Incoming Primary/Grade 1 students: LILAC

Incoming Grade 2 students: MULBERRY

Incoming Grade 3 students: NAVY (no change)

Incoming Grade 4 students: MULBERRY

Incoming Grade 5 students: MULBERRY (no change)

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ELECTION DAY – 20th SEPTEMBER 2014

The Electoral Office has requisitioned all available local halls for its use on Election Day, being Saturday 20th September. Therefore we have no venues to run any ballet this day.

Mrs Arkley's Saturday timetable will run at the exact same times, on SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at the Hobsonville Community Hall.

Mrs Cameron's Saturday timetable will run at the following times, on SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER, at Hobsonville Primary School hall:

- 11.45am Grade 2
- 12.45pm Grade 5
- 1.45pm Intermediate
- 2.45pm Body Conditioning
- 3.15pm Grade 8
- 4.15pm Advanced allegro
- 5.15pm Finish

With grade exams just over a week away at this point, it is crucial that exam students attend these classes. Apologies for any inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding!

PRIVATE LESSONS - BOOKED OUT

We have had an unprecedented and overwhelming demand for private lessons as we lead up to the exam sessions. We have done our best to accommodate as many of the requests as possible, however regrettably we cannot take any more requests as we are completely full for the term. That being said, we will operate a wait-list, therefore it is of great importance that if a student is unwell and cannot make their scheduled lesson, that they contact either

Mrs Cameron on 021-042-1471 or Mrs Arkley on 0272-807-474 to advise of the cancellation (at least 24 hours please), so we may endeavor to fill the slot from the wait-list.

Cancellations of less than 24 hours will incur the full lesson fee.

CUSHION CONCERT

Saturday 9th August 2014

Venue: Hobsonville Primary School Hall

Time: 4.00pm

We warmly welcome parents and friends to attend this (approximately) 45-60 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. Please refrain from arriving before 3.45pm as there are lessons still in progress.

The Cushion Concert is excellent exam preparation for the students, to experience dancing for a live audience. Due to the later start time there will be no afternoon tea at the conclusion, just the performance only. All are welcome!

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LABOUR WEEKEND – NO CLASSES

There are no classes over Labour Weekend, Friday 24th – Monday 27th October. CBA is coordinating the “Labour Weekend Festival of Dance” at the Centennial Theatre (Auckland Boys Grammar). CBA students/parents are warmly welcome to come along and see some lovely dancing on show!

CONCERT 2014 – Please diary these dates

More details will follow, but for now, please diary these important dates for our end of year show at Auckland Grammar School:

Rehearsals: Wed 26th November and Thu 27th November. Please note that students will attend only ONE of these two dates.

Show days: Sun 7th December and Mon 8th December

MADISON FOTTI-KNOWLES

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell one of our longest standing students at CBA. Madison Fotti-Knowles will depart to Russia on 26th August to further her ballet training, full time at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy.

It has been the greatest pleasure to teach this fine young woman and I'm sure you join me in wishing her all the very best for the future. Take care Madison and do keep us all in touch!



Have an enjoyable Term 3 everyone!

Happy Dancing! From the Team at CBA