

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Newsletter Term 1, 2015

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.

The 2015 Teaching Team:

Chrissy Cameron ARAD RTS	CBA Director
Jill Arkley ARAD RTS, RAD Life Member	Classical Tutor
Elizabeth Marler	Classical /Competition Tutor
Meaghan Rowe	Classical Tutor
Bernadette Tippett ARAD RTS, BSc	Classical/Contemporary Tutor

2015 TERM DATES:

Term 1: Monday 9th February –Thursday 2nd April (inclusive)

Term 2: Monday 20th April – Saturday 4th July (no classes Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Term 3: Monday 20th July – Saturday 26th September

RAD Exam week: Sunday 27th September – Sunday 4th October

Term 4: Monday 12th October – Wednesday 9th December (no classes Labour Weekend)

ANZAC DAY:

The first Saturday of Term 2 is ANZAC DAY. Please note will run an amended timetable on this day as follows:

Hobsonville Community Hall – Saturday 25th April

1.00pm Primary

1.45pm Pre-Primary

2.15pm Magical Movement

2.45pm Tiny Tutus

3.15pm Grade 1

4.00pm Grade 2

5.00pm Finish

Hobsonville Primary School – Saturday 25th April

1.00pm - Inter Foundation

2.00pm - Intermediate

3.15pm - Body Conditioning

3.45pm - Grade 5

4.45pm – Finish

Hobsonville Community Hall – Monday 27th April

(Public holiday)

2.00pm – Advanced Foundation

3.00pm – Advanced 1

4.00pm - Finish

There is NO Grade 3 class on ANZAC DAY – please attend either Tue or Wed instead at any time during Term 2 to make up this class.

PHOTOS FROM 2014 SHOW:

It is not too late to order photos from last year's production of The Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Simply visit www.ambergriffin.co.nz and click on 'Events'. Our show is the first one listed. To view the photo collection you need to type in the password 'WONDERLAND'.

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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.

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.

PRIVATE COACHING:

Regular as well as one off coaching is possible. Please contact admin@cameronballet.co.nz if you would like to be informed of available dates and lesson fees.

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.

BRAND NEW UNIFORM:

Angela Davenport will once again manage 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 tdemontalk@xtra.co.nz. 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 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

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

Grades 4-5

- Mulberry or Purple 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

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SECOND HAND SALE:

We had a number of items on display at the recent Second Hand Sale held on Enrolment Day. The unsold items are being stored in our teachers cupboard at present. **We will display the second hand items again on SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY at the Hobsonville Community Hall between 1pm – 2pm.** After this date, any unsold items will be returned to their owners. Many thanks to Jo Blain who has kindly offered to mind the second hand items on this day.

BALLET SHOES:

Please note that the RAD has amended the rules regarding the use of SPLIT-SOLE shoes. These are now acceptable to wear for all graded exams and for Intermediate Foundation. Soft demi pointe shoes must be worn for Intermediate and Advanced. We now have these in stock from the Dancer's Wardrobe.

What is the difference? Split-Sole shoes are easier for the student to point in – great for an exam where the feet need to be shown at their best. The full-soled shoe works the foot much harder so from a training perspective it adds a further degree of difficulty and helps with building the required ballet strength.

At CBA we recommend training in a full-soled shoe and dancing any exam/competition in a split-sole if possible. For the recreational dancer where only 1 pair of shoes is needed we recommend buying split-sole shoes in either canvas or leather.

SHOW DVDS

There are still a small number of dvds available to buy from last year's production of The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. If you missed out on ordering one, it's not too late. Dvds are \$30. Please contact admin@cameronballet.co.nz to order.

Website:

Please check the website for calendar updates and up to date timetable information.
www.cameronballet.co.nz

CBA STUDENT NEWS:

Cadence Barrack has been accepted onto the RNZB Mentor Program for 2015. Congratulations Cadence!

Bree Drummond and Cadence Barrack have both been accepted back onto the NZ School of Dance's Junior Associates Program for 2015. Well done girls!

In January, Bree Drummond and Libby-Rose Niederer were selected by Kelsey Gee of the Ballerina Project NZ to be models for her Auckland photo shoot. These fabulous photos have now been released.

Annika van Vliet has been awarded the top scholarship (of all NZ) in her NCEA scholarship dance exams for 2014. Annika will attend a ceremony in Wellington and will receive her \$2000 scholarship from Prime Minister, John Key. Very exciting news Annika, congratulations!

If you have some news of dance achievements you'd like to share, please email us at admin@cameronballet.co.nz

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 / Grade1* . Thank you.

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Have an enjoyable Term 3 everyone!

Happy Dancing! From the Team at CBA

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