

# Balmain Dance Academy

## 1st Term Newsletter 2010

Dear Parents & Students

Welcome back to another fulfilling year of dance at the Balmain Dance Academy. We are also welcoming new students to the school who I hope will enjoy and get great benefit from their various dance classes.

This is the first newsletter via email but there are many families who haven't given me their email address so it will be posted up at the studio and on our website.

Firstly I would like to ask that ALL children come to their class dressed in the appropriate uniform with their hair done:- ballet students in a bun and modern tap and jazz in a neat pony tail.

Uniforms are as follows:-

### **BALLET**

*Pre-Primary and Primary Beginners -*

Mauve short sleeved leotard. Pink can still be worn until you need to replace your existing leotard

Mauve circular wrap skirt from Bloch.

Pink shoes and socks

*Primary Exam and Grade 1 -*

Pink leotard

*Grades 2 to 4 -*

Navy leotard

### **MODERN & TAP**

Navy leotard

*Tap -*

Navy skirt & black tap shoes

*Modern -*

Navy footless tights & black jazz shoes

*Jazz -*

Black leotard, black footless tights

Black jazz shoes

Children need to bring a bottle of water to class in the heat. They should not bring soft drink or juice.

Could all parents ensure that their child is collected promptly at the end of their class so they are not waiting around for child protection and safety reasons.

Please try to get your child to attend all classes as when children miss multiple lessons, as some do, it is hard for everyone when they return as they fall behind and lose the enjoyment and gain that comes with dancing.

## **NEW JAZZ TEACHER**

I am very happy to welcome Siobhan Ginty to the school. She was supposed to commence Feb 2009 but due to professional performing commitments overseas she wasn't able to start then but is more than happy to join us now and I know the children will benefit from her great teaching and performing experience.

## **NEW HIP HOP TEACHER**

I am also wishing to welcome Natalie Pelarek who has just commenced a hip hop class on Friday evenings, it is for teenagers but dance experience is not particularly necessary so if you have teenage children or their friends who are interested please contact me. Natalie is very good and passionate about her dance which comes out in her teaching.

## **PILATES CLASS FOR ADULTS**

This class is commencing this Friday 26th at 11am-11.45am and will be run by a qualified instructor. The cost is \$12 so if you would like to help your fitness come along. Call 0431422334 if interested as the teacher Rebecca wanted to have an idea of numbers. Mats provided!

## **SALSA CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

One of my teachers and her dance partner are interested in starting up salsa classes for fun & fitness . I am wanting feedback to see if there is any interest and when the classes should be held.

## **HOLIDAY CLASSES FOR EXAM STUDENTS**

These are a very necessary part of the exam preparation and will be held the second week of the Easter holidays 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April. Times are as follows:

Primary	8.30AM - 9.30AM
Grade 1	9.30AM - 10.30AM
Grade 2	10.30AM - 11.00AM
Grade 3	11.30AM - 12.30PM
Grade 4	12.30PM - 1.30PM

The cost is \$60 for the 3 days.

Classes for Inter and Advanced 1 students will be organized for that week also.

The following attachment is from Miss Kelly – The TAP & MODERN teacher, who has provided extra information for her students

Thank you

*Leveda Carter*

# *Balmain Dance Academy*

## **STOMP** *and GROOVE*

### *News Letter for Jazz Tap and Modern*

Welcome back to 2010. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday so that you are rested, relaxed and ready for a fantastic year with Balmain Dance Academy. We are looking forward to resuming classes and watching the children improve and grow as the year progresses.

Stomp and Grove will be the Balmain Dance Academy's newsletter for Tap Modern and Jazz students and will be coming to you twice a term. We hope you will find it both fun and informative.

Tap and Modern students are asked to make sure they are correctly dressed for class and encouraged in the area of regular attendance. Miss Kelly will be starting a gold star program leading to a term award for those students in each class who have consistently shown correct attire and attendance.

There will be an ISTD exam session in September that many of the children will be preparing for. Grade 2 Tap, Grade 2, 3 and 5 Modern will be included in this session. If your child is new to Tap or Modern this year it may be unlikely he or she will be ready for an exam. Entering will be at the teacher's discretion. There will be examination preparation lessons in the July school holidays. I'm sure any students who participated last year will agree they are most beneficial.

The ISTD are in the process of renewing the Tap Grades keeping up with evolving styles in dance and providing a fresh and fun syllabus. Students will start the change over to this new work as the year progresses.

Modern students will also have the chance to study for their Bronze Medal.

Thank you

*Kelly Palmer*