

DATE CLAIMERS

Dress Rehearsal-Under the Sea

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Sun 5 November - to be held at Dance Central

Saturday 11 November 1pm Empire Theatre

Friday 1 December Empire Theatre

Saturday 2 December 1pm and 6pm – senior school performances Empire Theatre

3 December from 3pm - 5pm to be held at the studio.

Studio Breakup Party

ALL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AT www.dancecentral.net.au.

Welcome back to term 4 – this is a very busy term, so please make sure that you do not miss any classes. We have a two very large shows to put together in quite a short time

COSTUMES will be distributed during classes this term. As we have over 1000 costumes to distribute, please do not panic if you do not receive yours in the first couple of weeks. **Please note the following – ALL COSTUMES ARE HIRED AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE STUDIO BY THE DUE DATE. Information to this end is on your costume when it is handed to you. SHOULD THERE BE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR COSTUME PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE OFFICE – RATHER CONTACT YOUR COSTUME COORDINATOR**

- Please DO NOT allow your child to play in or with these costumes in the time leading up to the concert. An additional fee will be charged if the costume is returned in poor condition
- Hire costumes may only be worn for dress rehearsals and performances.
- Hire costumes must be returned as indicated on your costume bag, or an additional fee will be charged.

DVDS of the two shows will be available for order at the studio. The cost for this is \$55/DVD. DVD order forms are available at the studio and must be returned to us with your money by Monday 4 December at the latest. This year they is a possibility (if interest is shown) for a downloadable format to be ordered. If you are interested in this method, please note on the order form.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2018. **Please note that you must reenrol to secure your place.** If you wish to return to dance in 2018, please fill in a reenrolment form and return it to the office with your \$30 registration fee as soon as possible. Forms are available on the website.

Concert information notices will be handed out in week three. This notice should give you all the information that you need for the big day. If you do not receive one through your class teacher, please let Michelle know in the office and she will give you one.

Hair Legs and Feet information will be posted on the notice board in week 6 for Sleeping Beauty. This will give you all the information that you need for the concert. Emails will be sent to all students in "Under the Sea" with this information just prior to the concert.

Photographs will be taken during the rehearsal and performance process. Proofs will be available to view at the studio at the enrolment day in 2018. This year Mandy Stumer will be taking portrait shots at the studio. Those students in the junior school these will be taken on Sunday 5 November from 9am – 10am. Those students in senior school, these will be taken on Thursday 30 November from 4pm. If you would like to take advantage of this, please leave your name with Michelle at the office and a timeslot will be allocated to you. Mandy has kindly offered to do these shots at the great price of \$10 for a usb.

Rehearsal schedule/timetable will be posted on the noticeboard and on the website. Please make sure that you check the board to ensure that you do not miss rehearsals. Every effort is made to keep disruption to class times at a minimum, but as we get closer to the date, times will change – so please make sure that you check the board every week. The junior show students in Under the Sea will have no changes to their regular classes with the exception of an additional dress rehearsal to be held on Sunday 5 November. An email with this information has been sent to all junior school parents.

Show T-shirts are available to order at the office. Junior school shirts are only \$20 and senior school \$30. Please see Michelle at the office to order.

Tickets for Under the Sea and Sleeping Beauty are on sale at the Empire Theatre. Please note that you do not need to buy a ticket for a child who is performing in the show. One free child's ticket is available for the senior performance of Sleeping Beauty for all students performing in Under the Sea. Please come along and support the older students, and get a sense of what Dance Central achieves every year.

Timetable changes for fourth term should be checked regularly on the webpage OR NOTICE BOARD.

Volunteers ARE STILL NEEDED needed for both performances to work backstage. If you would like to assist us with supervision at performances and/or dress rehearsals please place your name and number in the parents book and I will contact you. A meeting will be held at the studio on Thursday 9 November at 5.15pm to allocate duties. One complimentary ticket to either performance are available to volunteers, and your name will be placed on a list at the Empire Theatre box office where you need to collect those tickets.

CONCERT DAY is nearly at hand. For those of you who have been involved with us for some years you will have some idea as to how things are run. Please take note of the concert information below.

UNDER THE SEA DRESS REHEARSAL SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER (please note that this rehearsal is held at the Studio in Taylor Street)

10.00am - 11.30am All students involved in Act 1
12.30 - 2.00pm All students involved in Act 2

COSTUMES WILL be needed for the Under the Sea Full Dress Rehearsal on the Sunday. Hair must be done as specified in your email, but students **DO NOT** need to wear makeup for the rehearsal

PERFORMANCE DAY UNDER THE SEA - Empire Theatre. SAT 11 NOVEMBER 1PM

12.00noon Drop off time
1.00pm Performance commences
1.40pm Interval
2.00pm Performance recommences
2.45pm Performance ends

(Please note that show running times are approximate)

Children in Preschool Ballet Pre Primary Ballet Primary Ballet Grade 1 Ballet Level 1 and 2 Jazz and Beginners Tap MAY wear their costume to the theatre for the performance. All students MUST name all articles that come backstage with them. Please note that Water will be provided for all students backstage, so no drink bottles please!!!! A clean snack in a disposable container (paper/plastic bag) may be sent backstage. NO NUTS are permitted and please choose your child's snack carefully - imagine chocolate on a white tutu!!!! Staff will not be held responsible for the loss of drink bottles or lunch boxes sent backstage with students.

UNDER THE SEA DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERFORMANCE – (ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT THE THEATRE 60 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE.)

- Students in Preschool Ballet & Beginners Tap should enter the theatre through the main doors in Neil Street and proceed to the North Bar. They are to be collected from the same point.
 - Students in Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary Ballet, Level 1 & 2 Jazz Junior Music Theatre should enter the theatre through the main doors in Neil Street and proceed to the South Bar. They are to be collected from the same point.
 - Students in Grade 1 and 2 Ballet, Level 3 Jazz and Tap and all senior students should enter via the stage door of the theatre. Stage Door is accessed via Julia Street off Neil Street. PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST **NO PARENTS ARE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE**
 - Students will be signed in AND OUT at their entry points the performance. This is a requirement of the theatre for evacuation purposes in the event of an emergency.
- Students will **not be permitted to leave** until they are collected and signed out. Please understand that whilst this may be a lengthy process due to the number of students involved, it is essential for the safety of your children. Please be reassured that your child will be well supervised during the rehearsal and performance.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE DANCES, THEY SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED AT THE ENTRANCE FOR THEIR FIRST DANCE (EG FIRST DANCE PRE PRIMARY BALLET SECOND DANCE BEGINNERS TAP FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE PRIMARY BALLET DROP OFF AND COLLECTION) THIS RUNNING ORDER IS ON THE BOARD AT THE STUDIO.

SLEEPING BEAUTY DRESS REHEARSAL FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER - Empire Theatre

4.00 – 4.30pm Photos for those booked commence
4.30 – 5.30pm Finale rehearsal – All Pinocchio cast required in their **first costume**
6.00pm – 9.00pm Full Dress rehearsal – All Cast required

All students should enter through their allocated entrances (see below in performance day information) at least 30 minutes prior to the time that they are needed. PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST **NO PARENTS ARE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE**

COSTUMES AND MAKEUP WILL be needed for the Sleeping Beauty Full Dress Rehearsal on the Friday. All students need to wear makeup for the performances. Foundation, brown eye shadow, red lipstick mascara and light blush should be worn. Senior students (Level 6 jazz and tap Grade 5 Ballet and above) must wear false eyelashes.

PERFORMANCE DAY SLEEPING BEAUTY - Empire Theatre. SAT 2 DECEMBER 1PM AND 6PM.

12.00noon	Drop off time
1.00pm	Performance commences
2.15pm	Interval
2.35pm	Performance recommences
3.40pm	Performance ends

Evening

5.00pm	Drop off time
6.00pm	Performance commences
7.15pm	Interval
7.35pm	Performance recommences
8.40pm	Performance ends.

(Please note that show running times are approximate)

SLEEPING BEAUTY DROP OFF INTRUCTIONS FOR REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE

- All students to be dropped off and collected at the rear of the theatre .
- Students with surnames commencing with the letter A – L (inclusive) please enter via the stage door and be collected from the same place
- Students with surnames commencing with the letter M – Z (inclusive) please enter via the side door (around the corner from stage door at the rear of the theatre) and be collected from the same place.
- Students must be collected between performances, but **MUST NOT** go into town in costume.

COLLECTION FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE

WE ARE VERY AWARE OF STUDENT SAFETY AND THE NEED TO SIGN EVERY STUDENT IN AND OUT OF THE THEATRE.

TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AROUND THE COLLECTION POINTS, PLEASE ONLY SEND ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT TOLERATE VERBAL ABUSE.** We are doing the best to ensure the safety of your child and allow them to enjoy their theatre experience
- Water will be provided for all students backstage, so no drink bottles please!!!! A clean snack in a disposable container (paper/plastic bag) may be sent backstage. **NO NUTS** are permitted and please choose your child's snack carefully - imagine chocolate on a white tutu!!!! Staff will not be held responsible for the loss of drink bottles or lunch boxes sent backstage with students.
- We have found that placing students items for backstage in a named plastic box – particularly for those students with multiple costume changes is a very effective way of preventing loss. It is also very valuable for students who may have a side of stage quick change.
- Students are to remain backstage for the entire production as they are required for the finale.
- Younger students will be provided with colouring sheets and pencils to occupy them during the performance and after their dance. A show relay will also be available backstage to allow the students to watch the show.
- Please make sure that younger students have been to the toilet immediately before they arrive for the show, as taking 70 little people to toilet all at once (the domino effect!) could be very difficult!

FINAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR

PARTY TIME!!!!!! - held at the studio on Sunday 2 December from 3pm - 5pm. Please come along. Bring a plate and join us to say goodbye for the year and to celebrate a great concert. We will provide Beer and Wine for mums and dads and soft drink for the students. This concludes the studio year.

DVD COLLECTION DAY

DVDs will be available for collection on Wednesday 20 December from 9am - 1pm or alternatively they can be posted to you

QUESTIONS??? If anyone has any questions, which I am sure will arise, please put them in the parents book. I will contact you to speak to you in answer to any queries that you may have. Calling me at the studio is not always successful in this busy term, so I apologise in advance – the parents book is a guaranteed way of my answering any questions that you may have.

Have a great term and thank you for your fantastic support throughout the year

Happy Dancing Alison