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| Term 3 | Saturday 13 July - Saturday 21 September |
| Term 4 | Saturday 5 October - Sunday 8 December |

**TERM 3 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**DATE CLAIMER**

RAD Graded examinations 1 – 3 August

2nd session RAD Majors examinations 5 August (entries closed 3 June)

SFD exam workshop 10 & 11 August

Dance Night Sunday 14 September 5pm

SFD examinations 7 & 8 September TBC

Lockyer District Festival TBC

Junior School Dress Rehearsal Sun 3 November Dance Central

Junior School performance "Once upon a time" Sat 9 November 1pm

Senior School Dress rehearsal Fri 6 December Empire Theatre

Senior School performance "Cinderella” Saturday 7 December 1pm and 6pm

**“AN EVENING OF DANCE”** will be held at the studio on Sunday 14 September 5pm. Member of our performance companies and elite students will perform on this evening. Entry will be by gold coin donation with the profits going to Beyond Blue

**ABSENCES** need to be kept to a minimum during this term as it is our vital jazz & tap examination preparation term. We also commence the teaching of concert dances, so please try to keep absences to a minimum.

**AUDITIONS** will be held on Saturday 10 August at 8.00am for roles in Cinderella and Once upon a time. These auditions are open to all students aged over 10 years. Specific roles for allocation to be advised. Most roles are not gender specific, and may be allocated to someone who is not of the gender required for the role. Please note that students should prepare a short excerpt from a song, that is age appropriate and in the music theatre/musical/Disney theme.

**CLASS CHANGES** may be necessary to facilitate the learning of concert dances for all students and new work for some ballet students in term 3 and 4. We endeavour to keep these changes to a minimum. You will be emailed with any changes that affect you. Please make sure that you keep checking regularly, and rest assured that any changes are necessary to ensure that your child/ren make the most of their classes and are up to speed with the exciting concert work!!!!

**CONCERT BOOKLET PUBLICATION –** In 2019 a booklet has once again been prepared for you to explain all the dot points and mysteries of our end of year performances. Please ensure that you have received yours. Each family will be given 1 booklet and if you require further they will be available at the office for the cost of $5.

**COSTUMES FOR "Cinderella" and "Once upon a time"** are already in preparation Costumes will still be costed out this year again over the 4 terms and the costumes will be hired to you. Please note that there are no refunds available if your child is removed from a class for monies already paid for these costumes, as many costumes have already been ordered. This year the costumes will be handed out in class by the class teachers in term 4. Volunteers are needed to wash and check costume numbers after the performances..

**DVD & T-SHIRT ORDERS** – You will have received a t-shirt and DVD order form in your concert handbook – take advantage of the early-bird special! These DVDs will make a great Christmas present with hours of school holiday fun!

**EMAIL ADDRESSES** As accounts, newsletters and notes are emailed - please ensure that the office has your correct email address

**HANDBOOKS** for 2020 will shortly be available at the office. Please make sure that you take one as they do contain relevant information for the studio that you may not be aware of.

**JAZZ AND TAP EXAM NOTICES** have been given to students being considered for their SFD jazz or tap examination. Please make sure that these notices are handed back with the correct entry fee by the date stated on the form.

**INVOICES** in 2019 will be emailed where possible. Your invoices have all been sent out – please let the office know if you have not received yours. Sometimes invoices will go into your “spam” folder and so you will need to add Dance Central as a trusted name. as stated in our terms and conditions of enrolment these fees are due on the first day of your child’s class. In cases of hardship, please speak to Alison by calling her at the office. Should you wish to set up a payment arrangement, and administration fee will be charged to your account.

**NOTIFICATION OF CLASS CHANGES**  Please make sure that we are aware of any changes that you may have made to your classes this term so that any changes that need to be made to accounts can be facilitated easily.

**RAD GRADED VACATION SCHOOL** was very successful again this year. Miss Christine Atkinson, Miss Kerri Hodgson, Miss Vallette and Miss Elissa Finlay were our tutors and a great time (and hard work) was had by all. I would like to reiterate that this vacation school is a massive part of preparation for examinations. By providing these classes in Toowoomba at the studio, I believe that we are giving a great service to the students for their examination preparation, who would otherwise have to travel to Brisbane for these classes, thereby incurring additional travel and accommodation costs on top of the tutoring fees. So a really big thank you to Miss Atkinson, Miss Elissa, and Miss Kerri for their time during the school holidays!.

**READY SET DANCE** is a new syllabus for children that is being introduced to our studio over the next two terms and will be in full operation in 2020. This is an exciting new development! This class offers a taste of jazz, tap singing and hip hop for ages 2-5years. Our Preschool ballet classes will also continue to run alongside these classes. We are very excited to be the only licensed school in the region to offer these classes. For your interest visit the ready set dance website <https://readyset.dance/> and check out just what your little person may be able to do! Please register your interest in trialling these classes in term 3 & 4 or to enrol for 2020.

**REENROLMENTS** are now being taken for 2020. Please book in early to ensure that you secure your place! You do need to enrol every year!

**SFD JAZZ AND TAP EXAM PREPARATION CLASSES** will be held on Sat 10 and Sun 11 August. **ALL** examination/presentation candidates in Level 4 Jazz and Tap and above MUST attend this school. It puts an immense amount of stress on teachers if we have to find time to conduct private lessons for examination candidates who are unable to attend this school.

**TICKETS** for “Once Upon a Time” and "Cinderella". will go on sale at the ***Empire Theatre box office*** on Monday 23 September. Be early to ensure that you get good seats! All students performing in "Once Upon a Time" will be given 1 free child's ticket to either performance of "Cinderella". Your child's name will be listed at the Empire Theatre box office, and you will need to ask for their free ticket when you book your tickets. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR DANCE STUDIO! It is a very expensive exercise to use the theatre for our performances. This may be the last year where we are able to provide two performance opportunities for our senior students who work incredibly hard to get our show to its’ consistently high standard. Whilst our junior school parents may not currently see the benefits of having two senior performances, once your child is at that level, you will understand the importance of this. Many “big city” studios charge a show fee and/or a rehearsal fee per student which allows the studio to completely cover the costs of the production. Dance Central chooses **not** to pass this on directly to the parents, and rather relies on the support of its’ members. Please give us that support.

**UNIFORMS** It is a requirement of the studio that uniforms be worn to class. Students are becoming very lax about this particularly in the higher levels. Uniforms must be worn to all classes by students in Contemporary /Advanced Foundation/Level 9 Jazz/Level 9 Tap/Inter Music Theatre and below. Whilst I realize that this may not always be possible in the wet weather, attempts must be made! Students in Levels above these may wear non uniform clothing to class, however grooming must still be of the required standard. Students may be asked to leave to class if not correctly attired. SATURDAYS are the exception to this rule when free clothing may be worn to class. If you are unsure as to uniform requirements, please ask for a student handbook at the office. ALL UNIFORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE STUDIO AND ARE NO LONGER SOLD AT DANCEWEAR BY LANA.

FINAL WORDS – Please note that classes for junior school students after their concert will still continue until the end of Term 4 on Thursday 5 December.

**BREAK UP PARTY** will be held at the studio on Sunday 8 December. Please bring a plate to share and join our teachers and staff in celebration of a wonderful year!

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BEAR IN MIND THAT BEECH LANE IS A THOROUGHFARE, AND MUST NOT BE BLOCKED. There have been recent changes to the parking in the lane and after consultation with all businesses and residents connected with the lane. the directive has come from Toowoomba Regional Council as follows.**

**You may drop off or pick up passengers, so long as:**

* **You do not leave the vehicle unattended (stay within 3 metres of it); and**
* **After completing drop off or pick up, you must move within no more than 5 minutes**
* **Beech Lane is strictly NO PARKING – continued access needs to be maintained and access for emergency services must be maintained at all times.**

**Please note also that the car park next door to Dance Central is private property and IS NOT to be used by parents of Dance Central.**

***Happy Dancing Alison***