

Tuesday Mailout 25 August

Hello, everyone

Had the COVID-19 Pandemic not turned our world upside down we would have been heading into Senior Concert dress rehearsals this weekend! It feels very strange and a little sad not to be immersed in Concert preparations. However it has been a lot of fun exploring the Circus with our kinder students, *Sleeping Beauty* the ballet and a range of *Musicals* with our jazz and tap students this term and we look forward to sharing our end of term class themed “performance” with you. Our plans are taking shape and we will have more information on this in the next mailout.

Normally at this time of year we would be starting to think ahead to our 2021 timetable! With no information available to us yet on how businesses will be allowed to reopen once stage 4 restrictions are lifted, we are unable to confirm any details about what Term 4 will look like, let alone next year. Rest assured that we will let you know as soon as we possibly can. We are planning for all eventualities: continuing online, returning to the studio and a combination of both online and face to face classes. We will update our COVID Safe Plan and our policies and procedures inline with updated Government regulations as they are advised to us. We hope that timetable changes in Term 4 will be minimal; however re-opening restrictions may mean timetable changes are outside of our control to ensure compliance. We will delay our Term 4 invoicing until October and will give you as much notice as we possibly can about what is going to happen.

We hope to be able to share our 2020 concert plans with you very soon. They are however subject to change and dependent on restrictions easing and density quotients being sufficient to allow enough students and staff to gather together to create and perform.

Housekeeping

- We are looking into providing a Direct Debit system for Term fees. Before we go ahead with this, we would like to know if this is something that you'd be interested in taking up. Please email and let us know - if we have enough response, we'll go further with our research into how it would work.
- Entry to any of the studios is not permitted under the new restrictions. This means ALL staff, students and parents. Therefore, if there is anything you need like warm up equipment, we unfortunately can't meet you there.
- We recently sent Craft Packs to many classes for making props to go with their themed work this term. We apologise to some of you who have had to pay extra postage for these - Australia Post seems very inconsistent but we know there are at least one or two of you. Please let us know if this is you and we will reimburse you.

- Toe tape for pointe and demi pointe shoes has arrived! Remember to email us if you need some.
- While we know life is a little challenging at the moment and that it is not always possible, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of being correctly dressed for dance class. If for any reason you cannot wear the correct uniform please select items of clothing that do not restrict movement. Leggings or tracksuit pants are a good choice. Please tie your hair back away from the face.

Costume Design Competition

- We are loving the creativity and originality of the designs received so far.
- We will find a way to share these with you all, an online gallery.
- Remember to start work on your design. The deadline for entries is less than a month away!

Stay safe and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.