

Tuesday Mailout 22 September

We've made it to the end of Term 3 - and all of it online again! We sincerely hope that we won't have to spend too much of Term 4 on Zoom and we'll make sure we let you know the minute we have definite news about returning to the studio.

I'd like to thank those of you that have commented on, followed and reviewed us on Google and social media. If we are to offer a variety of classes and flexibility of times, we need to establish and maintain a strong online presence; so if you haven't already done so, please get online and talk about us!

We have created a student version of our Tuesday mailout; please share the attached document with your young dancer.

Housekeeping

- We are still waiting on clarification and confirmation from the Government about how and when we can reopen for face to face classes. We have a number of plans worked out for what we think the most likely scenarios will be to facilitate a smooth transition back to the studio. To assist this process we are making the following minor changes to the Term 4 timetable.
- Monday Musical Theatre will move from Monday to Saturdays 4.00 - 5.40pm.
- Friday Primary Jazz will move to Saturday 11.15 - 11.45am and become a Primary & Stage 1 Jazz class.
- Saturday Dance With Me and Saturday 11.15 - 11.45am Kinder will become a Kinder and Dance With Me class 9.00 - 9.30am. (Students who have been in the 11.15 class may join any Kinder class on the timetable if this change does not suit)
- Miss Nicola and Miss Alice have completed an online Children's Yoga teacher training course this term! Yoga is often used by dancers as a cross training activity to support dance training and is a great way to learn simple techniques to assist with anxiety and stress management, something we all need right now due to the pandemic! Yoga classes for children have a different look and feel to adult yoga classes, much like our kinder ballet classes the kinder yoga classes will have a theme/story leading students through the movements so they are fun and engaging. If there is sufficient interest we will add the following classes to our Term 4 timetable: Friday Kinder Yoga 11.00 - 11.30am, Wednesday Open level Class (Stages & Degrees) 5:15 - 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you would like to trial a class.
- Please contact us no later than midday Thursday 24 September to advise us of any changes to your Term 4 enrolments. Invoices for Term 4 dance fees will be issued on Friday 25 September. Please check these carefully to ensure that your enrolment is correct. Term 4 classes will commence on Monday 12 October over Zoom; links

will be emailed once we've received payment and a couple of days before your first class for the term.

End of Term Performance

- Thank you, amazing parents, for organising costumes and props for your children to dance with at our end of term performance this week. For our junior classes we will film the group dances that have been learnt and rehearsed this term via Zoom. For some of our Degree, Senior and Advanced classes who have learnt solo variations we will finish classes early so that dancers with the help of a family member can film themselves performing their solos. We will edit all the items together and live stream the final cut early next term.
- Just as for any performance, we ask that you have your best bun with hairspray and light makeup for older students. Remember to wear your costume! We have been truly impressed with the effort everyone has gone to in finding appropriate things to wear. If possible, please keep siblings and pets out of the way so we don't have any surprise guest performers!
- Your child may need help adjusting the camera angle so we get the best view of them. If anyone has been having camera issues please try and sort them out before next class. If in doubt google it or swap devices to one that has a working camera! If students don't have their camera on we won't be able to see them in the recording.

Congratulations!

- **Zoom Awards**

We have some students who deserve a special mention for their work this term. Their consistent commitment and positive attitude to their classes over Zoom has been inspiring and they have made good progress in their dance technique. They've all maintained regular attendance and are always in correct uniform; many of them are dancing in a very small space. Well done!

Alba Santos - Primary Jazz
Annika Hochstrasser - Primary Ballet & Primary Jazz
Edith Parker - Stage 1 Ballet, Stage 1&2 Jazz
Abigail Leyden - Stage 1 Ballet
Emily Lai - Stage 2 Ballet
Chloe Ridley - Stage 3 Jazz
Ruby Bannister - Stage 3 Jazz, Stage 3&4 Ballet
Charlotte Lai - Stage 3&4 Ballet
Olivia Hawkins - Stage 4&5 Tap & Jazz
Charlotte Neish - Stage 4&5 Jazz & Tap, Stage 5 Ballet
Mahni Hardy-Smith - Stage 5 Ballet

Lily Bowman - Contemporary
Mila Gray - Degree 1 Ballet, Degree 1&2 Tap & Jazz
Leah Reddaway - Degree 1&2 Jazz
Paula Bleby - Degree 1&2 Jazz
Amber Blackburn - Degree 1&2 Tap
Rose Johnston - Degree 1&2 Tap
Harriet Charlesworth - Degree 1&2 Jazz & Tap & Musical Theatre
Daisy Earls - Degree 2 Ballet
Fleur Gordon-Carne - Degree 3 Ballet, Senior Jazz & Tap
Jacqui Johnson - Musical Theatre, Advanced Jazz, Senior Tap

We have been impressed with all our students and there is a little something on its way to you all in the post!

- **Year 12 Students**

We wish the following students the very best of luck as they head into their final VCE exams next term: Sarah Christopoulos, Tess Nayler, Lucie Tingwell, Angelique Leo & Georgia Schonfeldt.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege watching these students grow and develop over the years both as dancers and young people. It has been a delight to be able to teach them. They have turned up to class with enthusiasm and worked with integrity and commitment. They have persevered to achieve excellence in their dancing. They have shown kindness and respect with many of them participating in our Assistant Teacher program, our student production team and in our Performance Extension program. We thank them for their services to our KSOD family and for being such wonderful role models for our younger students. We wish them all the best with their upcoming exams and future endeavours. We hope to see them in dance class for many years to come!

- **10 Years of Dancing at Kew School of Dance!**

Congratulations to our two students celebrating ten years dancing at KSOD in 2020: Hana Wong and Harriet Charlesworth. We started a tradition last year of handing out the ten year badges on stage at the conclusion of our Senior Concert and the five year badges onstage at the conclusion of the Junior Concert. Hopefully we will be able to gather even in small groups for our end of year performance and will hand them out then!

- **Costume Design Competition**

Thank you for your entries - we were so impressed with your flair and creativity! It was difficult to choose the prize winners, but here they are:

Kinder - Primary

Amelia Wong - Winner

Stage 1 - 5

Ella Morris - Winner

Beth Lewin - Special Mention

Degree 1 +

Olivia Neish - Winner

Paula Bleby- Special Mention

Aimee Traverso - first runner-up

Daisy Earls - second runner-up

Class Information

Musical Theatre Class in Term 4

This class will run on Saturdays in Term 4 from 4:00 - 5:30 with Miss Mia. The fees for the term are \$225. If you are currently enrolled and cannot continue in Term 4 on a Saturday, please let us know. If you would like to join the class, contact us to update your enrolment.

I'd like to finish this newsletter by thanking our wonderful teachers for all that they continue to do for our students. They have worked so hard this term! **Please note** that we will be taking some time off during the school holidays and our response times to emails and phone calls may be slower than normal.