

Tuesday Mailout 3 November 2020

Great news! We are open again for face to face classes from Monday 9 November. This is what we've all been waiting for, isn't it? There are some very stringent regulations to which we must adhere and all staff have completed training in these requirements. Please be aware that we will need to enforce these rules so that we can ensure a successful opening and a continuation of face to face lessons for the rest of the term. More on how these rules and regulations affect you later in this newsletter.

COVID-SAFE PLAN

Please read the attached plan and discuss it with your child/ren. The most important thing is that they know they must follow the directions of Mrs H, Miss Alice or the teacher, who will guide them through the regulations. **It's vital that your children do not attend classes if they feel unwell.** Here are the key points:

Arriving at Dancing:

- Please go to the toilet before you leave home and only bring the essential items with you to dance class in your bag. Any items of lost property will be **disposed of in the rubbish!** It is a safety risk to store your property.
- You must arrive for dance class wearing your dance uniform under street clothes. You **cannot** change into your dance uniform on arrival.
- It is extra important that you are on time for your dance class and do not arrive more than ten minutes early for warming up.
- Everyone will need to sanitise their hands on entry to the building and again before leaving

During Class:

- You must try as best as you can to stay 1.5 metres apart
- Use the markers on the floor and walls to help you with this
- When moving from the corner line up down the room 1.5 metres apart
- No hugging, high five or physical contact with each other
- When possible we will be working with the doors and windows open to enhance air flow

Leaving Dancing:

- Follow the instructions of your teacher for leaving class and the building

MASK WEARING

- You will need to arrive wearing a face mask if you are 12 years of age or older
- Your parent must tell us in writing if you have a lawful exemption from wearing a mask
- Once class reaches the point where you are out of breath or panting you can remove your mask and wear it on your arm.
- You must put your mask back on at the conclusion of class or when your teacher tells you to, and exit wearing your mask.

Anyone who enters the building that is not an enrolled student must sign in and out of our contact tracing register. Students are to be dropped off and collected from outside, we cannot have parents

waiting indoors and we cannot have too many people inside at one time. We have strict number limits of persons allowed inside the venue.

ZOOM CLASSES

Once we return to face to face classes we will cease Zoom classes unless students are sick and want to watch class from home or if anyone is required to isolate at home and still wants to join in. You will need to give us as much notice as possible to set this up.

CONCERT DATES & DETAILS

The **concert** will be recorded on **Sunday 13 December** with a **dress rehearsal** on **Saturday 12 December** and a run through on Saturday 5 December. We are still finalising the venue which will either be 14 Peel St (the hall next door) or the East Kew Uniting Church Hall at Normanby Rd, we hope. All students performing must be able to attend the dress rehearsal to be able to perform.

We are confident that we will be able to proceed with our plans to hold a COVID Safe concert with no audience. Each class will perform their dance and this will be filmed professionally by Video Essentials, (the company who recorded last year's concerts). Students will receive a downloadable recording of the performance. Classes will be allocated rehearsal and performance times and these will be organised to comply with all COVID regulations around density quotients and social distancing.

The teachers are excited to move into the studio and start setting the patterns and spacing for the concert dances that they are learning online this term. These will of course be socially distanced! We may even be able to have costumes. **Therefore we need to know who is and who is not going to participate in the concert.** Please complete this form <https://forms.gle/WBi1eXt1R2Apzimu8> and pay the fee through Trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BMNUL>). Note that this fee is non refundable (unless we have to cancel the event). **Please complete the form no later than November 15.**

We will do our best to give you as much notice as possible about performance times for your children. However there are many things outside our control which may impact our ability to run the concert or shape the format of the event. All dates and details are subject to change.

OUTDOOR CLASSES

The weather is not looking promising for the rest of the week with the chance of rain forecast for most days! Classes that will run outdoors this week will be contacted via class specific emails. We will make a call each day at 1.30pm and email you if classes will run on Zoom instead due to the weather.

KINDER YOGA

This new class is on Fridays from 11:00 - 11:30. We are offering two free trials if you think your child may enjoy this fun and relaxing class run by Miss Nicola. Please email Admin if you'd like to take this opportunity.

DANCEWEAR

The Bloch store in Camberwell will re-open on 31 October for all your uniform requirements. They have a special offer until November 29 on all purchases over \$50 you will receive a free pair of Embrace Tights.

Ballet Emporium will open on Wednesday and Saturdays from 12-4pm for the short term. For demi pointe or pointe shoe fittings, please email info@balletemporium.com.au for further information or to book an appointment.

Check their websites for more information.