



# TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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## **\*\*Classes resume week commencing Monday 9 October \*\***

*It is hard to believe that we have reached the final term so quickly. Well done to our fabulous Advanced Hip Hop, Senior Hip Hop and Saturday Young Senior Hip Hop students who competed and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jump Dance Challenge as well as the Advanced and Senior Hip Hop students who showcased in the professional Raise the Barre Masters of Choreography production.*

*Everyone has been working very hard and our concerts will showcase our talented students.*

*We are all very excited and looking forward to our production of Musical High!!!!*

### **Important Dates in your Calendar**

**Monday 16 –21 October 2017** – Class Dress Rehearsal/Photos

**Saturday 28 October 2017** – Ticket Sale Day (**Pre-order available**)

**Sunday 12 November 2017** – Compulsory Dress Rehearsal at the Theatre

**Wednesday 29 November 2017** – Annual Concert No. 1

**Thursday 30 November 2017** – Annual Concert No. 2

**Friday 1 December 2017** – Annual Concert No. 3

Please note these dates on your calendar and further details will be provided later in the year.

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### **Photos & Class Dress Rehearsal Mon 16th to Sat 21st October**

Class costume check/dress rehearsal will be held during **normal** class times from Monday 16 October through to Saturday 21 October. Professional group and individual photos will also be taken during this time. Purchase of photographs is online and optional. Please bring along all costumes, hair pieces and accessories.

You are required to attend class in full theatrical make-up and hair. Please arrive in ballet costume. This provides an opportunity to make any necessary costume adjustments and clarify about shoes, tights, costumes and hair-pieces before the dress rehearsal. Please ensure all alterations, sequins etc have been made to costumes.

**Straps must be taken up if necessary** by hand-sewing at the back (no safety pins or knots). Correct shoes and tights are mandatory.



# Concert

Dance Power's end of year performance will once again be held at Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, South Morang. The theatre offers state of the art facilities and hosts major shows and productions including the Australian Ballet School. Students will perform on stage in full theatrical costumes and make-up. We have been fortunate enough to secure 4 dates - one for our rehearsal and three for our performances.

**Tinys, Subs, Juniors & Inters** will be performing in one show only

**Boys Inters & Young Seniors** will perform in two shows

**Drama, Sat Snrs, Snr Cheer & Adv** will be performing in all 3 shows

## Concert Groups & Dates

<b>CONCERT 1 WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>CONCERT 2 THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>CONCERT 3 FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER</b>
Tuesday Tiny	Monday Tiny	Saturday Tiny
Tuesday Sub Junior	Monday Sub Junior	Saturday Sub Junior
Tuesday Junior	Monday Juniors	Saturday Junior
Tuesday Junior Hip Hop	Monday Junior Hip Hop	Saturday Junior Hip Hop
Tuesday Intermediate (Group B)	Tuesday Intermediate (Group A)	Saturday Intermediate
Monday Young Senior	Tuesday Intermediate Hip Hop	Saturday Intermediate Hip Hop
Monday Young Senior Hip Hop Thursday Junior Cheerleading	Saturday Young Senior Saturday Young Senior Hip Hop Thursday Inter & Senior Cheer	Saturday Young Senior Saturday Young Senior Hip Hop Monday Young Senior Monday Young Senior Hip Hop
Junior Boys Hip Hop	Intermediate Boys Hip Hop	Intermediate Boys Hip Hop
<b>All three shows</b>	<b>All three shows</b>	<b>All three shows</b>
Drama	Drama	Drama
Saturday Senior	Saturday Senior	Saturday Senior
Saturday Senior Hip Hop	Saturday Senior Hip Hop	Saturday Senior Hip Hop
Monday Advanced	Monday Advanced	Monday Advanced
Thursday Advanced Hip Hop	Thursday Advanced Hip Hop	Thursday Advanced Hip Hop
Thursday Open Hip Hop	Thursday Open Hip Hop	Thursday Open Hip Hop
Thursday Snr Cheerleading	Thursday Snr Cheerleading	Thursday Snr Cheerleading

## Compulsory Dress Rehearsal

Students are required to attend the dress rehearsal on **Sunday 12 November 2017** at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, South Morang.

**All Tinys and Sub Juniors 8.45am – 10.00am**

**Remainder of school 9.30am – approx. 2.00pm**

All students must attend the rehearsal if they wish to participate in the end of year performances. It is a great opportunity for students to experience dancing in costume on stage. Students need to arrive dressed in their first costume with full stage make-up and hair off the face (no fringe) and securely tied up in a bun – no jewellery, underwear or visible bra straps allowed (skin colour please).

Please note that as per the Centre Management's requirements, the Theatre will be closed at the Dress Rehearsal and the four designated parents per group will be permitted backstage to dress and assist (except Tinys, Sub-Juniors and Juniors whose parents can stay if they prefer). Parents will be allowed backstage at the end of the rehearsal to collect their child. The rehearsal is an opportunity for the students and teachers to work together to perfect their dances and positions and for the lighting crew to experiment and then plot the entire show.

## Annual Performances

Dance Power®'s end of year performances will be held on **Wed 29, Thurs 30 Nov and Friday 1 Dec 2017**. On Concert Night students need to arrive **at 6.00pm** dressed in their first costume with full stage make-up and hair securely tied up in a bun. No jewellery or nail polish. We have arranged professional filming of the performances. Order forms will be given out in term 4.

***Members of the audience will be unable to enter/exit the Theatre or go backstage during the show except at interval. Please respect this for students performing and for filming purposes***

## Costumes

Thank you to parents who have been busy sewing trims on costumes. Whilst you have paid a hire fee, additional trims and/or minor alterations may be required to improve the fit and/or appearance. Please make any minor adjustments if necessary. **Do not cut** costumes to shorten or if taking in – discuss alterations with reception. Please return any unused sequins and bags. Costumes are selected to provide minimal inconvenience to parents. Please note that gluing sequins on costumes is not allowed. Costumes should be hung-up and stored in a safe place along with your hairpieces. As costumes are fragile please take special care with them and resist your child's urge to play with them.

**Costumes are hired** and must be returned on the last night of the student's concert. After each dance please place the costume in the correct bag provided and hand your hairpiece to your class leader. Failure to return a costume on the night and in good condition will incur a further fee.

## Appearance

Full stage make-up is required for the dress rehearsals and performances.

**Make-up:** Foundation, smoky eye-shadow (with white shimmer under eyebrows), black eyeliner, black mascara, blush on cheeks and red lipstick.

**Hair:** Hair must be securely tied up in a bun and hair completely off the face (no fringe).

**Hairpieces:** Must be securely fastened with hairpins and placed on the right side of head

**Shoes and Stockings:** Pink ballet stockings must be worn for ballet dances and tan stockings for all other dances and tan footless stockings for contemporary

**Jewellery:** Not allowed

**Bra straps:** Not to be visible (please only wear skin colour and replace with clear straps)

**No undies:** If necessary please wear a body stocking

## BALLET/POINTE TECHNIQUE CLASS – TUESDAYS 7.45PM

Don't forget about our classical ballet and pointe technique and foot strengthening class on Tuesday evenings which is free for current ballet students. Feel free to come down and join in.

### Term Fees

Just a reminder that term fees are due in the first 3 weeks of each term. You need to ensure you/your child collect your envelope from Reception at the start of each term. A \$10 late payment fee will be incurred and possible loss of enrolment so please ensure your fees are handed in on time. If fees are not paid by the end of term you will be charged casual prices and lose the benefit of the 10 week discount.

### Term Dates

Please note that Term 4 will conclude on Monday 27 November and Tuesday 28 November

### Lost Property

Please ensure names are clearly marked on shoes and belongings so that any items left behind can be safely returned. Please check lost property and the drink bottle collection in the kitchen.



## Shoes, Body Stockings & Tights

### Dance Attire and Shoes

It is important that students wear appropriate clothing and dance shoes in class so teachers can correct dance technique and posture. Leotards, leggings, singlets, dance pants, shorts are appropriate. No denim. Students require the following dance shoes for class and concerts:

<b>Tinys:</b>	Pink ballet shoes (elastic)
<b>Sub-Jnr:</b>	Pink ballet shoes (elastic) and tan tap shoes
<b>Jnr/Inters:</b>	Black jazz shoes, tan tap shoes, pink ballet shoes (with ribbons for the photos/rehearsal and concerts)
<b>Hip Hop:</b>	Black jazz shoes or black sneakers
<b>YngSnrs/Snrs/Adv:</b>	Tan tap shoes, ballet or pointe shoes (ribbons), black jazz
<b>Jnr Cheerleading:</b>	Black jazz shoes
<b>Inter/Snr Cheer:</b>	Black sand shoes (no split soles) or black jazz or sneakers

***Ballet ties must be tucked into ballet shoes & ribbons must be sewn on sides and securely tied up, fastened with invisible tape around the ankle.***

### Body Stockings

It is recommended that students (especially the older girls) wear a body stocking which can be left on for all the dances under their costumes – this is a semi sheer very light, skin coloured leotard which allows students to change costumes quickly without being embarrassed – they do not show through when they are on stage and also provide hygienic protection. Body stockings are also available for purchase (\$15).

### Tights & Pink Ballet Ribbons

Pink ballet tights are required for ballet dances and tan tights for all other styles when performing on stage. For your convenience we have sourced good quality, affordable dance tights which can be purchased during classes at Laurimar (\$10 children, \$12 adults). Pink ballet ribbons also available (\$3).

# Backstage and Theatre Etiquette

Students need to remain backstage in the dressing rooms at all times.

**Dressing:** Due to the limited space available only 3 dressers per group (plus 1 class leader) will be allowed backstage (except Tinys, Sub Juniors and Juniors - however we do ask that numbers be limited if possible). Backstage parents to make sure students remain in their dressing rooms at all times.

**Class Leader:** One parent is required from each class to escort their child's group to side stage when called. Class leaders please ensure when groups are called to side stage they remain in a straight line in their order and are quiet. Please also check that hair and hair pieces are securely fastened, correct costumes are worn, hairpieces, correct tights and shoes, no earrings etc. All other students and parents are to remain in the dressing rooms as the noise levels at the backstage entrance can be heard in the theatre during the show and this can be very distracting for the audience watching the show.

**Theatre:** As requested by Theatre Management, the Theatre will be closed during the Dress Rehearsal. Note also that during each Performance members of the audience will be unable to enter/exit the Theatre except at interval.

We have organised for televisions to be available in each dressing room so students can watch the show when they are not performing.

Please ensure your child's costumes are appropriately organised and there is a supply of hair pins, safety pins and spare stockings in case of emergencies.

Also remember to pack a drink (water preferred) and a snack (avoid nut & egg products) for your child/children. A light dressing gown is recommended to protect costumes.

## Ticket Sales

Tickets will be on sale at the Laurimar Community Centre on **Saturday 28 October at 9.30 am**. When lining up for tickets each person is only permitted to purchase tickets for two families to avoid people jumping the queue by handing their orders to a friend who is closer to the front.

Limited Pre-Ticket sales (5 per family (Fri Show) and 6 per family (Wed Thurs shows)) are available to Tiny, Sub-Junior, Junior & Inter families only as their child is only performing in one show. If you require extra tickets you are able to either line up on Ticket sale day or put requests in an envelope which will be allocated when ticket sales have finished on Saturday. Pre-ticket orders and payments must be submitted **prior to 24 October 2017** in an envelope with clear instructions including name, class, which show and a contact telephone number.

If you cannot attend Ticket Sales day you can provide your ticket orders (including 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preference), payment and contact details in an envelope and hand to Reception. These will be allocated at the end of the ticket sale day.

Special needs requests will also be accepted prior to the Ticket Sales day.

Ticket prices:

- Adults: \$33 (inc GST)
- Students/Pensioners: \$28 (inc GST)
- Children (12 years and under): \$25 (inc GST)



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