



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER – COVID-19 UPDATE

TEACHER NEWS

We welcome new fabulous teachers to the Dance Power Team– Miss Rachel, Adam, Brooklyn, and Stephanie.

We also congratulate Miss Jayme (our Monday Tap teacher) on the arrival of beautiful Evelyn Norah Peterson.

We are also excited to announce that Miss Jaimie is expecting a baby girl in October! Yay another ballerina! Miss Jaimie is suffering severe morning sickness and as a result Miss Georgi (our Mon Juniors teacher) will teach Sat Subs, Miss Karys Juniors, Miss Karley Inters and Miss Rachel Young Seniors.

WELCOME

We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break and coping during these unprecedented times. We along with our teachers and families were devastated our doors closed and continue to remain close.

We were so pleased with the way students settled into their classes and were enthusiastically tackling new dance techniques and skills. Despite being closed we have decided to introduce some interim online classes (see below) to keep the Dance Power family connected and hope to be back soon for another exciting year of dancing!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Subject to Covid-19, Dance Power's end of year performance will 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. At this stage we have secured the following dates with the theatre — please note these dates in your calendar:

- **Monday 12 –18 October 2020** – Class Dress Rehearsal/Photos
- **Saturday 24 October 2020** – Ticket Sale Day (Pre-order available)
- **Sunday 8 November 2020** – Compulsory Dress Rehearsal at Theatre
- **Wednesday 25 November 2020** – Annual Concert No. 1
- **Thursday 26 November 2020** – Annual Concert No. 2
- **Friday 27 November 2020** – Annual Concert No. 3

Further details will be provided later in the year.

All backstage volunteers and parents must have a current Working With Children Check (WWC). WWC are free and can be obtained online. Please ensure you complete your application now.



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Don't forget to frequently check our website

www.dancepower.net.au and to follow us on Facebook and Instagram

[DancePowerAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/DancePowerAustralia) as they are great tools for finding general information about the school, important dates and information and any queries you may have.

Term Newsletters are available to download off the site. Please also check your junk folders if you haven't received any emails from us.

ONLINE CLASSES

Despite these unsettling times, we want to try and continue bringing the joy of dance to our incredible students to help them throughout this trying time and to give them a sense of routine and normality. We understand that many families are struggling financially and emotionally so we have decided to trial online pre-recorded classes free of charge for the interim period.

We **recommend** that you/your child put on your dance outfit whilst participating. We will organize some live zoom classes for our Drama, Advanced and Senior students throughout the term also. We may also consider this for our younger students depending on how this goes. We are conscious not to add more pressure to family lives.

We will let families adjust to home schooling and will go Live **Monday 27 April** on YouTube. Our channel is available here - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZohXgY5-ecfFkivOpllFw?view_as=subscriber. We recommend you subscribe now. Playlists for each class have been set up and teachers will upload videos for the first few fortnights as a trial. They will also start teaching routines too so we can all aim for our end of year production!!

Please provide us via email your comments and suggestions and share videos and photos of you/your child participating in our virtual classes on Facebook and Instagram. We would love to see you all joining in at home (Mum, Dad, Siblings too) and keep our true community spirit alive!!

Thank you to our incredible teachers who are working hard and just as enthusiastic to bring this to your home. Please bear in mind that many of our teachers and owners are essential workers (outside of Dance Power) – it will not be perfect and is new to us all but is a way to keep our Dance family together and stay connected to our students throughout this period.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time. We Miss You All and hope to see many hits, videos and photos in the coming weeks!!



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