

SHOREDANCE

BIRKENHEAD DANCE STUDIO

Welcome to Term 2!

We hope you are all enjoying the school holidays. An especially warm welcome to all of our new students joining this term. We also welcome Miss Thacia who will be teaching our brand new hip hop classes this term! We have lots of exciting things coming up this term so please make sure you have a good read through of this newsletter as it contains a lot of important information relevant to all of our students. We hope you have another fantastic term at Shore Dance!

2016 Calendar:

TERM 2:

Monday 2nd of May: First day of term 2

Saturday 6th of May: RAD Ballet exam entries close

Friday 20th of May: AJDA Jazz exam entries close

Monday 6th of June: Queen's Birthday public holiday

- no classes today

Saturday 9th of July: Last day of term 2

Friday 15th of July: Tap & Contemporary Exam entries due

18th-22nd of July: Exam Holiday Classes (Timetable TBA)

TERM 3:

Monday 25th of July: First day of term 3

Between 27th of July & 31st of August: RAD Ballet Exams (Dates TBA by RAD)

Between 1st & 5th of August (Dates TBA by AJDA): AJDA Jazz exams

Between 1st & 23rd of September: NZAMD Tap and Contemporary Exams (Dates TBA by NZAMD)

Saturday 24th of September: Last day of term 3

TERM 4:

Monday 10th of October: First day of term 4

Thursday 8th of December: Last day of term 4

9th, 10th, 11th of December: End of Year Shows & Dress Rehearsals

Timetable Changes for Term 2:

There are a few slight changes to the timetable for Term 2:

- Adult Tap classes:

We have split the adult tap classes into two classes:

Experienced tappers: Tuesdays 6:45-7:45pm

Beginners tappers: Tuesdays 7:45-8:30pm

- Grade 7 Friday class:

We have decided to extend this class by 15 minutes to allow time for pointe work (6:45-8:00pm)

- Grade 5 Saturday class:

We have decided to extend this class by 15 minutes (3:00-4:15pm)

- New Pre-school 4 yr old class:

A new Pre-school 4yr old class has been added on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:30pm

- Changes to Wednesday classes:

To allow students to participate in our new hip hop classes, we have altered the class times of our Wednesday ballet and jazz classes to avoid any clashes. The new times will be:

Miss Josie's Wednesday Classes:

3:30-4:00pm: Pre-school 4yr olds

4:00-4:30pm: New Pre-school 4yr olds class

4:30-5:15: Pre-Primary Ballet

5:15-6:15pm: Grade 1 Ballet

6:15-7:15pm: Grade 5 Ballet

7:15-8:15pm: Grade 7 Ballet

Miss Chloe's Wednesday Classes:

3:45-4:30pm: Jazz Intro Level 2

4:30-5:30pm: Jazz Intro Level 3

5:30-6:30pm: Jazz Intermediate Level 2

6:30-7:15pm: Stretch/Conditioning 13+yrs

7:15-8:15pm: Adult Jazz



NEW Hip Hop Classes:

We are very excited to be launching our brand new hip hop classes this term! These will be held on Wednesdays at the All Saints hall which is just around the corner from our studios at 187 Hinemoa Street. We are offering students to come along for a free trial during the first week of the term. Most of the classes are now at full capacity but please contact us if you are interested in coming along and have not yet signed up. Here are the class times:

- 3:30-4:15pm: Junior Hip Hop (7-9yrs)
- 4:15-5:15pm: Senior Hip Hop (13+yrs)
- 5:15-6:00pm: Intermediate Hip Hop (10-12yrs)
- 6:00-7:00pm: Adult Hip Hop

Welcome Miss Thacia:

We are very excited to have Miss Thacia joining us again this term to teach our new hip hop classes! You can read a bit about Thacia and the rest of our Shore Dance team on our website:
shoredance.co.nz/team



Queen's Birthday Public Holiday:

Monday 6th of June is Queen's Birthday public holiday, therefore there will be no classes on this date. Students are welcome to attend a different class this week if they wish.

Term Fees:

You will have been sent an invoice for the term fees via email (please let us know if you have not received one). These must be paid by the 14th of May. Term fees can be paid directly into our account (Shore Dance / 38-9008-0704687-00 / Kiwibank) with your child's name as the reference, by cheque (made out to Shore Dance), or by cash which must be handed in a named envelope to your teacher.

RAD Vocational Exams:

Good luck to Juliet Cuniffe who is sitting her RAD Intermediate Ballet exam in May! You have been working very hard towards your exam Juliet and we wish you all the best!

2016 Exams:

Students have the opportunity to enter examinations for ballet, jazz, tap, and contemporary. These will be held during Term 3 of 2016. Students who are eligible to enter the exams will be sent the exam information by email. The exam information packs are also available to download from our website by going to:

<http://shoredance.co.nz/exams/>

You will also find online exam entry forms here where you can submit exam entries electronically. Here are the due dates for exam entries and fees to be paid (no late entries can be accepted):

- **RAD Ballet exams (pre-primary to Grade 7):** 7th of May
- **AJDA Jazz exams:** 20th of May
- **NZAMD Tap & Contemporary exams:** 15th of July

Reminder - Exam Eligibility:

Please note that students **must attend two syllabus classes per week from Grade 1 upwards** if they wish to enter an RAD ballet exam. Students **must attend two syllabus classes from Elementary Level 1 upwards** if they wish to enter an AJDA jazz exam. If your child would like to attend a second class so they can enter the exam, please contact us to arrange this.

Practicing at Home:

Students who are entering in an exam need to be doing additional practice at home. This is very important to help them with preparation for the exams. There are syllabus DVDs available from RAD, AJDA, and NZAMD if you wish to purchase these to help your child with practicing at home. Please contact us for more information: contact@shoredance.co.nz



Holiday Classes:

Students who are entering in an exam will be required to attend extra classes during the second week of the July school holidays. The holiday class timetable will be given out later in the term, but please keep this week free if your child is entering an exam.

Phoenix Dance Workshop:

We have nine Shore Dance students who are travelling to Hamilton to attend the Phoenix Dance Workshop on the 7th of May with Miss Chloe. We hope you all have a fantastic time and enjoy the experience!

Shore Dance on Social Media:

To join our Shore Dance Facebook page, simply visit www.facebook.com/shoredance and "like" our page. Our facebook page is a great way to keep up to date with everything going on at Shore Dance and to view photos and videos of our students in action. You can also follow us on instagram: www.instagram.com/shoredance

Absences:

If your child is unable to attend class due to illness or being away, please let us know by either emailing contact@shoredance.co.nz or sending a text message to 027 424 2444 and we can forward this on to the correct teacher. If your child has an injury, they can still come along and watch the classes. This is particularly important for students who are working towards exams to make sure they do not miss out on anything.

Books and Toys Donation:

We would love some new childrens books and toys for our waiting room. If you have any spare toys or books at home that you would no longer use and would like to donate to us, please let me know! It is always nice to see the students and siblings engaged in quiet activities while they are waiting for their class to start.

Uniforms:

A list of the uniform items required for each class can be found on our website: <http://shoredance.co.nz/uniforms>. You can purchase your uniform items from our uniform shop which is open Thursdays 4:00-6:30pm and Saturdays 10am-12:30pm during school terms only. Alternatively, you can purchase your dancewear online by visiting our online shop www.thedanceshop.co.nz.

Second Hand Uniforms:

On our notice board in the waiting room, we have set up a second hand uniform notice section where you are welcome to post notices advertising any second hand uniforms you have for sale. Please include details of the items, prices, and your contact details. Once you have sold your items, please remove the notice from the notice board.

Shore Dance Jackets:

Our brand new Shore Dance jackets will be arriving over the next few weeks! Those who have placed an initial order will receive their jacket as soon as it arrives in and then we will also have them for sale in our dance shop. They will be perfect as we come into the cooler months! We also have some new Shore Dance branded dance bags and other uniform items arriving soon so keep an eye out in our shop.



2016 Show Dates:

Our end of year shows will be on the 10th and 11th of December this year. Dress rehearsals will be held on these days, and some students may have also dress rehearsals on Friday 9th of December. Please write these dates in your diary now so you can keep these dates free!

Upcoming Dance Workshops:

There are a range of opportunities for students to attend dance workshops and seminars throughout the year. Details can be found below, and you are welcome to contact us for more information:

Auckland Academy of Dance Vocational Seminars:

Compulsory for all Shore Dance students who are sitting RAD vocational exams this year.

"This seminar is designed to assist students who are preparing to sit their Royal Academy of Dance examinations in 2016. It is suitable for all students from Intermediate Foundation to Advanced 2 who have a good working knowledge of the syllabus and in particular the respective variations for your level. Each level consists of the following classes;
30min dance pilates warm up
1.5hr classical syllabus class
1hr Virtuosity class which includes enchainment, allegro, pirouettes and the variations."

Dates: 26th-29th April and 18th-22nd July

Venue: Auckland Academy of Dance studios, New Lynn

Visit their website for more details: <http://www.aucklandacademyofdance.co.nz/seminars/vocational-seminars/>

Kairos Dance Convention:

A jazz work shop held in Albany for students aged 8 years upwards: "Kairos brings together tutors from the U.S., Australia and Europe to host a high energy convention with maximum opportunities for young and old"

Dates: 2nd-3rd July

Venue: North Harbour Stadium, Albany

Visit their website for more details <https://kairosdanceconvention.com> or ask Miss Whitney to give you an information pack



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Adam Parson Chryssie Whitehead Kiel Tutin Sarah Boulter
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AJDA Jazz Congress:

"The Congress is AJDA syllabus based for pupils from Elementary Level 3 to Advanced Level 2." This will be held at the New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington during the July school holidays. More details will be available shortly.

Dates: 16th-18th July

Venue: NZ School of Dance in Wellington



New Zealand School of Dance Winter School:

"New Zealand School of Dance Winter School is an annual five day course offering intensive tuition in a range of dance styles. Held in the first week of the winter school holidays, it is a fantastic opportunity for young dance students to learn from the faculty of the New Zealand School of Dance alongside some of the best national and international teachers available. Winter School is suitable for students working at the equivalent of RAD Grade 5 up to Solo Seal. It offers diverse new challenges, with classes offered in classical, contemporary and allied dance styles. The Royal Academy of Dance syllabus is offered as an optional extra - for that extra boost before exam time."

Dates: 11th-15th July

Venue: New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington
Visit their website for more details: <http://www.nzschoolofdance.ac.nz/events/winter-school>

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**We hope you have a fantastic term
at Shore Dance!**

**From Miss Whitney and the
Shore Dance Team**