

Swan River Ballet

Teaching the joy of dance

Term 1 Newsletter

March 2020

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Welcome back for 2020 and a special welcome to the new families at our school. Swan River Ballet's newsletter will be on our website in the middle of each Term 1, 2 and 3. It will no longer be sent out via email. This will allow all family members and friends of SRB to view it. We will continue to have a few copies in the greenroom to read. The children look great and so keen to dance when in their correct attire with their hair in bun, so keep up the good work and ask for help if you need it. Our website will be our prime communication to parents and friends in 2020 and we hope you visit it regularly to keep up to date with all aspects of the school.

Good Health Practices

Ensure your child washes hands after going to the toilet.

Have your child's name on their water bottle

Keep sick children at home

Use hand sanitiser after wiping nose

Jazz Addict Syllabus

We hope the students are enjoying the new Jazz Syllabus we have introduced this year. It is great to see the children adapt to the creativity and technique involved within the levels. Details about exams will be out in Term 2, however it is important we get at least 25 students wanting to do an exam so that the syllabus can be taught at Swan River Ballet.

Cottesloe Film Festival



"Swan River Ballet hosts a fun dance class led by Miss Avie which was perfect for little blue frocks with flowing veils" -
POST Newspaper,
Feb 22 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

**** No Classes on Public Holidays.
Makeup up classes can be taken.**

Term 1

Last day of Term 1 – **Thursday 9th April**

Easter 10th –13 April

****Anzac Public Holiday – April 27th**

Term 2

April 28 to July 3

Parent watch week – **(Week 9&10)**

****WA Day – June 1st**

Term 3

July 20 to September 25

****Queen's Birthday – September 28th**

RAD Grade 4 & Up Exams (Dates TBC)

Jazz Exams (Dates TBC)

Holiday Exam Program – October 6–12

Term 4

12 October 12 to December 12

RAD Exams (Dates TBC)

Concert Monday 14th December 6pm

Make-up class options

Have you considered trying Jazz as a make-up class?

Ballet 1&2 – Jnr Jazz 1 Sat 9am

Ballet 3&4 – Jnr Jazz 2 Sat 12pm

Grade 1 – Jazz 1 Tues 5pm

Grade 2 – Jazz 2 Wed 5pm

Grade 3 – Jazz 3 Thurs 5pm

Grade 4 – Jazz 4 Thurs 4pm

Seniors – Snr Jazz Fri 6.30pm

Uniform & Shop

Swan River Ballet T-shirts are now available in the shop in both Child and Adult Sizes.

\$15 Child and \$20 Adult.

Grade 1's & 2's are allowed to wear ballet socks during the summer months if they desire.

DVD's of last years Peter Pan concert are available to purchase in the shop for \$30

SHOP ITEMS PAID BY BANK TRANSFER SHOULD BE PAID WITHIN 48Hours

Adult Ballet classes!

Its never too late to start!

Monday 9 - 10am,

Tuesday 6.00 -7.30pm,

Wednesday 9 - 10am

\$20 casual or \$150 for 10 classes



Teachers at Swan River Ballet

Ms Michele - Principial and Registered RAD Teacher.

Ms Linda - Pointe assessments (Physiotherapist)

Ms Avie - Jazz & Contemporary co-ordinator, teaching Dance & Performance through to Advanced adults.

Ms April - Recently return to SRB to teach adult classes.

Ms Emily - Teaches Dance & Performance through to Intermediate Ballet.

Ms Ella - Relief teaching for junior Ballet & Jazz.

We have employed Anton Cleaver-Wilkinson to update our website on a weekly basis to improve communication with staff and parents. We hope you keep checking it often, so you can keep up with all our current news.

Congratulations to **Ms Ellen** in Karratha at Terre Rouge Ballet for gaining her RAD Registered Teachers Certificate. She has now set up her own school in Karratha.

Parent Watch Week – Term 2

We had a very successful parent watch week in 2019 so we plan to repeat it.

The children were more prepared and willing to show off their new found talents in Term 2.

We will list the times for viewing each class in our next newsletter in preparation for the end of Term.

RAD Exams in 2020

July Session – Grade 4 & Up at WA Ballet Centre

October Session – Ballet 2, Ballet 4, and Grade 1–3's at our Studios

Although the exams/presentations are not compulsory we do encourage those that want to work towards either an exam or presentation in their level. Please ensure you enrol your child in enough classes to be eligible for an exam. More information regarding suggested hours is available on our noticeboard and on the RAD website.

<https://www.rad.org.au/achieve/examinations/specifications>

Autumn Grade Course

April school Holidays for RAD Intermediate students – who require 275 hours of training at this level before they enrol in the exam.

Please find information relating to the Autumn Intensive Examination Syllabus Classes attached. The course dates are 14–18 April with RAD Examiner tutors Julia Barry and Kit Lethby to be held at Silhouette Dance Studio.

Entries are open now until 3 April or when classes are full. Bookings can be made here – www.trybooking.com/BIWGL

Trial classes at Swan River Ballet

We welcome those who wish to do a trial class to see if the style and level of dancing suits them. There are now PINK forms for parents to complete before the trial class, which should be handed to the teacher, so the teacher is fully aware of the child's circumstances e.g. allergies etc. The teacher will complete the form at the end of the class and recommend suitable classes.

Air-conditioning in our Studios

We are all enjoying the extra comfort of the air-conditioning in both studios. Although we had the benefit of the sea breeze in the past, it is nice not to have to open & close the windows each day. I will be investigating installing solar panels to offset the energy costs.

We will continue to do improvements to the building as the school grows. The next main project will be to seal the ceiling in Studio 1 with an appropriate heritage press metal ceiling similar to the original one in Studio 2 (pink room). We had considered doing this in April, but have now decided January 2021 would be better as we could re-lay floor & paint the walls as well. I will be calling out to all those with any handy skills in January 2021 to assist us in this major task. If you can help for a couple of hours that would be great, as the old saying goes “many hands make light work”.

