

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2010

MESSAGE FROM MRS FROST

So another year ends! The time has just flown past – I am sure several months were missing in the calendar – I cannot recall a June, July or August and here we are in December with the concert upon us. Preparation time for such a huge new ballet seemed far too short and yet here we are with the dancers doing a wonderful job of their various roles – the sets looking stunning and costumes finally reaching fruition! I would like to thank Mr Chris for so willingly taking on the role of Oberon and making it so easy for me and his 3 Titania's – we are very lucky to have him and I hope you will all enjoy his performances!

This concert will be a hugely emotional one for me as we farewell my daughter, my colleague and best friend Laura. She has given so much to this school and is such a gifted teacher – choreographer and designer – no one person can possibly replace all this! I know that we will all miss her sorely but we all wish her much success and happiness in her new venture overseas.

I have been working on staffing for 2011 and you will find a possible timetable for next year attached to this newsletter. We are so fortunate to have gained the services of Sue Hill and for 2011 also of Wendy Doulton (an SFD examiner and also an adjudicator at Competitions). These two wonderful teachers will certainly be an asset to this school and bring a wealth of experience with them. I am also thrilled to include Kathryn Noble and Beth Wentworth as trainee teachers along with Melanie Coad who began teaching this year. The school really needs a mix of experienced and new young teachers to move forward. Returning staff for 2011 include Miss Massey, Mr Chris, Miss Janine, Miss Terry, Miss Ashlee and Miss Jayne. We have also secured a marvellous teacher Fayette Corlass Brown to take on quite a large part of Laura's Competition work.

I want to extend a huge thank you to those who have assisted me in getting the costumes done this year – Jules Infanti and Gill Goodall have come to my rescue taking costumes off me to put together when time has been tight – but also the senior girls who have given up hours of their time to assist and to learn sewing skills so that they can help me in the future! There have been quite a few but especially big thanks to Tina and Kathryn who have given up whole days helping - and have been practicing their sewing skills on the overlockers and sewing machines!

Please read the proposed timetable and give us feedback! Because of the new staffing it has been very hard to link all classes. We are also introducing the new RAD Inter found and Intermediate work in 2011 as well as keeping the old intermediate going for its final examination in 2011. If you are confused I will try to help! The New Intermediate Foundation and Grade 6P classes – were our Grade 5 class at the start of this year (Matilda Lamb's Class) the new Intermediate/Grade 6 exam is the class that have just taken Inter found exams (Gabrielle Leacy's class) and the Old Intermediate and Grade 7 class is the group who did grade 6 this year (Maddy Pratt's class). I will actually be learning the new work during my trip to the UK and look forward to comparing notes with Miss Massey and Miss Hill who will learn it in Sydney in January!

I will be travelling to the UK with Laura on the 17th December and will not be back until the 18th January (weather permitting!). This means that there will be no free classes for seniors and costume clean up will need to be under control from NOW! All new costumes will have to be catalogued and numbered before the concert and then hung properly before I leave!! We are very short of space as the

storage room the Council is providing for us has never been built. Until this occurs the costumes will have to be stored wherever possible!

I would like to wish every dancer “chookas” for the concert and to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to catching up with everyone on Enrolment day.

Regards

Rosemary Frost

JUNIOR SCHOOL BREAK UP PARTY:

Wednesday 15th December from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Ringwood Lake – BBQ near the playground. If the weather is awful we will go to the Ballet School. BYO food and drink.

CLEAN UP DAYS:

In January all the costumes and scenery have to be put away. Those who have already volunteered will be sent reminders. If anyone else is available, your help would be greatly appreciated.

ENROLMENT DAY

Saturday 29th January 2011 from 10.00am to 2.00pm for new and re-enrolling students.

DVD ORDERS:

Get your order in soon to avoid disappointment - these make a wonderful gift for your child or family and a great record for the future. Orders, with payment of \$45 will be taken up to the end of the last performance. Each of the full school performances is being filmed so you will be able to order exactly the right one for your family!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We move into the final week of the year and after all the hard work and effort of the last few months, there are still some very busy days (and nights!) ahead as we prepare to move to the Karralyka. Once there, a lot of effort will still be required as we move through the dress rehearsals and then to the performances themselves. I'd just like to say thank you to everyone for their efforts as we've prepared for this production – it has been wonderful to see everyone working together over the last weeks and months, helping as much as they are able.

After all the classes and rehearsals, this is the time for the dancers to take centre stage and show us what they can do. I'd like to wish the performers all the best for the Concert - dance as well as you are able and remember to enjoy yourselves!

The year has really gone quickly – once again it has been busy but for the most part everything has run smoothly and efficiently and for that I'd like to thank our Artistic Director, Rosemary Frost, all the teachers and the committee. The fact that the school and the Concert are so successful is due in no small part to the amount of time and effort that Rosemary puts in and I must congratulate her on behalf of the community. I'd also like to thank Laura as well – she has been a wonderful teacher and given so much support to her mother for many years. I know we will all miss her, but we wish her all the best as she moves overseas to extend her talents.

Financially, the school is in a sound position, but with building works anticipated as well as the increase in costs of day to day running expenses, the committee has decided there is a need to have a slight increase in the class fees for 2011. As a 'not for profit' community group we strive to keep fees

as low as possible and keep any increases to a minimum. The full fee structure for next year is attached and will also be found on our web site. Just to remind you that although fees are due before the start of each term, we do realise that some families find this single payment difficult. If this is indeed the case please discuss your situation with the Treasurer so that a payment plan can be organised.

In conclusion, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Geoff Kitchen

2011 Class Fees (per term)		30% disc	50% disc
½ Hour class (kinder 1)	\$63.50	\$44.45	\$31.75
¾ Hour classes (kinder 2)	\$93.00	\$65.10	\$46.50
1 class per week	\$113.00	\$79.10	\$56.50
2 classes per week	\$205.00	\$143.50	\$102.50
3 classes per week	\$287.00	\$200.90	\$143.50
4 classes per week (see packaging options below)	\$360.00	\$252.00	\$180.00
5 classes per week (see packaging options below)	\$420.00	\$294.00	\$210.00
Junior Package (4 or more classes per week)	\$340.00	(Up to Grade 5)	
Senior Package (5 or more classes per week)	\$410.00	(Grade 6P upwards)	
Family Fees Package	\$676.50		
Admin Fee (per term)	\$10.25		
Production Levies (per term)			
Kinder Production Levy (only charged in term 4)	\$19.50		
Production Levy Junior School, 1 Style	\$19.50		
Production Levy Junior School, 2 Styles	\$25.60		
Production Levy Junior School, 3 or More Styles	\$32.80		
Production Levy Jazz/Tap Levels 1 - 6	\$19.50		
Production Levy Levels 7 - 10	\$25.60		
Production Levy Middle School, 1 Style	\$25.60		
Production Levy Middle School, 2 Styles	\$32.80		
Production Levy Middle School, 3 or More Styles	\$37.95		
Production Levy Senior School, 1 Style	\$32.80		
Production Levy Senior School, 2 Styles	\$37.95		
Production Levy Senior School, 3 or More Styles	\$45.10		
Exam Levies (only charged in term 3)			
Jazz – all levels	\$36.00		
Tap – all levels	\$36.00		
Classical Grade 1	\$77.00		
Classical Grade 2	\$77.00		
Classical Grade 3	\$87.00		
Classical Grade 4	\$87.00		
Classical Grade 5	\$87.00		
Classical Grade 6	\$97.00		

Classical Grade 7	\$97.00
Classical Grade 8	\$97.00