

NEWSLETTER TERM 3, 2023

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Mrs Frost's Message

July is always a very busy and exciting period for us with competitions and exam preparation leading into the exam period proper. It is always lovely to see the students blossom over three days of exam preparation and to observe how much more confident they are by the end!

The first week of the holidays was devoted to SFD comps. Having seen all the items at the dress rehearsal I was sure they would be lovely and they certainly represented RBG amazingly well! I send my congratulations to all competitors and a huge thank you to their coaches and their parents for supporting them so well. Amongst many placings I must congratulate Laura Young for winning the major classical scholarship where she joins a large number of former successful RBG dancers! It was her first outing in the scholarship so indeed a wonderful outcome!

This was followed by 5 days of exam preparation and coaching and as mentioned the students all responded exceptionally well and by the third day there was a marked improvement and they're much more ready to enter the exam room and achieve their best. During these days we not only cover the classwork but are able to spend more time on their dances and to practise the etiquette including how to enter the room, where stand when not dancing and generally how to move around the room in the correct manner. All this creates much greater confidence in the students and is well worth the many hours we spent here! I would like to thank the parent helpers who were here every day to ensure the teachers who looked after with cups of tea and lovely lunches and also to man the phone and ensure all the students were here for their classes. Thank you also to our student assistants and of course the teachers whose dedication to the students is phenomenal. We couldn't run these days without your help so thank you! We have now had all the jazz exams as well as the first lot of classical and tap with the final set of SFD exams due this Sunday and then two days of RAD exams follow during the week!

Once this is over we will begin work on presentation evening which is our annual showcase of class work and our awards night. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event as it is a delightful way for you to see what your children have been doing throughout the year and how the work progresses from our youngest students to our most senior! Information has gone out via operoo.

Once Presentation Evening is over we turn our attention to the concert. This will start with a costume fitting day on Sunday the 10th September where all levels and styles will have costumes fitted or if new costumes are needed they will be measured for accurate sizing! The senior school will be performing an abstract neoclassical ballet *Divertimento* set to Mozart's beautiful music, and then all classical levels from level 5 up will be part of "The Enchanted Tapestry" which is the feature story ballet for the year. Junior ballet from kinder through to level 4 classes will be performing "The Doll Shop"; jazz classes will have a Broadway theme and the tap classes will honour the traditions of the past great tappers from many Hollywood movies and musicals. They will also be contemporary and character dances in the first part of the programme.



We are planning to run a fun dance workshop on the 20th of August for middle and senior students. There will be classical classes taken by Flynn Stelfox who is a graduate of the Australian Ballet School and currently performing with Milwaukee ballet in the United States of America. The class will include being taught a variation from one of the great ballets and the theme will be how to develop style and flow! There will also be contemporary classes which will be taken by Joanna Done who recently ran our acro classes while Mr Sam was away! I hope that many of you will be able to attend as it should be a really fun day and give you something different to think about in your classes. Details will be coming out shortly!

Warm regards Mrs Frost

SFD Competitions

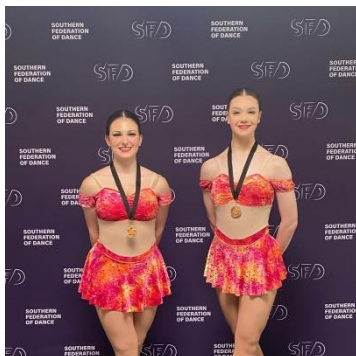
Congratulations to every competitor, all the coaches and the families who supported them! Also to the SFD for running such a smooth running, safe and joyful event.

COMPETITORS: Amelia Suidgeest -Annabelle Wong - Charlotte Ting – Claire Harris - Emily Sutherland - Georgia Morrison – Grace Morgante -Julia Ting - Laura Young –Molly Zhou – Odelia Chan – Emma Callanan – Katherine Mende – Anna Cai – Mia Harrington – Sarah Hudson – Sammy Yang– Arianah Vella – Polly Anders – Aurora Stammers

PLACINGS:

1ST PLACE

Emma Callanan – Tap
 Polly Anders/Aurora Stammers – Classical Duo
 Laura Young - Senior Classical Champ
 Emma Callanan – Demi Character
 Odelia Chan – Classical
 Grace Morgante/Laura Young – Own Choreo
 Jazz Duo
 Georgia Morrison - Classical



2ND PLACE

Emma Callanan/Amelia Suidgeest – Tap Duo
 Emma Callanan/Amelia Suidgeest – Jazz Duo
 Annabelle Wong – Neo
 Sammy Yang/Arianah Vella – Classical Duo
 Claire Harris – Demi Character
 Grace Morgante/Laura Young – Own Choreo neo
 Duo
 Laura Young - Classical



3RD PLACE

Grace Morgante – Jazz
 Amelia Suidgeest – Tap
 Amelia Suidgeest – Classical
 Emma Callanan – Classical
 Katherine Mende - Neo



HONOURABLE MENTION

Charlotte Ting – Tap
 Mia Harrington - Neo
 Emily Sutherland - Neo
 Molly Zhou – Junior Classical Scholarship
 Katherine Mende – Lyrical
 Grace Morgante – Jazz
 Laura Young – Neo
 Emma Callanan – Lyrical
 Katherine Mende - Classical



Fundraising

Term 2 fundraising was centred around our major event - Cadbury chocolates and lollies. We are very thankful to all families who purchased chocolates or generously donated to support this and we were able to raise more than \$2000 in funds. These funds will be used to support our end of year concert.

Community BBQ at Bunnings Ringwood!

We have been able to secure another BBQ through Ringwood Bunnings to be held on Sunday 10th September.

We are looking for help to either cook or serve, so please sign up now using the link below! It's sure to be a fun day and we appreciate the help!

If you have any connections with local butchers to support our sausage order, please leave your details with the office.

Bunnings BBQ Sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA9AD2EA4FFC43-bunnings1>



Community Grant

Matinee Performance of Divertimento and The Enchanted Tapestry

This year the Ringwood Ballet Group have again applied for and been successful in obtaining a community grant through the Maroondah City Council to provide a free performance of our 2023 Ballet Production at our Friday matinee session.

The community groups we target for the free performance include the under privileged, disadvantaged and elderly in our community. If there are any groups in our community that you feel would fit into the free performance please contact Carolyn on carolyncallanan@hotmail.com so that we can provide information to all relevant groups.



Sponsorship

RBG offers unique sponsorship opportunities to support your business. We would love to hear from our RBG families and local businesses about entering a sponsorship arrangement with RBG.

Boasting a strong on-line presence and a range of exciting events throughout the year, RBG has many sponsorship opportunities to meet your business needs.

Please contact RBG via phone or email office@ringwoodballet.org.au to discuss our sponsorship packages or how to tailor these for your business.

	Package	SILVER \$500	GOLD \$1500	PLATINUM \$3000+
	Available	Unlimited	5	3
	Duration	1 year	2 years	3 years
Sponsorship benefits				
Quarterly newsletters		✓	✓	✓
Name on Sponsors webpage		✓	✓	✓
Sponsor board in studios		✓	✓	✓
Social media campaign			✓	✓
Webpage banner and all footers				✓
Logo in Annual Production programme			✓	✓
Recognition in Annual Production programme		✓	✓	✓
Logo displayed at all major events			✓	✓
Complimentary tickets (x2) Annual production				✓
Official Sponsorship Partner(s)				✓
Framed appreciation certificate		✓	✓	✓
Dance Award Named award presented to student on stage at Annual Presentation Night				✓

*Sponsorship investment excludes GST

Workshop

The Ringwood Ballet Group are holding a Workshop on Sunday 20th August at the Studios. The work shop will include 2 styles, classical and contemporary and is suitable for students from SFD5 (Grade 5 at school) and above. The workshops will be split into 2 groups (based on age).

Information about the event will be sent out via Operoo to families. Get in quick to secure your spot as places will be limited.

Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation Night is coming up on Saturday 2nd September. Tickets go on sale on Monday 21st August from the Karrylyka. Information about the night has been sent to all families via Operoo. Please note that in order for the night to go ahead we do need parent helpers to assist the students back stage, which unfortunately means that these parents will not be able to watch the night. If you are able to assist please sign up via the 'sign up genius' link which can be accessed below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA9AD2EA4FFC43-presentation1>

***Please remember any assistance provided at the working bees or during exam time, goes towards your 4 hours of assistance at the ballet school, and families will be reimbursed their Maintenance Levy the following term, once assistance has been provided.

Further information about the night, including purchasing of tickets, will be sent to all participating families via Operoo shortly.

2023 Concert tops

Our Annual Concert t-shirts and singlets will once again be available for purchase. An email will be sent out via Operoo where you can order a top and we will invoice you, alternatively you can pick up an order form from the studios. Orders are due back by **Saturday 27th August**.

Logo design for 2023 is set out below:

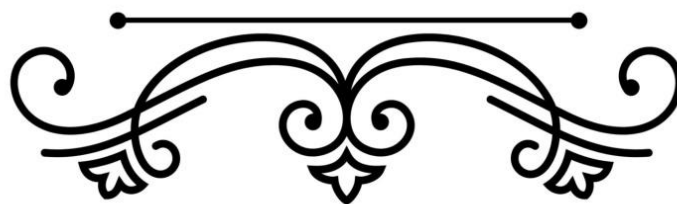


The Enchanted Tapestry

Divertimento

and supporting programme

December 2023



10-15 Year Students

At our presentation night we recognise students that have reached special milestones, these are those that have been with the Ringwood Ballet Group for 10 and 15 years. If you or your child has been with the Ringwood Ballet Group for 10 or 15 years in 2023 please email office@ringwoodballet.org.au or pop your name on the list on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Important Dates for your Diary

August

Saturday 12th - Senior Ballet Audition *** NEW DATE

Monday 7th – Saturday 12th - Uniform week – Correct uniform to be work to Jazz and Tap

Sunday 20th August - RBG Workshop

September

Saturday 2nd - Presentation day/night

Saturday 16th - **End of term 3**

Saturday 16th -24th - SDF Competition TBC

TBA - Grand Final Public Holiday – NO CLASSES

October

Monday 2nd - Start of Term 4

November

Sunday 5th - Concert tickets go on sale.

Monday 6th - No classes

Tuesday 7th - Cup Day NO CLASSES

Sunday 5th - Concert Tickets go on Sale

Saturday 11th - Juniors last Saturday of Normal Classes

Friday 17th - Seniors Last day of normal classes

Saturday 18th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Sunday 19th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Monday 20th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Wednesday 22nd - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Saturday 25th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Sunday 26th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Monday 27th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Wednesday 29th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

December

Saturday 2nd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Sunday 3rd ** - **Full Dress Rehearsal & Photo day (Community Centre)**

Tuesday 5th - Theatre bump In and Final Senior Open Class

Wednesday 6th ** - **Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap/Character/Contemporary**

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre

Thursday 7th ** - **Senior Ballet FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre**

Friday 8th ** - 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)

Friday 8th ** - 7pm Performance

Saturday 9th ** - 12.30pm Performance

Saturday 9th ** - 7pm Performance

End of Term 4

**** These rehearsals are compulsory**

Staying up to date

There are a number of ways that the Ringwood Ballet Group keep families up to date with upcoming events, dates, timetables and other important information. They are:

Operoo

This is our main system to provide information to our families. You will receive regular emails from Operoo about upcoming events, permission forms, etc.

Facebook

Ringwood Ballet Group – Members page – Private group for RBG Members Only

Ringwood Ballet Group – Public page

RBG Seniors – private page for senior students and their families

RBG Buy/Swap/Sell – Private group to buy and sell second hand items

Instagram

@ringwoodballetgroup

Website

www.ringwoodballet.org.au

Studios

Finally don't forget to check the flyers and information around the foyer, on our noticeboard and if in doubt speak to one of our office assistants or committee members.

Sponsors and Grant Acknowledgements



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Ringwood East and
Croydon