



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023

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FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year and about to do our concert! We are still dealing with many absences due to illness and a number of other factors which make it challenging for everyone to perform with confidence but the dancers have made a great effort and we have seen them blossom through the combined rehearsals!

Early in the year four of our senior students worked with the senior classical examiners of the SFD and myself developing and then filming the advanced level classical syllabus. They looked absolutely stunning! Thank you to them for giving their time to make this possible. The syllabus will be launched early next year!

In April I managed to spend 5 weeks in the U.K. visiting my family – it was 4 years since we last met thanks to lockdowns! It was a joy to see my daughter Laura, her partner Craig, my grandson Conor and my brother and his family after so long! I also met my 2 ½ year old granddaughter, Isla, for the first time! While I was away the other teachers ensured that my classes ran as usual and it was lovely to have a former RAD examiner, Dianne Parrington, take the RAD higher grades classes. Huge thank you to all of them for making this possible.

Once I returned we accelerated rapidly towards exams, of which we did many, with excellent results! This was followed by a lovely Presentation Evening! A number of students represented RBG in competitions in July and September and I congratulate all of them! We were also very lucky to have former student and Australian Ballet School graduate, Flynn Stelfox, teaching for us and sharing his passion and knowledge of classical ballet while home from America where he is a member of Milwaukee Ballet.

And so to concert term! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the theatre and I wish every dancer "chookas" for all their performances. Our juniors have worked so hard to bring their dances to life and they are adorable! The middle and senior school have also done a great job with the 2 ballets, Divertimento and Enchanted Tapestry, as well as the other styles we offer! I hope that all of you will enjoy watching not only your own children but all the others that form the team that is Ringwood Ballet.

Shows like we put on can't happen without a lot of input from volunteers and I wish to thank all the committee members, our amazing and very talented scenery and stage crew and the many parent helpers as well as our student assistants who have contributed their time and efforts to ensuring we are able to bring a concert of this calibre to the stage. Of course nothing could happen without the talent, creative time and dedication of the staff. The support they give me and the time they take to ensure everything is done and ready for the children is phenomenal and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to the challenges of the new year and will hopefully catch up with you all on open day in January. Before then we will be working to clean up the studios and put all the costumes and sets away and your help as always would be greatly appreciated!

Wishing you all Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Rosemary Frost

STAGE MAKEUP

Stage Makeup remains the same as previous years. Info is available on the website under the 'Parent Zone' tab.

- Foundation – 1 shade darker than skin tone
- Eye Shadow – 3 Shades – Dark Brown, Beige and White/Cream (No Shimmers please)
- Blush – Brick/Terracotta red, not pink or bright red
- Lipstick – Red (cherry red)
- Powder – pressed or loose
- Eyelashes – from Level 5 (Enchanted Tapestry) up – medium length
- Eye liner – Liquid is recommended – Black
- Mascara - Black

ALL FULL DRESS REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

The following require **FULL** costume to be worn – no excuses –make up is NOT necessary for juniors at either rehearsal. Dancers must arrive well in advance of their start time to change into costumes and **MUST** have their hair correctly and immaculately groomed so that headdresses can be worn and any hair changes can be practiced.

ANY STUDENTS MISSING THESE REHEARSALS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM IN THE CONCERT!

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL OF THE ENTIRE SHOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

8.30am	ARRIVAL FOR JUNIOR BALLET: The Doll Shop (ALL)
9.00-10.00	JUNIOR BALLET REHEARSAL
10.00-10.20	CHARACTER
10.30-11.00	CONTEMPORARY
11.05-11.40	TAP
11.45-12.30	JAZZ (includes Junior Boys)
12.30-1.30	LUNCH
1.30–2.45	TAPESTRY RED CAST
2.45-3.15	BREAK
3.15-4.30	TAPESTRY BLUE CAST
4.30-5.00	CORRECTIONS AND BREAK
5.00-5.45	DIVERTIMENTO RED CAST
5.45-6.00	BREAK
6.00-6.45	DIVERTIMENTO BLUE CAST
6.45-7.15	CORRECTIONS/CLEAN UP

***A professional photographer will be available all day at the community centre for any student wishing to have a photo taken in costume. Full details are located in the newsletter.

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

7.00 – 8.30 LAST SENIOR CLASS

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL JUNIOR BALLET, CHARACTER, CONTEMPORARY, TAP & JAZZ ON STAGE AT THE KARRALYKA THEATRE

Please note ALL costumes come to the theatre in a bag or on a hanger. Students are NOT permitted to wear them outside of the theatre and they must ALL remain in the theatre after the rehearsal. You are part of a team and your presence is needed for everyone else as well as yourself.

MAKE UP IS OPTIONAL HOWEVER PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE IT DONE. HAIR MUST BE CORRECTLY AND IMMACULATEDLY GROOMED.

3.30-3.45	All Juniors arrive
3.45-4.00	SET THE DOLL SHOP
4.00-5.15	THE DOLL SHOP– JUNIOR BALLETS on stage
5.15-5.45	BREAK
5.45-6.15	TAP
6.30-7.15	JAZZ (includes Junior Boys)
7.30-8.00	CHARACTER
8.15-9.00	CONTEMPORARY

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL DIVERTIMENTO AND ENCHANTED TAPESTRY ON STAGE AT THE KARRALYKA THEATRE

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4.00-5.15	TAPESTRY RED
5.15-5.45	CORRECTIONS AND BREAK
5.45-7.00	TAPESTRY BLUE
7.00-7.15	CORRECTIONS
7.15-7.45	BREAK
7.45 -8.45	DIVERTIMENTO RED
8.45-9.15	CORRECTIONS AND BREAK
9.15-10.00	DIVERTIMENTO BLUE
10.00-10.15	CORRECTIONS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 11.00 A.M.

COMMUNITY MATINEE – **RED CAST DIVERTIMENTO AND TAPESTRY ONLY (No junior ballet or other styles)**

9.30	Door opens
9.40	Senior warm up
10.00	All other students/performers arrive
11.00	Show begins with Divertimento

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7.00 P.M.

BLUE CAST FULL PERFORMANCE

5.30	Door opens
5.40	Senior warm up
6.00	Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in Tapestry
7.00	Show begins with Divertimento – all dancers must have arrived

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 12.30 P.M.

BLUE CAST FULL PERFORMANCE

11.00	Door opens
11.10	Senior warm up
11.30	Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in Tapestry
12.30	Show begins with Divertimento – all dancers must have arrived

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 7.00 P.M.

RED CAST FULL PERFORMANCE

- 5.30 Door opens
- 5.40 Senior warm up
- 6.00 Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in Tapestry
- 7.00 Show begins with Divertimento– all dancers must have arrived

PROFESSIONAL COSTUME PHOTOS



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Sunday 3rd December 2023

On Sunday 3rd December, at the full dress rehearsal, we have organised We Photograph to take individual photos of your children in costume. This is an optional service which we are providing this year, it is not compulsory.

A photography studio will be set up at the community hall. Parents will then have the opportunity to purchase 5x7" prints for \$15 and digital files for \$20 Each. Images will be available online with payment made directly to We Photograph.

Ringwood Ballet Group receives 10% of all sales.



When: Sunday 3rd December 2023

Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

Where: Community Centre

next door to ballet studios.



If you are interested in having a photo of your child in costume, you will need to ensure that you come either 30 mins prior to your rehearsal time, or be prepared to wait after your scheduled rehearsal time for a photo to be taken. The photography can only be taken before/after your child's rehearsal piece, and it is imperative that the rehearsal schedule not be interrupted, as delays will then impact on the running of the whole day.

If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Callanan on 0413 306 386 or via email carolyncallanan@hotmail.com

ROSES, CALENDARS and DVD's

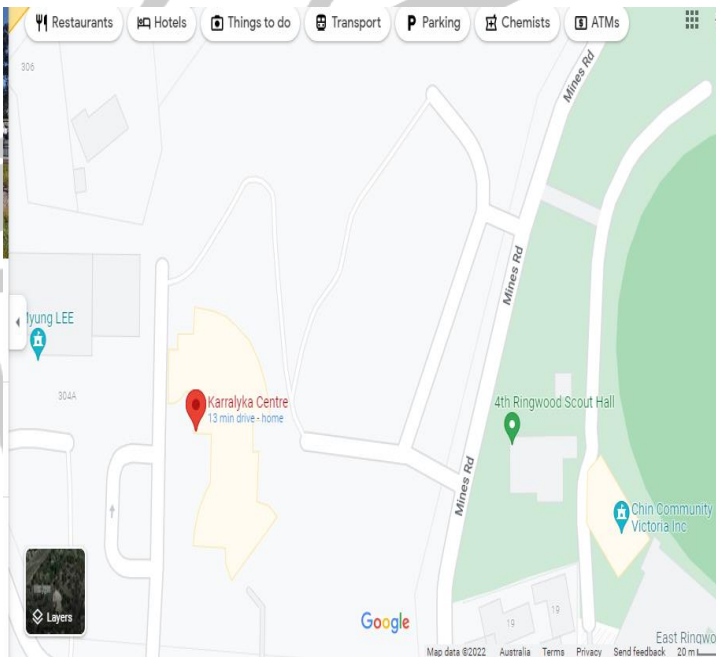
We will be selling fresh roses at all three full programmes. Roses are \$5 each and are a lovely way to congratulate your dancer on their performance.

We will also be selling a 2024 Calendar of pictures from our December show for \$25 each, and DVD/USB's will also be available for sale during the concert. An order form for the calendars and DVD/USB's has been emailed to all families via Operoo.

DIRECTIONS TO AND AT KARRALYKA THEATRE

The Karralyka address is Mines Road Ringwood. Please enter through Mines road and there is plenty of parking to the right. The stage door entry is to the left before the main building near the portables – look for our signs. All Students are to use this entry, and exit. Students will then be directed to their allocated dressing rooms, which are:

- Kinder to SFD 4 portables behind the Theatre
- SFD 5 and SFD 6 Dressing Room 1
- 1st and 2nd year Grade 6 Dressing Room 2
- All Boys – Understage
- Grade 7 and above Dressing Room 3



STUDIO PACK UP DAY

Helpers needed on Monday 11th December 2023 from 10am onwards at the studios to sort and put away all the costumes from the concert! If any senior student or parent is available to assist it would be greatly appreciated!

RE-ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Reenrolment forms for 2024 were sent out via Operoo. If you could please complete these ASAP, whether you are returning or not, as this helps us as we plan for classes. If you have a sibling or friend that is interested in joining they can enrol directly via our website www.ringwoodballet.org.au The website also has all the latest information on timetables, classes levels, fees etc. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to call the office on 9870 6549 or email us at office@ringwoodballet.org.au

Please note that the office will be closed for enquires from Friday 22nd December until Monday 8th January 2024.

OPEN DAY 2024

This year we will again be holding an Open Day (see flyer below). This will be an opportunity for current and new students and families to check out our studios, chat to the teachers, discuss any class issues, buy and sell second hand items and catch up with their friends prior to our classes commencing. There will also be trial classes on the day for Kinder at 11am and Prep at 12pm. We look forward to seeing you all then!

RINGWOOD BALLET GROUP

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2024

BALLET—JAZZ—TAP—CHARACTER—ACRO— CONTEMPORARY—BOYS
10AM—1PM

MEET THE TEACHERS

11AM KINDER TRIAL CLASS

12NOON PREP TRIAL CLASS

MAKE FRIENDS AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN ONLINE

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IMPORTANT DATES 2024

January

- Saturday 27th - Enrolment Day/Open Day
Monday 29th - **Start of Term 1**

February

- Monday 26th – Saturday 3rd March
Uniform Week – Correct uniform to be work to class, Jazz/Tap including tights

March

- Monday 11th – Labour Day – NO CLASSES
Wednesday 21st – AGM
Thursday 28th – **End of Term 1**

April

- Monday 15th - **Start of Term 2**
Thursday 25th - Anzac Day Public Holiday – NO CLASSES

May

- Monday 13th - Saturday 18th - **Uniform Week**
Sunday 18th - SFD Classical Masterclasses TBC
Sunday 26th - SFD Jazz Masterclasses TBC

June

- Sunday 2nd - SFD Tap Masterclasses TBC
Monday 10th - King's Birthday - Reduced timetable
Sunday 16th - Comp Dress Rehearsal
Monday 24th - Saturday 29th June - OPEN WEEK TBC
Saturday 29th - SFD Scholarship Technical Classes TBC
Saturday 29th - **End of Term 2**
Saturday 29th – Friday 5th July – SFD Competition

July

- Saturday 6th ** - Higher Grades Exam prep classes
Monday 8th ** - Higher Grades Exam prep classes
Tuesday 9th ** - Exam preparation classes
Wednesday 10th ** - Exam preparation classes
Thursday 11th ** - Exam preparation classes
Friday 12th **, ** - Mock Exams (Classical)
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th **, ** - Mock Exams (Classical)
Monday 15th - **Start of Term 3**
Sunday 21st - Exam session commences

August

- Sunday 4th - Exam session ends
Saturday 11th - Senior Ballet Audition

September

- Saturday 7th - Presentation day/night
Saturday 21st - **End of term 3**
Saturday 21st - 30th SDF Competition TBC

October

- Monday 7th - Start of Term 4

November

- Monday 4th - **Reduced timetable**
Tuesday 5th - Cup Day NO CLASSES
Saturday 9th - Juniors last Saturday of Normal Classes
Sunday 10th - Concert Tickets go on Sale
Friday 15th - Seniors Last day of normal classes
Saturday 16th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 17th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 18th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 20th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 23rd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

Sunday 24th
Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th
Saturday 30th

- Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
- Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

December

Sunday 1st **
Tuesday 3rd
Wednesday 4th **

- Full Dress Rehearsal & Photo day (Community Centre)
- Theatre - Bump In and Final Senior Open Class Studios
- Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap/Character/Contemporary
- FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre**

Thursday 5th**

- Senior Ballet FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre

Friday 6th

- 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)

Friday 6th

- 7pm Performance

Saturday 7th

- 12.30pm Performance

Saturday 7th

- 7pm Performance

End of Term 4

** These rehearsals are compulsory

2023 COSTUME PHOTOS - VIEW & ORDER PHOTOS ONLINE

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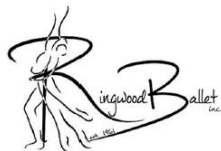
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Photos of 2023 Enchanted Tapestry, Divertimento and supporting programme will be available to Order online, Images taken at: Karralyka Theatre

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