



NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Frost's Message

Dear families

This is the 4th time I have tried to put this message together and each time further restrictions have stopped me mid-sentence! This current extension has made further shifting of exams almost impossible and seen the cancellation of Presentation Evening. The days and weeks of planning brought to nothing! This lack of outcome – lack of achievement has made 2021 much harder to bare than 2020! BUT I am fairly tenacious and there is always a silver lining and something positive to keep us going. Opening my zoom classes each day and seeing the faces of our beautiful students, working on new things and trying to keep them achieving and motivated; something of substance, a goal to attain is so important and keeps me sane and able to continue!

In the small window of time between lockdowns much was achieved, showing just how amazing our students are and how much this school can influence our students lives so positively! The SFD competitions in the first week of the holidays were a huge success and I was blown away by the standard of performance despite having just come out of lockdown! This was followed by a busy and successful week of exam prep before more disruptions saw the postponement of jazz exams and then a window in which we ran a full day of exams – such a great feeling and wonderful to experience the excitement of the candidates!

Now as extensions loom I have turned my mind to concert and the hope that we will achieve this celebration of our 60th anniversary!

Stay safe everyone
Warm regards
Mrs Frost

Return to Classes in Term 4

It is with much excitement that we can announce classes will resume at the studios from **6pm this Friday 29th October 2021!** Any classes that start prior to 6pm (Jazz 5, Jazz 7, SFD 6 and Grade 8) will remain on zoom, and students unable to attend the studios are still able to access their classes online at this time.

In order to be able to return we must comply with 4m² density requirements, and ensure all staff/students/visitors over the age of 16 are double vaccinated to attend on site. Families of senior students must also complete a Covid Vaccination Form for their child which will be sent out via Operoo in the next couple of days, prior to their return.

At this stage students/visitors under the age of 16 do not need to prove their vaccination status in order to attend on site, but please note it may become mandatory for 12-15 year olds to be vaccinated to attend on site in the future. We will keep all families updated if this change occurs.

An updated copy of our 'Covid safe dance practices' has been emailed to all families for their information.

Just a reminder that there are no normal classes on Monday 1st November, however a few of the senior vocational classes will go ahead to prepare for their upcoming exam. Mrs Frost will speak to these students during the week. Also there are no classes on Tuesday 2nd November for the Cup Day Public Holiday.

We are all very excited that we can finally return. If you have any questions or queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9870 6549 or email office@ringwoodballet.org.au

Re-enrolment for 2022

Re-enrolment forms for 2022 will be emailed to all families via Operoo by the end of October. The email will set out the process for families to reenrol their child, select classes, and how and when to make payment etc. The 2022 timetable, fee schedule and other relevant documentation will also be available to view. Please note we will send out both Term 1 – concert timetable and Term 2 timetable, for parents to view. As Term 1 is a concert term there will be some slight changes as we return to our normal timetable in Term 2.

The re-enrolment information will go to all current Active and Non Active families. So keep your eyes out for the email!

Presentation/End of Year Picnic

On Saturday 11th December, the Ringwood Ballet Group will be holding a Presentation/End of Year Picnic, to celebrate the 2021 year!

When: Saturday 11th December 2021

Where: Karralyka Lawn – Mines Road, Ringwood

Time: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

BYO: picnic, rug and/or chair

The purpose of the event is to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students in another challenging year. Due to current COVID 19 restrictions, this will not be like our usual presentation night, as there will be no display of dancing, rather it will be a gathering of the RBG community, acknowledgment of our students dedication, announcement of our award and scholarship winners for the year, and finally a chance to catch up with our dance friends.

The event will be provided free of charge to our families, however due to current restrictions it will be a ticketed event managed through the Karralyka booking office. Further details about tickets and requirements will be sent to families soon so please save the date!

Office assistants

For the past few years, Ringwood Ballet has employed some of our senior students to work in the RBG office from Monday to Saturday from approximately 4-7pm and 9-12pm. This is to ensure there is always someone available to assist with enquires from students, parents, take payments, answer the phone etc. We are currently looking for 3 senior students, that are 15 years old or over, that are interested in becoming an office helper one night a week, or on a Saturday, please email Carolyn at carolyncallanan@hotmail.com. At this stage we are only seeking expressions of interest, we are aware that the timetable for next year has yet to be set so actual days will not be formalised until 2020. If you have any questions contact Carolyn on 0413 306 386.

Invoices

Just a reminder that term 4 invoices are now overdue. If you have yet to finalise your invoice could you please do so ASAP. If you are having any difficulties or wish to organise a payment plan for your fees please feel free to contact the treasurer via email at invoices@ringwoodballet.org.au

Cov-Interviews

What's your name?

Luka Baron

What level are you currently in?

Level 5

How long have you been at RBG?

I have been at RBG for 5 ½ years.

What is your favourite dance style?

I like Hip Hop and Acrobatic Dance but I really enjoy Classical Ballet the most.

What is your favourite concert dance/ballet/role?

I enjoyed being the Butler in the 2019 Concert.

Dancer you look up to?

I admire Mr Sam but I'm also a big fan of Hugh Jackman!

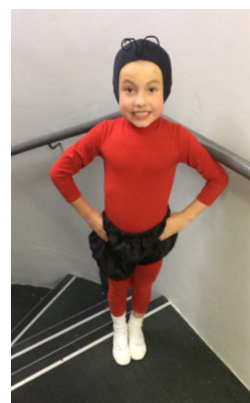
What do you like to do outside of dancing?

I love cricket, hanging out with friends and travelling (when we can!)

Can you share 1 pro and 1 con of dancing online?

Pro – You don't get caught in traffic and run late!

Con – You aren't actually there in the studio.



What's your name?

Julia Ting

What level are you currently in?

6 SFD

How long have you been at RBG?

Since 2016 (6 years)

What is your favourite dance style?

Ballet,

What is your favourite concert dance/ballet/role?

Maid in Monday's Child.

Dancer you look up to? (middle/senior only?)

Katie Lowry

What do you like to do outside of dancing?

Piano, Bike Riding, Roller Blading, cooking/baking.

Can you share 1 pro and 1 con of dancing online?

Pro - To be able to continue to see friends and dance/prepare for upcoming concerts and exams;
Con - Harder to understand and learn dance steps when not dancing with peers and teachers in person



What's your name?

Katherine Mende

What level are you currently in?

I am in Grade 8/Advanced Foundation

How long have you been at RBG?

I have been at RBG for 11 years.

What is your favourite dance style?

Ballet. I enjoy all of them.

What is your favourite concert dance/ballet/role?

My favourite role is Raymonda.

Dancer you look up to?

Eloise Lamb

What do you like to do outside of dancing?

I like to play Volleyball

Can you share 1 pro and 1 con of dancing online?

Pro - I don't have to travel to get to the studios.

Con - I'm unable to see friends and teachers (not including virtually)



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