



NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Frost's Message

Dear families

It is so wonderful to see everyone back in the studios again – so a warm welcome to our returning families and to our many new members!

Despite the tightly packed timetable with lots of rehearsals for the senior Gala in April all classes are settling back into a good learning environment and even after the 5-day lockdown we hope to be on track with exam preparation and general progress through each level.

We have never before attempted a full Gala in term one, so it has created a unique set of challenges for all concerned! Minimal rehearsal time is available so every dancer must maintain full focus and I am sure will rise to the occasion! Staff and committee must also work through a very full schedule and I thank everyone for being so prepared to do this. I hope you will all be there to support RBG as we return to performing after the past year!

With our COVID safe plan we are aware anyone feeling sick needs to stay away but we do need to be informed of this by email or phone call!

Should a student be injured we expect them to attend classes to observe and keep up to date with their learning. Bring a notebook along to jot down information and be prepared to answer questions etc as this will ensure you remain up to date with your class!

Senior students wishing to do vocational exams will soon receive that information with higher grades following. All SFD level and styles will also soon receive information as we hope to run exam sessions mid-year as close to normal as possible! **A table of fees and RBG closing dates is attached.** These fees are set by the examining body and we have to pay them in full when finalising entry. For all SFD and RAD HIGHER GRADES there will also be a RBG set levy which offsets our costs when running exams. This will be available when entry forms are sent out.

I look forward to an exciting 60th anniversary year and hope that we will be able to hold a fantastic production in December with the whole school participating!

Warm regards
Rosemary Frost

Grants

Bendigo Bank Grant 2020

A big thankyou to Bendigo Bank once again for their assistance and generosity! Our group was lucky enough to receive a grant of \$1500 to go towards the upgrade of our technology, ie. I pads/laptops.

If you, your friends or family are looking for a new bank, please consider the Bendigo Bank and mention the Ringwood Ballet Group! Support the bank that supports us.

Maroondah City Council

We would like to take this time to thank the Maroondah City Council, for their \$1500 grant towards the hiring of the Karralyka theatre in April for our Gala Performance. Further information about this event is in the newsletter.

State Government

During 2020, we were fortunate enough to be able to obtain a few grants from the State Government.

These grants have assisted the school in paying its ongoing costs during the COVID lockdown. We have also been able to purchase new barres for Studio 3, as the older pine barres were not coping with the constant sanitising. We also purchased a new large TV for Studio 1 and new sound system for studio 2. Both items that have been on 'upgrade' list for some time.

Fundraising

For Term 1 we will be having some fun with our fundraising!

- Can you guess how many easter eggs are in the jar?
- 60th Gala Raffle – some great prizes to be won!

Watch out in the studios for our prizes on display from early March!

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Funds from these types of events help to support the group with purchases of equipment for the studios and costumes for our annual production – so please get behind these events to support your children in their dance performance.

During the year, we are always on the lookout for offers of assistance with our fundraising, so if you are a small business and would like to contribute towards our raffle or perhaps you enjoy helping to bring events to life, please contact office@ringwood ballet.org.au.

We are always grateful for your assistance!

GALA PERFORMANCE 2021



The Ringwood Ballet Group will be holding a special Gala Performance to commence our 60th Year celebrations.

The Gala Performance will showcase classical pieces from a number of our major ballet productions over the years, as well as some jazz, tap and contemporary items. The Gala Performance will be performed by students from Level 6 through to our most senior levels.

There will be 2 shows performed at the Karralyka Theatre on Wednesday 7th April, which is in the school holidays. There will be a matinee at 2pm and evening show at 7pm. The show will go for approximately 2.5 hours.

We would love to see as many people there as possible, especially those new to our school so that you can experience what our concerts are like.

TICKET SALES

RBG families - 7am Wednesday 10th March (CODE: RBGALA)

General Public - 9am Thursday 11th March

Cost: \$27 Adult, \$20 Child/Concession, \$80 Family (2A + 2C or 1 A + 3C)

Where: Karralyka, Mines Road Ringwood East

www.karralyka.com.au

Phone: 9870 2888

Invoices

Please note that Term 2 invoices will be sent to all families on during the last week of term and are due at the start of Term 2.

Annual General Meeting 2021

The next date of note for most is **Wednesday March 24th** - the Annual General Meeting. Apart from the presentation of annual reports, the most important aspect of the evening is the election of the new committee.

The committee are all volunteers and look after the 'management' side of the school while supporting the Artistic Director and teachers as they concentrate on 'all matters dancing'. Joining the committee means making a commitment to do that 'little bit extra' - there is always something to do for most of the year, but it is even busier around Presentation Evening and in the lead up to the Concert. If you do feel like joining have a chat to any of the current committee. **Nomination forms can be found at the end of this newsletter and will be available in the foyer.**

The AGM is open to all members (as are all committee meetings) and is usually fairly brief but includes the announcement by the Artistic Director of the feature ballet for the Concert! If you are thinking of coming along, please indicate your intention using the reply slip at the end of the newsletter - this is purely to allow us to provide adequate 'supper' at the end of the meeting and perhaps organise a few more chairs!

Exam Dates and Fees 2021

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE (Higher Grades and Vocational)

All information depends on COVID restrictions at the time

External Vocational 1st session - Closing Date - 10/4/21 Session Dates- 7/6/21-25/6/21
External Vocational 2nd session - Closing Date 10/8/21 Session Dates - 11/10/21-29/10/21
RBG Studio session - Closing Date - 25/4/21 Session Dates - 12/7/21-28/8/21

FEES FOR 2021

GRADE LEVEL	MEMBER FEE AEC	RAV	NON MEMBER FEE AEC	RAV
RAD Grade 6	\$126			
RAD Grade 7	\$133			
RAD Grade 8	\$137			
Intermediate Foundation		\$210		
Intermediate		\$213		
Advanced Foundation		\$212		\$367
Advanced 1		\$217		\$372
Advanced 2		\$221		\$382

SOUTHERN FEDERATION OF DANCE (Classical Levels 1-6 and Jazz/Tap)

All styles and levels - closing date: 25/5/2021

CLASSICAL 1-6			JAZZ AND TAP		
STYLE	LEVEL	EXAM FEE			
CLASSICAL	1	\$50		1	\$50
	2	\$50		2	\$50
	3	\$55		3	\$55
	4	\$55		4	\$55
	5	\$60		5	\$60
	6	\$60		6	\$60
				7	\$75
				8	\$85
				9	\$100
				10	\$160

FURTHER EXAM INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO FAMILIES.

Second hand uniform

If all families could please come and collect their second hand items that have been at the studios, as we are unable to store these items permanently.

Bloch Discount Cards

Bloch discount cards are available to all new and existing students, and provides 3 levels of discount depending on how many classes you do per week. If you would like a discount card please speak to one of our office assistants.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -2021

MARCH

MONDAY 8 TH	Labour Day – NO CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 17 TH	AGM
MON 22 ND – SAT 27 TH	Open Week TBC

APRIL

THURSDAY 1 ST	End of Term 1
TUESDAY 6 TH	Gala Performance Dress Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY 7 TH	Gala Performance
MONDAY 19 TH	Start of Term 2
SUNDAY 26 TH	SFD Combined Schools Concert
TUESDAY 27 TH	Exam Entries Close

MAY

SUNDAY 16 TH	SFD Classical Masterclasses
SUNDAY 23 RD	SFD Jazz Masterclasses
SUNDAY 30 TH	SFD Tap Masterclasses

JUNE

MONDAY 14 TH	Queens Birthday – REDUCED TIMETABLE
SUNDAY 20 TH	Comp Dress Rehearsal
MON 21 ST – SAT 26 TH	Open Week
SATURDAY 26 TH	SFD Scholarship Technical Classes
SATURDAY 26 TH	End of Term 2
SAT 26 TH – FRI 2 ND (JULY)	SFD Competitions

JULY

SATURDAY 3 RD	Higher Grades Exam Prep Classes (<i>Compulsory for exam candidates</i>)
MONDAY 5 TH	Higher Grades Exam Prep Classes (<i>Compulsory for exam candidates</i>)
TUES 6 TH – WED 7 TH – THURS 8 TH	Exam Preparation <i>Classes</i> (<i>Compulsory for exam candidates</i>)
FRI 9 TH – SAT 10 TH – SUN 11 TH	Mock Exams – Classical (<i>Compulsory for exam candidates</i>)
MONDAY 12 TH	Start of Term 3
SUNDAY 18 TH	Exam Session Commences

AUGUST

SATURDAY 7 TH	Senior Ballet Audition
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SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 4 TH	Presentation Day/Evening
SATURDAY 18 TH	End of Term 3
SUNDAY 19 TH ONWARDS	Southern Dance Festival Starts

OCTOBER

MONDAY 4 TH	Start of Term 4
SUNDAY 10 TH	SFD Choreographic Competition
SUNDAY 17 TH	60 TH Anniversary Celebration

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 1 ST	No Classes
TUESDAY 2 ND	Cup Day – NO CLASSES
SUNDAY 7 TH	Concert Tickets go on Sale
SATURDAY 13 TH	Last day of ALL Saturday classes
SUNDAY 14 TH	Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal*
FRIDAY 19 TH	Last day of ALL regular weekday classes
SAT 20 TH – SUN 21 ST	Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsals*
MONDAY 22 ND	Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal*
WEDNESDAY 24 TH	Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal*
SAT 27 TH – SUN 28 TH	Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsals*
MONDAY 29 TH	Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsals*

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 1 ST	Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsals*
SATURDAY 4 TH	Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal*
SUNDAY 5 TH	Full Dress Rehearsal and Photo Day– Community Centre**
MONDAY 6 TH	Final Senior Open Class and Theatre Bump-in
TUESDAY 7 TH	Full Dress/Technical Rehearsal – Junior Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Character
WEDNESDAY 8 TH	Full Dress/Technical Rehearsal – Feature Ballet**
THURSDAY 9 TH	11am Matinee – Feature Ballet Only
THURSDAY 9 TH	7pm Performance
FRIDAY 10 TH	7pm Performance
SATURDAY 11 TH	12.30pm Performance
SATURDAY 11 TH	7pm Performance

*These rehearsals replace regular classes in these weeks.

**These rehearsals are COMPULSORY. Failure to attend will result in being withdrawn from the production.

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COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2021

I hereby nominate

as a candidate for election on the Ringwood Ballet Group Inc Committee of Management.

President Vice President Treasurer Secretary General Member

Name of Nominator

(being a member of that Incorporated Association)

Signature of Nominator

I consent to this nomination

(Signature of Nominee - being a member of that Incorporated Association)

**This form must be delivered to the Ringwood Ballet Group Committee of Management
PRIOR to the start of the AGM – 8.30pm on Wednesday, 24th March 2021.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPLY SLIP

To assist us with preparations for the Annual General Meeting or to apologise for non-attendance, please indicate below (attendance or non-attendance is in no way governed by completion or non-completion of this form):

Name/s:.....

I/we wish to apologise for non attendance at the AGM on
Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 8:30pm ()

I/we are hoping to attend the AGM on Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 8:30pm ()
Number attending ()