



NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Frost's Message

Dear families

It is wonderful to be back in the studios surrounded by familiar faces and to welcome our new families and students. I hope you all enjoyed the long summer holidays and are now ready to discover more about dance and how to develop your ability as well as rehearsing for our special April concert.

There are bound to be disruptions with people needing to isolate etc so please try and attend every class/rehearsal possible to keep up with the work. Most costumes were fitted at our costume check Sunday, so a huge thank you to everyone able to attend and to parents, committee and staff who made it run so smoothly. This has helped with planning and we are now finalising casts and programme notes.

Those doing the concert will have received combined rehearsal schedules so please make note of all dates and times. Take special note of compulsory rehearsals on Sunday the 10th of April and in the theatre on Tuesday the 19th April. This is the only chance we have to ensure every student performing has a complete costume and knows their place within their group and where the scenery is going to be so for health and safety reasons it is essential all students attend.

For our non concert students I hope you had a good start to the term and I'm looking forward to preparing everyone for exams in the middle of the year as well as hopefully once again running Presentation evening and of course a December concert! Do keep a eye out for emails etc with vital information about future events!

Take care and stay well,
Rosemary Frost

Annual General Meeting 2022

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd March at 8.30pm** at the ballet studios. Apart from the presentation of annual reports, the most important aspect of the evening is the election of the new committee. An agenda for the event is attached.

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. We would love to have a few new members join the committee, in particular we are need a new committee member for the role of Treasurer, if you have any questions just have a chat to any of the current committee that are often found floating around the building! Nomination forms can be found at the end of this email and are 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 - this is purely to allow us to provide adequate 'supper' at the end of the meeting and perhaps organise a few more chairs.

Grants

Volunteer Grant

Last year, through Michael Sukkar's office and the Australian Government we were invited to apply for a Volunteer Grant under the Families and Communities Program - Volunteer Grants Activity. The grant was for \$1000 to go towards an item that would assist the volunteers in our community. I am pleased to advise that we were successful in our application and have received \$1000 which we will be using to purchase a new BBQ and portable fridge to use during our weekend rehearsals, Open Days, and when attending the Theatre.

Fundraising

With everyone back in the studios, it will provide us with a chance to fundraise for 2022! Fundraising throughout the year helps to support our end of year concerts.

During term 1, we will providing our seniors and all students at combined rehearsals with a BBQ to enjoy during their weekend practices.

If you prefer to cook or serve, a few hours of your time is all that is needed to help support our students on these days.

We will be holding our **concert raffle**, to be drawn on the conclusion of our April concerts. Some great prizes are already being planned, including support from local businesses DanceArt and Alchemy Distillers.

We also have set up some snacks in the kitchen for students to purchase should they be hungry at the studios - drinks, muesli bars, crisps and chocolates are all available.

An honour system is in place with a jar on the bench so please ensure the correct change is always added, otherwise we will not be able to continue to support this.

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@ringwoodballet.org.au We are always grateful for your assistance!

Second Hand Items

The purchase and sale of second hand items has moved online! If you are looking to purchase second hand uniform or ballet items or have items to sell, please search for the **RBG Buy/Swap/Sell** page on Facebook. There are already lots of great items available.

RBG tote bags

For those students that did not attend our presentation picnic last year or are new to the school, as part of our Presentation Picnic last year we provided black RBG tote bags for all students. If you did not get yours please just ask at the office to pick one up.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CONCERT TIME

CONCERT FUNDRAISING:

Concert Photo Day

We will be having a professional photographer available again at the Full Dress Rehearsal on Sunday 10th April at the community centre. The photo day has been a great success over the last few years and gives families a perfect opportunity to have professional photos taken of children in full costume. Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter for further information.

Concert DVD/USBs

DVD/USB's of our concert will again be available for sale. They will be available for purchase prior to the concert up until the last performance, and available when we return in Term 2. Order forms will be sent out shortly.

Concert Promotion

Tickets will soon be on sale for our annual concert and we would love our students to perform in front of a full house! Are you able to help promote our concert locally? Perhaps you work locally in a store or cafe or know someone that does? We have fliers available at the office and will also be sharing updates through our public Facebook and Instagram page! Please help by sharing these updates and spreading the word amongst your family, friends and local contacts!

Community Matinee

We applied for a community grant through the Maroondah City Council to provide a free performance of our 2020 concert to certain groups in our community. The community groups we target for the free performance include the under privileged, disadvantaged and elderly in our community. Unfortunately, as you know due to COVID this concert was cancelled, however we are able to use this grant in our upcoming concert The Nutcracker.

This year it is a bit different as we do not have a dedicated 'Community Matinee' show, instead we will be offering tickets to these community groups at both Matinee performances.

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.

CONCERT HELP REQUIRED:

Concert time is nearly upon us, and in order for everything to come together smoothly we need lots of help! How, I hear you ask...

1. Dressing Room Helpers

We need parent helpers in the dressing rooms during each rehearsal and performance. Please click on the link below to allocate yourself to a room.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jamvMmlw06gSoWxBVYtWxJz1JioShfNSxWD5gHEdJow/edit?usp=sharing>

2. Weekend BBQ Helpers

Senior combined rehearsals for the Nutcracker commence Sunday 20th March. As these are big dance days we like to run a BBQ so that the senior students, staff and crew can get something to eat and drink during the day. The BBQ's are run by parents, so we need your help. A roster is up in the foyer at the studios, if you think you could spare a couple of hours on one of the rehearsals please pop down your name to assist.

3. Scenery and Stage Crew Helpers

We always need lots of help with Scenery and Stage Crew, whether you could assist backstage with the sets during any of the concerts, and also for bump in on Monday 18th April and bump out on Thursday 21st April.

We also always need help during the combined weekend rehearsals setting up the sets in the morning on the Saturday and packing away at the end of the day on Sunday. These weekends commence from Sunday 20th March until Sunday 10th April.

If you can spare some time to help with any of these tasks, please email office @ringwoodballet.org.au, attention Geoff Kitchen (Scenery Coordinator).

******Don't forget, your \$50 maintenance levy is refunded to each family once you have provided 4 or more hours of assistance to the Ringwood Ballet Group.***



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -2022

MARCH

Monday 14th - Labour Day - NO CLASSES
Saturday 19th - Last Saturday of normal classes for Juniors
Sunday 20th - Concert tickets go on sale
Sunday 20th - Senior Ballet 1st Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 26th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 27th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 28th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 30th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 30th - AGM

APRIL

Saturday 2nd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 3rd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 4th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 6th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 9th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 9th - End of Term 1
Sunday 10th ** - Full Dress Rehearsal at Community Centre
Tuesday 19th ** - Full Dress Rehearsal at Karralyka Theatre
Wednesday 20th - 12.30 Performance at Karralyka Theatre
Wednesday 20th - 7pm Performance at Karralyka Theatre
Thursday 21st - 12.30 Performance at Karralyka Theatre
Thursday 21st - 7pm Performance at Karralyka Theatre
Monday 25th - Anzac Day Public Holiday No Classes
Tuesday 26th - Start of Term 2

MAY

Sunday 15th - SFD Classical Masterclasses TBA
Sunday 22nd - SFD Jazz Masterclasses TBA
Sunday 29th - SFD Tap Masterclasses TBA

JUNE

Monday 13th - Queens Birthday - Reduced timetable
Sunday 19th - Comp Dress Rehearsal
Monday 20th - Saturday 25th June - OPEN WEEK TBC
Saturday 25th - SFD Scholarship Technical Classes TBC
Saturday 25th - End of Term 2
Saturday 25th - 1st July - SFD Competition TBC

JULY

Saturday 2nd ** TBC - Higher Grades Exam prep classes
Monday 4th ** - Higher Grades Exam prep classes
Tuesday 5th ** - Exam preparation classes
Wednesday 6th ** - Exam preparation classes
Thursday 7th ** - Exam preparation classes
Friday 8th ** - Mock Exams (Classical)
Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th ** - Mock Exams (Classical)
Monday 11th - Start of Term 3
Sunday 17th - Exam session commences
Sunday 31st - Exam session ends

AUGUST

Saturday 6th - Senior Ballet Audition

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3rd - Presentation day/night
Saturday 17th - End of term 3
Saturday 17th - 25th SFD Competition TBC

OCTOBER

Monday 3rd - Start of Term 4
Sunday 9th - SFD Choreographic Competition TBC
Monday 31st - No classes

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Cup Day NO CLASSES
Sunday 6th - Concert Tickets go on Sale
Saturday 12th - Juniors last Saturday of Normal Classes
Sunday 13th - Senior Ballet 1st Combined Rehearsal
Friday 18th - Seniors Last day of normal classes
Saturday 19th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 20th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 21st - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 23rd - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Saturday 26th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 27th - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Monday 28th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Wednesday 30th - Junior Ballet Combined Rehearsal

DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd - Senior Ballet Combined Rehearsal
Sunday 4th ** - Full Dress Rehearsal & Photo day (Community Centre)
Monday 5th - Final Senior Open Class and Theatre Bump-in
Tuesday 6th ** - Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap/Character/Contemporary
FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre
Wednesday 7th ** - Senior Ballet FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre
Thursday 8th - 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)
Thursday 8th - 7pm Performance
Friday 9th - 7pm Performance
Saturday 10th - 12.30pm Performance
Saturday 10th - 7pm Performance
End of Term 4

** These rehearsals are compulsory



PROFESSIONAL COSTUME PHOTOS

Sunday 10th April 2022

On Sunday 10th April, 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 10th April 2022

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



COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2022

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, 23rd March 2022.**

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 23rd March 2022 at 8:30pm ()

I/we are hoping to attend the AGM on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 8:30pm ()
Number attending ()



TICKET PURCHASE PLANNING FORM

APRIL CONCERT 2022

MATINEE PERFORMANCES	Adult	Concession	Child Secondary & above	Child Primary & below	* Performer	TOTAL SEATS
PRICES	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$23.00	\$15.00	
Wednesday Matinee 20 th April 12:30pm						
Thursday Matinee 21 st April 12:30pm						

EVENING PERFORMANCES	Adult	Concession	Child Secondary & above	Child Primary & below	* Performer	TOTAL SEATS
PRICES	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$23.00	\$15.00	
Wednesday Night 20 th April 7:00pm						
Thursday Night 21 st April 7:00pm						

Ringwood Ballet Families ONLY Online Sales

SUNDAY 20th MARCH from 9.00am

ACCESS CODE IS: **RBGNUT22**

Ticket sales via: karralyka.com.au

Tickets sell fast! All families are encouraged to purchase this day, especially if your child is only performing in two of the four performances.

General Public Online Sales

9.00am on Monday 21st March 2022

Ticket sales via: karralyka.com.au

Please Call Karralyka on 9870 2888 if having problems booking online.

*Performers in the Junior Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Character and Contemporary sections only, may purchase a 'Performers' ticket to watch 'The Nutcracker' after the main interval - Please consider this when booking your tickets as acquiring tickets alongside your reserved seats later on is unlikely.

For any other information, please email Cassie Bowman at secretary@ringwoodballet.org.au