

Mrs Frost's Message



After the joy of observing students performing again in April term 2 was the time to prepare for exams! Having gone through two years without exams of any significance juniors needed careful nurturing to meet the challenge and senior students who had managed filmed exams were also ready for face to face exams once more!

The July Holidays were very busy first with a week of SFD competitions and then many days of exam preparation and mock exams. Student attendance was great despite illness and the value of this programme really paid off! We were very well looked after by amazing parent helpers who ensured we had help in the office and prepared delicious meals for us. I would like to congratulate all our competitors at the SFD

comps - There is a list within this newsletter - special congratulations to Millie Wood who won the junior classical scholarship, and to Amber Fan who placed 2nd. Thank you too all the coaches and all the parents who ensured the children were ready to compete!

We welcomed former student, Flynn Stelfox, a graduate of The Australian Ballet School, onto staff in June sharing his expertise with our seniors before travelling to Sydney and Perth to join the cast of "American in Paris". He is off again next month to join Milwaukee Junior Ballet Company. I wish him huge success!

Over the first three weeks of term 3 we ran exams - the first time in three years that we have been able to have a full exam session! They were long and exhausting days for the staff but worth the effort to enable students to experience exams again. Once more we were fantastically well looked after by parent volunteers And also had amazing help from our student assistant teachers. Thank you to everyone who made these days work so well.

We now turn our attention to presentation evening on the 3rd of September and I look forward to seeing you all there! Students will be working towards this performance in their weekly classes from now on.

Then we will be settling into concert. As announced earlier in April the senior ballets will be the beautiful Les Sylphides and the delightful La Fille Mal Gardée! The Junior Ballet will reflect The Four Seasons. Our tappers will perform a tribute to Harry Styles, Jazz dancers present items featuring Australian artists and of course The character and contemporary Classes will also be performing. It was hugely exciting to see student Millie Wood performing alongside the Australian ballet as one of the children in Harlequinade in June. Congratulations to her on being chosen and how thrilling to dance with these wonderful professionals

Warm regards
Mrs Frost

Thank you's

A very big thankyou to all of the families that volunteered their time in Term 2 and 3, whether it was helping fill the rubbish skip, attending our Working Bee, supervising students during the exam time or donating food. As a not for profit organisation we really rely on the generosity of our families, especially in the lead up and during special events. This is also part of what makes Ringwood Ballet Group such a lovely place to be.

Also a big thanks to some of our student helpers Grace, Laura, Anabel and Emma who gave up large amounts of their school holidays and weekends helping the younger students in the exam preparation classes and on exam day.

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: Adnana Thienpont - Amber Fan - Amelia Suidgeest - Annabelle Wong - Charlotte Callanan - Charlotte Taylor - Charlotte Ting - Claire Harris - Emily Sutherland - Georgia Morrison - Grace Morgante - Julia Ting - Laura Young - Millie Wood - Molly Zhou - Odelia Chan - Queenie Zhou -

PLACINGS:

1ST PLACE

Millie Wood - Junior Classical Scholarship
 Millie Wood - Neo Solo
 Millie Wood - Demi Character Solo
 Laura Young - Neo Solo
 Georgia Morrison - Classical Solo



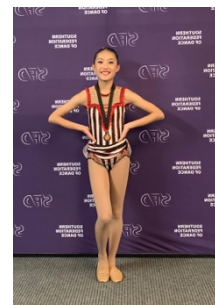
2ND PLACE

Amber Fan - Junior Classical Scholarship
 Millie Wood - Classical Solo
 Amelia Suidgeest - Neo Solo
 Amelia Suidgeest - Classical Solo
 Charlotte Callanan - Demi Character



3RD PLACE

Odelia Chan - Jazz Solo
 Laura Young - Classical Solo
 Millie Young and Odelia Chan - Neo Duo
 Grace Morgante - Own Choreography Jazz
 Annabelle Wong - Tap Solo



HONOURABLE MENTION

Molly Zhou - Neo Solo
 Amelia Suidgeest - Tap Solo
 Grace Morgante - Jazz Solo
 Odelia Chan - Neo Solo
 Queenie Zhou - Classical Solo
 Claire Harris - Demi Character Solo
 Adnana Thienpont - Demi Character Solo
 Charlotte Callanan - Neo Solo
 Charlotte Ting - Tap



Fundraising

DISCO 2022

Before the end of Term 2, we were pleased to hold a Junior Disco for our younger students! It was a great opportunity for them to spend time with their friends and enjoy a slice of pizza away from their weekly classes. With shoes off (so we didn't mark our tarket floor!), disco ball spinning and lights flashing, everyone got into the groove with hits from our DJ Miss Jessi! We were lucky enough to have some wonderful helpers to ensure the night was a success - senior students, committee and parent helpers - a special thanks to them all!

We were able to raise \$700 for this event which will go towards purchasing a new acro mat for the studio.



Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation Night is coming up on Saturday 3rd September. Tickets go on sale on Monday 22nd August. Further information about the night is detailed in the newsletter and 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/10CoE4BA9AD2EA4FFC43-presentation>

***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.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA THIS LINK

<https://www.karralyka.com.au/Theatre/Touring-and-community/Ringwood-Ballet-Group-Presentation-Showcase-2022>

Further information about the night will be sent to all participating families via Operoo.

Concert tops and RBG Varsity Jackets

Our Annual Concert t-shirts and singlets will once again be available for purchase. Concert top order forms are available at the office shortly, orders due back by Saturday 27th August. A size chart and copy of the logo is available to view at the studios.

Another order will also be placed for the RBG Varsity Jackets. I need a minimum of 10 jackets to place an order, so if interested please let the office know. The jackets do take a minimum of 6 weeks once ordered, so they would make a great Christmas Present!

Community Grant

Matinee Performance of 'Les Sylphides and La Fille Mal Gardée (Act 2)'

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 2022 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.



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.

Important Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3rd - Presentation day/night

Saturday 17th - End of term 3

Saturday 17th -25th SDF 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

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

Tuesday 6th - Theatre - Bump In

Wednesday 7th ** - Junior Ballet, Jazz/Tap/Character/Contemporary

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre **

Thursday 8th ** - Senior Ballet FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at Karralyka Theatre**

Friday 9th - 11am Matinee - Senior Ballet only (Red Cast)

Friday 9th - 7pm Performance

Saturday 10th - 12.30pm Performance

Saturday 10th - 7pm Performance

** These rehearsals are **COMPULSORY**



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Les Sylphides

La Fille mal gardée

2022