

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

NOVEMBER 2017

If you have any questions about the end of year show, rehearsals or tickets, then please contact Tor at endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com



TERM FEES

All Term 4 fees should now have been paid. Please ensure that any outstanding fees are paid by 30 November. For internet banking the account # is 06 0901 0416601 00 (Please make sure that you include your child's surname and their first name or initial and the Account Number.)

ADVERTISING FEATURE 2018

At the beginning of each year Mrs Bennett places an advertising feature in *The Star* newspaper advertising the dance school. Would any parents who own a business be interested in supporting the school by placing an ad with the BSBJ feature? If you are able to do this, please let Mrs Bennett know as soon as possible as it needs to be organised by 5 December.

Also, it's great to be able to include in the feature some statements from parents or students about what they enjoy most at the Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz. If you would like to make a short statement, please email it to Mrs Bennett by 5 December. Thank you.

"HANSEL & GRETEL" - HELPERS

A huge thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with "Hansel & Gretel" – your support is very much appreciated. Just a few more helpers are needed now for supervising children during the Friday 6pm show and the Saturday 4.30pm show.

If you're able to help, please let Tor know asap via email (endofyearshowbennettballet@gmail.com) or text (027-635-1512). Thanks!

"HANSEL & GRETEL" DVD

There will be a DVD made of the two Saturday performances of "Hansel & Gretel" which will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10 per DVD.

Orders can be placed this term (by 2 December) or next year, but the DVDs won't be available until for collection until early in Term 1, 2018. There will be a reminder about ordering DVDs in the first BSBJ notice next year.

If you would like to order a DVD now, please get your child to bring an envelope with \$10.00 cash to class this week or to rehearsal next week at Kavanagh College. DVD orders can also be given to Tor in the Kavanagh College Auditorium foyer during final week rehearsals or given to Front of House helpers at the performances.

Please write on the envelope your name and which of the Saturday performances you would like a copy of (the 1pm show or the 4.30pm show).

Note: We cannot accept cheques as payment for DVDs (as the money goes directly to the person who makes the DVDs to cover his costs) and all orders must be accompanied by payment.

DANCE CLASSES FOR 2018

Please let Mrs Bennett know (bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz) by **15 December 2017** if your child is returning to the Dance School in 2018 so that a place for her/him will be guaranteed as there are many new students currently on the waiting list ready to enrol. If you have not contacted Mrs Bennett by 15 December, your child's place may be given to another pupil and then if your child does want to return they may need to go on a waiting list. Places are always particularly tight in the Tiny Tots classes, as well as Stretch and Musical Theatre. Please **do not** simply turn up to class next year without enrolling your child as you may discover that the class is full and your child cannot be accommodated.

Any seniors who would like to discuss their dance programme for next year, please contact Mrs Bennett after the show.

The full timetable for 2018 classes has been emailed to everyone as a separate attachment along with this notice, as well as the 2018 BSBJ Handbook which details the fees for 2018.

In addition, there's a table below that lists the classes (Grade 5 and below) that were offered this year and shows which class each of these leads to next year. Please note the following:

- Ballet classes from Primary upwards and Jazz classes from Grade 1 upwards are 1 hour long (rather than 45 minutes).
- Students in Ballet classes from Grade 2 upwards must attend 2 classes per week if they intend to sit exams. Once children reach certain levels in dance, the amount of work and technicality increases. Consequently, attendance at more classes is required to further develop technique and strength so that female students can eventually work in pointe shoes and male students have the strength and stamina needed for boys'/men's work. However, students may choose to attend only 1 class per week if they do not want to sit exams but would like to continue with their dancing simply for enjoyment.
- Students in Jazz classes from Grade 6 upwards must attend 2 classes per week if they intend to sit exams.

Mrs Bennett will talk with students in Grade 5 and above regarding their class options for next year.

In 2018 classes will start on Monday 29 January. There will not be classes on Waitangi Day (Tuesday 6 February) as the dance school will be closed for the public holiday.

2018 CLASS SCHEDULE (Tiny Tots to Grade 6 – see separate attachment for full timetable)

Class Level in 2017 (Note: For Jazz students the 2017 class refers to your exam level for this year)	Class Options for 2018
Tiny Tots 1 (Wed 4pm or Sat 10am)	Tiny Tots 2 (Tues 4pm or Wed 4pm or Sat 10.45am)
Tiny Tots 2 (Tues 4pm or Wed 4pm or Sat 10.45am)	Ballet Pre-Primary (Mon 4pm or Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am) AND/OR Jazz Beginners (Thurs 4pm)
Ballet Pre-Primary (Tues 4pm or Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am)	Ballet Primary (Tues 4pm or Sat 12.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Ballet Primary (Wed 5pm or Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 1 (Wed 5pm or Sat 1.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Ballet Grade 1 (Mon 4pm or Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 2 (Mon 5pm & Sat 10am)
Ballet Grade 2 (Tues 4pm & Sat 11am)	Ballet Grade 3 (Tues 5pm & Sat 11am)
Ballet Grade 3 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 4 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)
Ballet Grade 4 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 5 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)
Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 5pm & Sat 10am)	Ballet Grade 6 (Mon 6pm & Tues 4pm) AND Ballet Open Class (Sat 2.30pm-3.45pm)
Jazz Beginners (Thurs 4pm)	Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)	Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Jazz Junior (Thurs 5.30pm)	Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 5.30pm)

Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 6.15pm)	Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 6.15pm)
Jazz Grade 2 (Wed 5pm)	Jazz Grade 3 (Wed 5pm)
Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 5pm)	Jazz Grade 4 (Thurs 5.30pm)
Jazz Grade 5 (Tues 5pm)	Jazz Grade 6 (Tues 5pm & Thurs 6.30pm)

EXCITING CLASSES FOR 2018

Musical Theatre

This class is taught by Emma Holloway on Saturdays 12.30pm-1.30pm and is open to students aged 11 and above. In the class students learn genres relating to musical theatre. This class is charged separately and on a weekly basis.

Contemporary

This class is taken by renowned dancer and choreography Kilda Northcott (founding member of Limbs) on Fridays 5.00pm-6.00pm and is available to students 11 years and over. This class is charged separately and on a weekly basis.

Stretch/Conditioning Class

Emma Holloway offers two stretch/conditioning classes on Saturdays (11.30am-12.15pm and 1.30pm-2.15pm) for students 10 years and over. In this class students work on gentle stretching, strengthening and conditioning exercises to improve technique and strength for dance.

Tap

In 2018 two tap classes will be offered – a class for kids from 8 years to 12 years and a class for teens/adults from 13 years upwards. These classes will be taught by Emma Holloway and students will learn the foundations of tap dancing including beats, rhythm, steps and sequences. Tap is great for improving musicality and understanding of counts, balance, presentation and extends the student's repertoire of dance styles. In this class students will work on exercises and will be able sit medal tests.

Character Dance

Character dance utilises classical ballet technique and vocabulary, extending the student's range of movement, stylistic, dynamic and musical experience and building a greater diversity of skill and versatility. This class is for students aged 11 years and upwards and students don't have to have had classical ballet training as a prerequisite.

SECONDHAND CLOTHES & SHOES TO SELL

At the beginning of next year, please feel free to bring in any secondhand dance clothes or shoes that you would like to sell as these are always in great demand particularly at the start of the year. Put each piece of clothing or pair of shoes into a plastic bag with your name and the price on the outside and then put them on the sale table in the Dressing Room. Mrs Bennett will let you know when an item has sold. If you are selling shoes, please just put one shoe on the table and give the other shoe (labelled with your name) to Mrs Bennett for safe keeping in the office.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

Shona Bennett & the BSBJ Team

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Tickets for "Hansel and Gretel" can be purchased in the Dressing Room at the dance school between 10am and 12pm on Saturday 25 November and in the foyer of the Kavanagh College Auditorium during rehearsals on Monday 27 November, Wednesday 29 November and Thursday 30 November.

Please note that there are no eftpos facilities available either at the dance school or at the theatre, so tickets can be purchased with cash or cheque only.