

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

FEBRUARY 2018



Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Also, a very warm welcome to all new students and their families.

NEW PARENTS

If you have not yet completed an enrolment form for your child/ren, please see Mrs Bennett. This is vital in case a child becomes ill during a dance class and parents need to be contacted urgently.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child/ren, I would appreciate that you contact me during the day between 9am and 2.30pm (ph 453-0639 or 027-208-7413) rather than while I'm teaching or after hours. You can also email at any time (bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz) or text. Emails and texts are checked throughout the day.

If, however, you do need to contact me URGENTLY during teaching time, I am available by cell phone 027-208-7413. If it is not answered, please leave a message or text and I will call you back at my next available break in teaching. I appreciate your cooperation with this.

TERM 1 FEES

Fees need to be paid within the first half of each term to ensure the successful running of the dance school. Thank you.

For internet banking the account # is 06 0901 0416601 00 (Please make sure that you include your child's surname, their first name or initial and the Account Number as otherwise it can sometimes be difficult to know exactly who the payment is for.)

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ HANDBOOK

We have a BSBJ Handbook for parents and students. The Handbook was emailed in November 2017 to all families and it can also be read on the BSBJ website (www.bennettballetandjazz.co.nz). Parents new to the dance school in 2018 should have already received the Handbook with their enrolment form.

All parents and students should read the Handbook as it contains important information about the dance school and may clarify any questions you have. Paper copies of the Handbook are available from your child's teacher if you are unable to access it online.

EXISTING STUDENT DETAILS

Please let Mrs Bennett know (preferably via email) if any information about your child and/or your contact details have changed recently – e.g. cell phone numbers for emergency contact, email addresses, medical issues, etc. It's important that we have up to date information for health and safety reasons.

EMAIL

You may need to check the spam filter on your email account and add me as a friend in order to receive emails from the dance school. Please check your emails for notices regularly. It is your responsibility to check and read these notices so you are aware of what's happening at the dance school. Notices may be longer than one page, so please always check for any additional pages.

Notices are also posted on the notice board outside Studio 1.

NOTICES ON THE WEBSITE

The latest notice is always posted on the dance school website (click on the link at the bottom of the Home page under "Latest News"), so please check there if you need information about an upcoming event or date.

You can also "Like" the Bennett School of Ballet and Jazz on Facebook as current information can be found there. (Please note, though, that we do not put the notices on Facebook.)

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ T-SHIRTS, HOODIES & JACKETS

If you would like to order a Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz t-shirt (\$40), zip front hoodie (\$62.00) or jacket (\$87.00), please email Mrs Bennett and let her know your child's size. The t-shirts are black with the red dancer logo on the front and Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz written on the back. The zip front hoodies and jackets are black with the red dancer logo on the front, Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz written on the back and BSBJ initials down the arm.

The closing date for t-shirt/hoodie/jacket orders is the end of February.

OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY

The dance school will be closed on **Monday March 26** to observe Otago Anniversary Day.

LAST YEAR'S SHOW

Concert DVD

The DVD of last year's show (Hansel & Gretel) is available for purchase. If you would like a copy, please bring Mrs Bennett an envelope with \$10.00 cash (**no cheques**), as the money goes straight to the DVD person to cover his costs.

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). The closing date for orders is **Saturday March 17**.

Concert Photos

Photos that were taken at last year's show by Mrs Bennett (mostly from the side of the stage) are now available to view and download yourself from Photobucket:

<http://s1162.photobucket.com/user/bennettballetandjazz/library/Concert%202017%20Hansel%20%20Gretel?sort=3&page=1>

There were also some photos taken by photographer Andrew MacKay of Kea Photos (<http://keaphotos.com>). These are available at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s7xrw9I7uchvl07/AAACB5t9qwCbMCsNN9YVE3X8a?dl=0>

Andrew has requested a donation of at least \$5 for any of the images that are downloaded. Please pay this online into his account (02-1242-0693967-001). Andrew also does solo photo shoots (at a cost of \$100) and anyone interested in finding out more about this can contact him directly (andrew@keaphotos.com or 027-492-4126).

Lost Property

The box of lost property from last year's show is located in Studio 3.

Lost Leotard

At the Hansel & Gretel dress rehearsal last year a pink leotard with a skirt attached (Farmers brand, size 4) which belonged to a Tiny Tot went missing from the Common Room at Kavanagh College. If anyone has found this in their Tiny Tot's bag, could you please return it to one of the teachers at the dance school.

"BRING A BLOKE" WEEK

During the dance school year we have special weeks for a bit of fun. This term we're going to try something new and we will be holding a "Bring a Bloke" Week during the week of March 12-17. Students are welcome to bring along to their dance classes during this week any male who plays an important role in their life – a dad or step-dad, a brother, an uncle, a cousin, etc. Please note that the "blokes" will be expected to take part in the dance classes. This is completely optional and students can choose whether or not they would like to bring someone along.

NAMING CLOTHING

Please make sure you name all dance clothing so that when things such as crossovers are taken off in class and bits and pieces are left in the Dressing Room they can easily be returned to their owner. If there are 20 crossovers that are all the same it's very difficult to know which one is yours without names on them.

SECONDHAND CLOTHES & SHOES TO SELL

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 into a plastic bag with your name and the price on the outside. If you're selling shoes, please just put one shoe into a bag with your name and the price on it and give the second shoe to a teacher for safe keeping. All bags with goods for sale should be put on the sales table in the Dressing Room. Mrs Bennett will let you know when an item has sold.

If you would like to purchase an item from the sales table, please bring the correct money to pay for it (cash only) as change is not available.

DRESSING ROOM

The Dressing Room is used by many children and adults each week. Please make sure that you leave the Dressing Room tidy when you go as otherwise it creates a lot of extra work for Mrs Bennett or the cleaner as it needs to be cleared before the floor can be vacuumed. If your children use any of the toys provided in the Dressing Room, please make sure they're put away neatly when they've finished with them. We all enjoy a tidy floor.

Your co-operation with keeping the Dressing Room tidy is much appreciated.

NOISE & BEHAVIOUR IN THE CORRIDOR

Just a reminder to families that this is a privately owned building with many users so please be respectful of the environment and the many different people in the building. This includes ensuring that children don't run up and down the corridors, jump or roll down the stairs, shout/make loud noises, or leave food lying around. This applies to children both before or after attending classes, or while waiting for siblings to finish classes. A lot of noise in the corridor can also be very distracting for the students in class. Thank you for your co-operation.

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