

# BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

## MAY 2017



### FEES

Just a reminder that fees need to be paid in the first half of each term. Thank you to all those whose payments for Term 2 fees have already been received.

For internet banking the account # is 06 0901 0416601 00 (Please include your child's surname and their first name or initial and the Account Number.)

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

There will be no classes on Saturday 3 June or Monday 5 June as many people go away for Queen's Birthday weekend.

### MONDAY 19 JUNE

This year the Jazz exams are on Sunday 18 June and Monday 19 June. **There will still be classes on Monday 19 June**, except for Miss Emma's Grade 6 Jazz (4pm-5pm), Pre-Major Jazz (5pm-6pm) and Major Jazz (6pm-7pm) since these students will have just sat their exams. However, the Adults Jazz class will be held as usual. Please note that the dance school has no control over the dates when jazz and ballet exams are held.

### FUN WEEK – SOFT TOY WEEK

During the dance school year we have special weeks to have a bit of fun and dress up. This term's fun week will be Soft Toy Week, which will be held during the week of Monday 26 June to Saturday 1 July. During this time students may wish to participate by dressing up as a soft toy or bringing a soft toy to class – or both! **This is optional only and please don't go and purchase items – just use what you have at home or can borrow.**

### SNOW DAYS

Now that we're heading towards winter there's always the chance of a snow day. I make the decision about closing the dance school due to snow/ice at about 1pm on the day in question. Any such decision will depend on the road conditions and whether or not staff and students can safely get to and from the dance school (remembering that some classes take place in the evening). Any closure of the dance school due to winter conditions will be announced on the cancellations on 97.4 More FM and a notice will also be put on the Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz Facebook page.

### DANCE SCHOOL UNIFORM

An important part of dance is how you present yourself. If you present yourself in an untidy manner then your dancing will tend to be untidy, but if you are well presented and prepared for the dance class then you will work better and the teacher will be able to see your posture more easily and, therefore, be better able to give corrections. On colder days, we would prefer students wear polyprops instead of baggy sweatshirts or jerseys so they are able to move more freely and teachers can see their body positions and movements.

All students are asked to be dressed neatly and appropriately as per the uniform requirements outlined in the Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz Handbook.

### Ties On Ballet Shoes

The teachers of younger students are finding that they are spending a lot of class time doing up ties on ballet shoes. The ties on the shoes can be tied in a knot and then trimmed leaving about 2cm from the knot. This remaining length of tie should be tucked into the front of the ballet shoe once the child has put it on.

### END OF YEAR SHOW 2017

December is a busy month for everyone as there are many end of year productions and break ups, but an end of year show for dancing is a must. Performance is part of every dancer's training whether they will be a future dancer or not.

This year's Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz production will be held on **Friday 1 December** (1 performance) and **Saturday 2 December** (2 performances). Please mark these dates in your diary now. There will also be some extra rehearsal times the week leading up to the show – details will be provided closer to the time.

### MARY POPPINS

Good luck to BSBJ student Grace Johnston who will be appearing as Jane in the upcoming production of "Mary Poppins" at the Regent Theatre. We're sure your performances will be wonderful. And, congratulations to Miss Emma who has done an amazing job choreographing the show.