

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

NOVEMBER 2024

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



BALLET EXAMS

Congratulations to those who participated in the ballet exams in September. Miss Kate, Miss Emma and Mrs Bennett are very happy with the reports and the results.

BALLET EXAM PHOTOS

Ballet exam photos can now be viewed on Photobucket at www.photobucket.com
User name: bennettballetandjazz Password: bennettballet

TERM FEES

All Term 4 fees should now have been paid. Please ensure that any outstanding fees are paid by Monday 25 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.)

DANCE CLASSES FOR 2025 & HOW TO RE-ENROL

Please let Mrs Bennett know (bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz) by **Monday 2 December 2024** if your child is returning to the Dance School in 2025 so that a place for them will be guaranteed. If you have not contacted Mrs Bennett by 2 December, your child's place may be given to another student and then if your child does want to return they may need to go on a waiting list.

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 2025 classes has been emailed to everyone as a separate attachment along with this notice, as well as the 2025 BSBJ Handbook which includes the fees for 2025, as well as lots of other important information about the dance school and dance classes.

In addition, there's a table on the following page 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 2025 classes will start on Monday 27 January. There will not be classes on Thursday 6 February 2025 as the dance school will be observing the Waitangi Day public holiday on this day.

2025 CLASS SCHEDULE

(Tiny Tots to Ballet Grade 6/Jazz Grade 5 – see separate attachment for full timetable)

Class Level in 2024 (Note: For Jazz students the 2024 class refers to your exam level for this year)	Class Options for 2025
Tiny Tots 1 (Mon 4pm or Sat 10am)	Tiny Tots 2 (Wed 4pm or Sat 10.45am)
Tiny Tots 2 (Wed 4pm, Thurs 4pm or Sat 10.45am)	Ballet Pre-Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 11.30am) AND/OR Jazz Pre-Junior/Junior (Thurs 4pm)
Ballet Pre-Primary (Tues 4pm, Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am)	Ballet Primary (Tues 4pm or Sat 12.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Pre-Junior/Junior (Thurs 4pm)
Ballet Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 1 (Wed 5pm or Sat 1.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 4.45pm)
Ballet Grade 1 (Wed 5pm or Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 2 (Thurs 4pm & Sat 11pm)
Ballet Grade 2 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 3 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)
Ballet Grade 3 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 4 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)
Ballet Grade 4 (Mon 5pm & Sat 10am)	Ballet Grade 5 (Mon 5pm & Sat 10am)
Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 4pm & Sat 11am)	Ballet Grade 6 (Tues 4pm & Thurs 5pm) AND Ballet Open Class (Sat 2.30pm-3.45pm)
Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)	Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 4.45pm)
Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 5.30pm)	Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 5.45pm)
Jazz Grade 2 (Tues 4pm)	Jazz Grade 3 (Tues 4pm)
Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 4.45pm)	Jazz Grade 4 (Thurs 4pm)
Jazz Grade 4 (Tues 5pm)	Jazz Grade 5 (Tues 5pm)

ADDITIONAL DANCE CLASSES

The dance school offers a number of dance classes in addition to ballet and jazz.

Musical Theatre

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Senior Class (for students turning 13 years old and above) – Saturdays 1pm-1.45pm

Junior Class (for students turning 8 years old to 12 years old) – Saturdays 2.30pm-3.15pm

Contemporary

Taught by Kilda Northcott

Fridays 5pm-6pm – for students aged 11 years old and above

Tap

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Junior Class – Saturdays 11.15am-12pm

Intermediate Class – Saturdays 9.45am-10.30am

Senior Class – Saturdays 10.30am-11.15am

Advanced Class – Thursdays 7pm-7.45pm

Adults – Mondays 8pm-8.45pm

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Stretch/Conditioning Class

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Saturdays 12.15pm-1pm and Saturdays 1.45pm-2.30pm – for students aged 10 years old and above

Group Competition Class

Fridays 4pm-5pm for students aged 13 years old and above who would like to get some more stage experience and compete in local competitions as a troupe.

Along with the performance experience that comes with competing, students learn many new skills being part of a troupe, including working together as a team, improved timing and musicality and better spatial awareness.

If you're interested in your child attending this class, there are a few standards your child must meet:

- Your child must learn ballet and jazz with us at the Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz.
- This class costs \$175.00 per term over and above your child's other term fees at the dance school. Please note that this fee does not include the cost of costumes – see below.
- Costumes will be an additional cost (approximately \$120.00 per costume to purchase – maybe more or less depending on what is available, exchange rates and custom/tax duties – or \$15 per costume hired from BSBJ).

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 2025.

Shona Bennett & the BSBJ Team
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REMINDER

Tickets for "Peter Pan" can be purchased from the dance school between 10am and 12.30pm on Saturday 23 November and in the foyer of the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium during rehearsals on Monday 25 November, Wednesday 27 November, and Thursday 28 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 only.