

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

NOVEMBER 2019

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 28 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 2020

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 9 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 9 December. Thank you.

DANCE CLASSES FOR 2020 & HOW TO RE-ENROL

Please let Mrs Bennett know (bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz) by **13 December 2019** if your child is returning to the Dance School in 2020 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 13 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 often 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 2020 classes has been emailed to everyone as a separate attachment along with this notice, as well as the 2020 BSBJ Handbook which includes the fees for 2020, as well as lots of other important information about the dance school and dance classes. Please note the new fee structure which will come into effect in 2020.

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.

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

In 2020 classes will start on Monday 27 January. There will not be classes on Waitangi Day (Thursday 6 February) as the dance school will be closed for the public holiday.

2020 CLASS SCHEDULE (Tiny Tots to Grade 6 – see separate attachment for full timetable)

Class Level in 2019 (Note: For Jazz students the 2019 class refers to your exam level for this year)	Class Options for 2020
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 (Tues 4pm or Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am) AND/OR Jazz Beginners (Thurs 4pm)
Ballet Pre-Primary (Mon 4pm or Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am)	Ballet Primary (Mon 4pm or Sat 12.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Ballet Primary (Mon 4.45pm or Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 1 (Mon 5pm or Sat 1.30pm) AND/OR Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)
Ballet Grade 1 (Tues 4pm or Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 2 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)
Ballet Grade 2 (Wed 5pm & Sat 1.30pm)	Ballet Grade 3 (Wed 5pm & Sat 1.30pm)
Ballet Grade 3 (Mon 4pm & Sat 10am)	Ballet Grade 4 (Mon 4pm & Sat 10am)
Ballet Grade 4 (Tues 5pm & Sat 11am)	Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 5pm & Sat 11am)
Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)	Ballet Grade 6 (Tues 6pm & Thurs 5pm) 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 4.45pm)	Jazz Grade 1 (Mon 4pm)
Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 5.30pm)	Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 5.30pm)
Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 6.30pm)	Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 6.30pm)
Jazz Grade 3 (Wed 5pm)	Jazz Grade 4 (Wed 5pm)
Jazz Grade 4 (Wed 6pm)	Jazz Grade 5 (Wed 6pm)

ADDITIONAL DANCE CLASSES

The dance school now offers a number of dance classes in addition to ballet and jazz. These classes are:

Musical Theatre

Taught by Emma Holloway, Saturdays 12.30pm-1.30pm, open to students aged 11 years and above.

Contemporary

Taught by Kilda Northcott, Fridays 5.00pm-6.00pm, open to students aged 11 years and above.

Stretch/Conditioning Class

Taught by Emma Holloway, Saturdays 11.30am-12.15pm and Saturdays 1.30pm-2.15pm, open to students aged 10 years and above.

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Tap

Taught by Emma Holloway, Saturdays 10am-10.45am for students from 8 years to 12 years, Saturdays 10.45am-11.30am for teens and Mondays 7.45pm-8.30pm for adults.

Character Dance

Taught by Shona Bennett, Fridays 4.00pm-5.00pm, open to students aged 11 years and above.

Group Competition Class

Taught by Emma Holloway, Fridays 7.00pm-8.00pm for students (10 years 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.
- Your child must be attending 2 or more classes at BSBJ per week.
- This class costs \$155.00 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 \$80.00 per costume – maybe more or less depending on what is available, exchange rates and custom/tax duties).

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 2020.

Shona Bennett & the BSBJ Team
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Tickets for "A Xmas Carol" can be purchased in the Dressing Room at the dance school between 10am and 12pm on Saturday 23 November and Saturday 30 November and in the foyer of the Kavanagh College Auditorium during rehearsals on Monday 2 December, Wednesday 4 December and Thursday 5 December.

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.

