

STUDIO NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | 9th February 2016

Welcome to 2016. Our exciting year began with the RAD International Summer school which was a wonderful professional development week and showcased some of the world's best tutors. Jessica and Danielle Mason attended the two week performance course and showcased their talents at the performance concert. Other students have been busy and Briella Tupaea attended The Hip Hop summer workshop of the Royal Family/Request studios run by Parriss Goebel.

The Facebook page is updated regularly, we are certainly trying to keep you all informed as best we can. Please go on line and check our web site for all the latest information and be sure to view the registration page so that we can have all current addresses and email automatically updated. If you have any trouble please email me at dancer@wise.net.nz or text 0211214653.

RAD Results: The studio was pleased with the results with all graded children receiving marks. We gained a 40% Distinction rate. The Distinction mark is difficult to achieve these days so congratulations to students gaining this standard. It must be noted that many students were just a couple marks away from reaching this standard so keep working hard and you will achieve this. The new work, which the children really love, does improve co-ordination, movement, memory, awareness of posture and body alignment and works well to develop a good sense of rhythm. All sounds wonderful but, in order to gain these skills, regular class attendance and practice at home are the keys to success. Miss Madden also gained valuable insight into examination criteria's during the International Course.

2016 Classes: With the RAD delaying the examinations of the new grades 4 and 5 until 2016, the timetable has become rather full this year, with all classes and genres needing to be timetabled. We have tried very hard to schedule students learning several subjects and families

travelling distance to attend class. Performance classes have been put on hold and we have decided to enter groups from our Matilda's show to reduce costs to parents.

Fees: The Term fee remains the same but the discount will be \$15.00 per student if paid in the first week of each new term and the second subject has a slight increase to \$45.00 per term. We are still running on a tight budget and we are committed to providing the best tuition possible. Any parents with friends who have children interested in learning dance and drama please feel free to direct them to our web site.

Current Events: 'Stretch Leap and Spin' classes will be free of charge for those taking two or more subjects ie Hip Hop and Jazz or Ballet and Contemporary and the Junior SLS for Jazz Grades 3 & 4 students. The intermediate grades will have their stretching in their grade classes. Seniors all attend the senior SLS even if not sitting the exam so that your flexibility can sustain the required standard. Miss Madden will be collaborating with American Chorographer Mr Keith Clifton and producing Intermediate SLS later in October of this year.

Past Pupils: Check out our photos on facebook. It was lovely to catch up with Miss Ellen who is the assistant Director and Choreographer for 'Little Shop of Horrors' touring Australia.

Term 1: Starts back on Tuesday 9th February, and we look forward to seeing the children, ready for another great year, action packed and ready to dance.

Key Dates for Term 1

- Term 1 starts Monday 9th Feb
- Discount Term 1 fees ends 16th Feb
- Phoenix Dance workshop Earlybird 30th March
- Term 1 Ends Thursday 16th April
- Contemporary workshop March 13th
- Easter Friday- Monday 25-28 school closed.