

TERM 1 starts 5th February 2018

Welcome to 2018. Our PLATINUM YEAR began with the RAD revision course for Intermediate Foundation and Intermediate variations in Palmerston North. Keeping up with the latest technique and Musical shows Miss Madden went through her paces and enjoyed catching up with Miss Ellen Simpson in Sydney, who is the resident Director and Choreographer for Muriel's Wedding the Musical.

Miss Inder has enjoyed a visit to Rarotonga, Miss Anita to America, Miss Anna has directed Junior Mats show and a music workshop in Akaroa. Miss Sian has been working on NZAMD syllabus notes and Miss Jenny busy with family day trips. Miss Briar has been visiting Auckland. Miss Mikaela is eagerly anticipating her new arrival, while Miss Stephanie is kept busy with her little one!

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.

It is very important that we have your current details, If any student is changing or adding to their subjects this year please email me. Also if students are discontinuing classes you must give us details in writing please.

RAD Results: The studio was very pleased with the results with all graded children receiving Merit or Distinction. We gained a 43% Distinction rate. The Distinction mark is difficult to achieve these days so congratulations to students gaining this standard. Congratulations to Anika Stewart who gained the highest mark in the school. 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. Please note that a number of students did not receive results as our database was not accurate. It is imperative that you make certain your enrolment details are perfect.

Classes: New Exciting Adults Ballet has been scheduled so we have finally timetabled a class after a number of requests, so parents and friends come and try it out, have fun and experience the joy of dancing. We are hoping that Miss Stephanie will take over this class again with the aid of Miss Madden. SLS classes are back on the high priority list as these conditioning classes are the key to maintain strength and flexibility. If taking 2 or more second subjects these classes are free. All Jazz students not taking ballet are highly recommended to take these classes. Jn = Gr 3-5 Jazz, Int= Pre Ele, Ele Jazz and Snr= Int/Adv.

Fees: The Term fee for all classes remains the same but all fees must be paid in Advance at the start of each Term. Any Term fees outstanding will incur an admin fee this year. A \$15.00 discount is still available if paid during the first week of each new Term. Second subjects are already heavily discounted to \$50.00 per Term. Any parents with friends who have children interested in learning dance and drama please feel free to direct them to [our web site](#). If you refer a new student aged between 5-9 years in Ballet or Jazz and they sign up for a year, you may have one student's fees free for Term 1!

Current Events: Age restrictions. Please note that with the NZAMD and RAD age requirements must be met. Hip hop level 4 must be 13 years at time of sitting May 2018, and Elementary 13 years and Contemporary 4 from 13 years. RAD Pre Primary aged 5 by Jan 2018. Any student's falling into any grey areas please contact Miss Madden to work out a solution. Our production this year is Snow White.

Term 1: Starts back on Monday 5th 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 5th Feb
- Discount Term 1 fees ends 14th Feb
- Phoenix Dance workshop Early bird 24th March
- Easter Friday 30th March- Monday 2nd
- Term 1 Ends Thursday 13th April
- Jazz/Tap/Hip hop & Cont workshop in April Sunday 2nd – Friday 27th . Wed 25th off.
- 25th ANZAC school closed.
- 13th April Part Costume Kitset fee due.