

# Tanya Brooks Dance Academy



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## Term Two Newsletter

### Term Two:

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June (10 weeks)

#### Welcome Back

TBDA Term 2 dance classes will resume on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We hope you have a wonderful Easter Holiday break. Miss Ruth and I will be busy working over the 2 weeks of the school holidays preparing to enter 47 students for their upcoming RAD Ballet Exams which will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We wish all students the best of luck in their upcoming Ballet Exams.

#### Classes Cancelled – Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April

All usual classes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April will be cancelled due Anzac Day (Public Holiday). We will however, be holding Ballet Exam Private Lessons at the studio 9.30am – 7.30pm on that day.

#### Miss Laura away – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April

Miss Laura will be away attending a Grades 1-3 “new” syllabus course on the weekend of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April (week 1, term 2) and will therefore be unable to teach classes at the studio that day. I have arranged for our relief teacher Miss Lucinda to come into the studio to teach classes as usual 8.30am – 10.15am she will be assisted by our student teacher Miss Natascha. Miss Ally (Grade 8 “exam” student), will be regularly student teaching for TBDA in Term 2 assisting the Primary “exam” classes leading up to the exam on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, she will then continue assisting the Grade 1 Ballet classes on a Saturday for the remainder of the year. I am planning to be at the studio from 10.15am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April to teach all remaining classes as usual.

#### Credit for Cancelled class (Term 1)

All Senior Contemporary students will receive a credit for the cancelled class in Term 1 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March due to Miss Ruth being unwell and unable to teach classes that day. Please check your Term 2 invoice carefully to check your credit has been issued.

#### Cancelled Classes – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May

All classes that would normally be held 8.30am-5.00pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May are **cancelled**, due to our Ballet Exams being held at our studio during this time.

#### Piano Rehearsal

Ballet Exam students will be required to attend a Piano Rehearsal scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the Piano Rehearsal has been included in your Term 2 Fees.

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

1.00 – 1.45	Primary “Piano” Rehearsal
1.45 – 2.30	Grade 1 “Piano” Rehearsal
2.30 – 3.15	Grade 2 “Piano” Rehearsal
3.15 – 4.15	Grade 3 “Piano” Rehearsal
4.15 – 5.15	Grade 4 “Piano” Rehearsal
5.15 – 6.15	Grade 5 “Piano” Rehearsal
6.15 – 7.30	Grade 7 “Piano” Rehearsal
7.30 – 8.30	Grade 8 “Piano” Rehearsal
<b>8.30 – 9.30</b>	<b>Set up for Ballet Exams</b>

#### Ballet Exam Students

Ballet Mock Exams will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the Mock Exam has been included in your Term 2 Fees. A separate note has been issued via email to all exam students with all the information for your Ballet Exam, Mock Exam and Piano Rehearsal. This information is also listed on the “timetable” page of the website. All Term 2 invoices will include classes before and after the ballet exams.

#### Public Holiday 9/6 – 11/6

Due to the Queen’s Birthday Holiday long weekend all classes will be **cancelled** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. Please note, the Hip Hop crew rehearsal will be held as usual on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Fees Due Date – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May

Term 2 Fees are due to be paid by Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Fees can be paid by cheque, payable to “Tanya Brooks Dance Academy” and can be handed to your class teacher or sent directly to Miss Tanya at 9 Wilson St, Freshwater 2096. Please label your envelope clearly with your child’s name and amount enclosed and write on your envelope if you require a receipt. Fees can also be paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Internet Payment:

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Please include your child’s surname when paying by 3<sup>rd</sup> party Internet and send an email to Miss Tanya to inform that payment has been made. (Internet payments can take up to 3 days to process so please pay early to avoid missing out on the 10% discount). Please note, we do **not accept CASH** as method of payment for fees unless handed directly to Miss Tanya.

All Fees **not** received by the due date will be re-issued with a new invoice that **will not** include the 10% early payment discount. Please contact me if you are having any difficulties with paying your Term 2 Fees on time.

### *Timetable Change - Week 4 - 21/5*

The current timetable will be changing from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, after the ballet exams have taken place. This timetable is currently available to view on our web-site [www.tbda.com.au](http://www.tbda.com.au)

#### **Monday (Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> May)**

4.00 – 5.00	Grade 5 Ballet
5.00 – 6.00	Grade 8 "exam" Ballet
6.00 – 7.00	Intermediate Hip Hop
7.00 – 8.00	Senior Hip Hop
8.00 – 9.00	Advanced Hip Hop

#### **Tuesday (Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May)**

4.00 – 5.00	Grade 6 "new" Ballet
5.00 – 6.00	Intermediate Contemporary
6.00 – 7.00	Grade 6 "exam" Ballet
7.00 – 7.30	Beginner Pointe
7.30 – 8.30	Grade 8 "new" Ballet
8.30 – 9.30	Intermediate Ballet

#### **Wednesday (Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May)**

4.00 – 5.00	Grade 2 Ballet
5.00 – 6.00	Grade 3 Ballet
6.00 – 7.00	Grade 5 Ballet
7.00 – 7.45	Grade 8 "exam" Ballet
7.45 – 8.15	Intermediate Pointe
8.15 – 9.15	Advanced Contemporary

#### **Thursday (Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May)**

4.00 – 5.00	Grade 1 Ballet
5.00 – 6.00	Grade 4 Ballet
6.00 – 7.00	Grade 6 "combined" Ballet
7.00 – 8.00	Senior Contemporary
8.00 – 9.00	Grade 8 "new" Ballet

#### **Friday (Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May)**

4.30 – 5.30	TBDA Hip Hop Crew Rehearsal
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#### **Saturday (Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May)**

8.30 – 9.00	Toddlers Class
9.00 – 9.30	Pre-Primary Ballet
9.30 – 10.15	Primary Ballet
10.15 – 11.15	Grade 1 Ballet
11.15 – 11.45	Beginner Tap
11.45 – 12.45	Grade 2 Ballet
12.45 – 1.45	Grade 3 Ballet
1.45 – 2.30	Junior Tap
2.30 – 3.30	Junior Contemporary
3.30 – 4.30	Grade 4 Ballet

### *Class Teacher's after the Exams*

Miss Tanya will be teaching on Mondays: Grade 5 & 8 Ballet from 4-6pm, on Thursday, Miss Tanya will be teaching Grades 1, 4 & 6 Ballet from 4-7pm. On Saturdays Miss Tanya will now be teaching: Beginner Tap, Grades 2, 3 & 4 Ballet, Junior Tap and Junior Contemporary from 11.15-4.30pm. Miss Ruth will be teaching on Tuesdays: Grades 6 & 8 Ballet, Intermediate Contemporary Beginner Pointe and Intermediate Ballet 4.00-9.30pm. On Wednesdays Miss Ruth will teach: Grades 2, 3, 5 & 8 Ballet, Intermediate Pointe and Advanced Contemporary 4.00-9.15pm. Miss Ruth will also teach Grade 8 and Senior Contemporary on Thursdays 7-9pm. Miss Laura will continue teaching classes on Saturday mornings 8.30-11.15am, Miss Tanya will take over teaching the Beginner Tap class once the new timetable

commences. Miss Natascha will continue to student teach with Miss Laura. Miss Bec will continue to teach Hip Hop on Monday nights and Miss Lindsay will continue to teach the TBDA Crew on Fridays.

### *Intermediate Ballet*

As mentioned in the Term 1 Newsletter we will be introducing the "new syllabus" Intermediate Ballet class on Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.30pm to replace the Grade 8 "exam" class once the exams have taken place. Please contact Miss Tanya if you are interested in joining this class.

### *Grade 5 Ballet*

The Grade 5 ballet classes (currently Grade 4 students) will be held on Monday 4-5pm and Wednesday 6-7pm rather than a weekday and Saturday class, this will be after the ballet exams have taken place and the new timetable commences.

### *Grade 8 Ballet*

The Grade 6 "new" and "exam" classes will have a "combined" class on Thursdays 6-7pm. Grade 6 "new", (currently Grade 5 students) will continue with their own separate class on Tuesdays 4-5pm and Grade 6 "exam" students will have a separate class on Tuesdays 6-7pm, when the timetable changes after the exams.

### *Junior Tap*

The Junior Tap class will be extended to a ¾ hour class 1.45-2.30pm from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of that class will increase to \$13.50 (inc GST) – less the 10% early payment discount and has been calculated into your Term 2 Fees.

### *Fundraiser 2012*

A fundraiser "Entertainment Book" will be issued from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to all TBDA students. All money raised from this fundraiser will be spent on the End of Year Concert. If you do not wish to purchase a book, please return your book immediately and perhaps consider giving a donation for this fundraising event. All unsold books must be returned by Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### *Help on the Ballet Exam Days*

I need some helpers to provide "Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea" for our examiner, pianist and helpers. I will also need flowers to decorate the studio, and people to help clean and set up the hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May as well as some help to pack and clean up the studio on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please fill in the notes at the studio if you are available to help.

### *Primary "exam" Classes*

We will be commencing a weekday ½ hour Primary "exam" class in Term 3, (21<sup>st</sup> August) for those students thinking about taking their Primary exam in 2013. The Primary Ballet class will be held on Tuesday afternoons 4.00-4.30pm. Please contact Miss Tanya if you are interested in joining

this class. A separate note will be issued mid-term 2 with further information.

### *Tuesday Classes – 21<sup>st</sup> August onwards*

The Grade 6 “new” and “exam” classes will be shortened to ¾ hr classes when the Primary “exam” classes commence 21<sup>st</sup> August. A note will be issued mid Term 2 to all students affected, notifying you of the changes.

### *Parents & Children Watching*

We are happy for you to watch your children in class, as long as it is done quietly. Please do not approach, interrupt or disturb your teacher whilst she is teaching and please do not talk or answer your phones. Toddlers are to be kept outside, anybody talking will be asked to leave the room.

### *Safety at the Studio*

For the safety of your children and others, please take care in the car park, and please watch out for children as they are arriving or leaving the studio. Please do not be late picking up your child after class & please ask them to wait inside the studio where they can be easily seen. Please also make sure that teachers are not left alone to lock up the studio and get to their car at the end of the night.

### *Missing a Lesson*

If you know that your child is going to miss a lesson, please take the time to email, call or SMS Miss Tanya so I can let your teacher know. Please note all missed lessons are to be paid for.

### *Attendance in Class*

Please try to maintain a good level of attendance in your classes. A policy for all of our classes is if you are away for 2 weeks in a row you will not be in the section that is being taught while you are absent (this applies to Tap, Contemporary & Hip Hop). Please be aware that all students are assumed to be performing in our Concert. If we have students drop out of a class it will mean that time will need to be spent re-spacing and possibly re-choreographing. Please make your teacher aware if you will not be seeing the year out at TBDA or unable to participate in our end of year Concert.

### *Private Lesson*

If you are finding it difficult to keep up in class and would like to have some 1 on 1 attention, a Private Lesson may be helpful. Please contact me so I can try to arrange a suitable day and time. Private Lessons cost \$47 per half hour (inc GST).

### *Practice Music*

It is encouraged that all students should practice their dancing. For a fee of \$5 per cd, I will make a copy of your dance music. You may also bring in a blank CDR and I will burn your music for \$2.

### *T.B.D.A. Jackets + Singlet's*

Don't miss out on one of our wonderfully warm TBDA jackets only \$40 or a TBDA singlet for only

\$20. Please come and let us know if you would like to buy one. Limited sizes available.

### *Concert Dress Rehearsals + Concert Date*

There will be 2 dress rehearsals for our upcoming Concert. The 1<sup>st</sup> Dress Rehearsal will be split over 2 days (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November). Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Dress Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Our Concert will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at St Ignatius College, Riverview from 6-10pm (approx) Please keep all of these dates free, more information about the Concert will be issued in Term 3.

### *Costume Deposit & Hire Fee*

In Term 3 a refundable deposit of \$55 (inc GST) per family is to be paid for your Concert Costumes. The non-refundable cost of hiring your Concert Costumes is \$25 (inc GST) per costume.

### *Term 3 Resumes 16/07*

The last day of classes for Term 2 is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Term 3 recommence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. To keep up to date with all the upcoming events at TBDA visit our web-site [www.tbda.com.au](http://www.tbda.com.au)

Kind regards,



Miss Tanya (Principal)