

Welcome

Hello and welcome to Term 2! A special “welcome” to all the new students joining us for the first time in Term 2. Wow!! What a start to the year! As usual, Term One was absolutely hectic but also very exciting. It has been so nice to meet all our new students and their families and to see them loving their dance classes! Term 2 is shaping up to be just as busy! Our Performance Company is performing in Dance Week and participating in two eisteddfods this term. We are preparing for Pumps for PatCH, a charity dance spectacular to be held later in the term and we will be holding another awesome workshop during the holidays. Read on to find out more about what we have planned...

Miss Natalie & Sally

Eisteddfod News

Performance Company students participated in the **Riverside Dance Festival** during term break with fabulous results! Congratulations to all students on their great performances and on their hard work learning their routines - what a dedicated bunch of kids! We’d also like to say a big “**thanks**” to all the Mums and Dads for their commitment to extra rehearsals, the gorgeous costumes and props and their cheering at the eisteddfod – we just know the kids really appreciate your support.



A special “congratulations” to students who performed solos for the very first time - **Mya Ruberto, Louis Fletcher, Danijela Bodo, Jack Downie, Danny Todoroski and Hannah Michie** – great job!

We also congratulate **Aishia Gatdula**, who placed first in all of her solos and duos, and was awarded the ‘*Most Promising Baby*’ prize and **Meg Phillips**, who won the *Senior National Championship* for the third consecutive year. Fantastic work girls!



Junior Troupe 1 were awarded 1st for jazz, 2nd for song & dance and 3rd for classical and **Junior Troupe 2** received 1st for song & dance and highly commended for both tap and hip hop – we are so proud of you all!

Students in attendance at the eisteddfod included:

Mariah Brody, Mya Bailey, Jasmine Burns, Aishia Gatdula, Georgia Forster, Mya Ruberto, Emily Lewis, Louis Fletcher, Danijela Bodo, Eve Brown, Jack Downie, Rachel Winkler, Brooke Downie, Laura Booth, Brenna Enos, Hannah Michie, Angelina Leljak, Katie Bailey, Danny Todoroski, Meg Phillips and Hannah Foley.



Term 1 Workshop News



Gymnastics and Sea Creatures...

What an excellent afternoon!! Star fish, jelly fish, sea sprites, a pirate and more than a few mermaids tumbled, cartwheeled and flipped their way through the afternoon. We only just had time for some craft and the decoration of our lime-green and blue iced turtle, star fish, shark & fish cookies – yum!



Upcoming Events

Workshop ~ **Gymnastics & Super Heroes**



Our next workshop will be held on **Sunday 19 July**.

These holiday workshops are designed for students and their friends between the ages of 3 & 12. Kids are encouraged to express themselves creatively by combining their love for tumbling, jumping, somersaulting, twirling, balancing, climbing and cart-wheeling with music, dance, stories, craft activities and a few treats of course! We all have a ball and the Mums and Dads get a bit of "time out" too! Dress up as your favourite super hero - or make up a new super hero! Start working on your outfits today! Remember, costumes should be movement friendly... The workshops are extremely popular and you will need to register for a place. Look out for a registration form in a few weeks.




Eisteddfods

Our Performance Company will be participating in two eisteddfods this term:

- ρ **Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod** (20-24 May)
- ρ **Canberra Dance Festival** (27-28 June & 4-6 July)

We encourage everyone to attend the *Canberra Dance Festival* to support the kids, not to mention enjoy the fabulous entertainment on offer. Check out the notice boards closer to the end of term for further details.

 **"Good Luck"** - we just know you'll be fabulous!!

Teacher Feature

Many of our new students this year (and their families) may not be aware of who we are. After all, we're spread out over three locations at the moment. So here's a quick introduction to the staff of Pointe2Pointe!

Miss Nat



Position: Founding Director
Currently teaches: Pre-Primary 2, Junior Combined, Junior Classical & Contemporary, Junior Theatrical 3, Intermediate & Senior Tap, Adult Classical & Contemporary, Junior Troupe 1 and Junior Troupe 2 and Private Lessons.

Primary responsibilities: Artistic Director of Pointe2Pointe, manages the Performance Company, choreographer, costume designer and oversees examinations. Miss Nat also administers the Pointe2Pointe phone, so when you call us you're talking to Miss Nat!

Sally



Position: Founding Director
Currently teaches: Primary, Junior Stretch & Strengthen & Pre-Pointe Conditioning, Adult Tap and Adult Stretch and Private Lessons.
Primary responsibilities: Administrative Director of Pointe2Pointe including invoicing, payments and receipts. Sally administers the Pointe2Pointe email account and web site, so when you email us you're contacting Sally!

Nicole



Position: Dance Teacher
Currently teaches: Tiny Tots, Pre-Primary 1, Junior Theatrical 1, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Hip Hop, Intermediate & Senior Jazz and Stretch & Strengthen, Adult Jazz & Hip Hop and Private Lessons.

Primary responsibilities: Teaching! Please refer any queries or concerns to either Miss Nat or Sally. Nicole will pass on a message or payment but will not answer administrative questions. (Thanks!)

Teachers' Assistants

Tiny Tots: Gabby Macgregor & Steff Commisso
Pre-Primary: Taylor Hansen-Death
Primary: Amanda Brown

Performance Company



The following information is particularly relevant to Performance Company students and their families. However, **all** Pointe2Pointe students and families should be aware of their responsibilities in a performance environment. Please take careful note of these reminders!

Supervision of Children

You are expected to supervise your child at all times.

This includes arrival, dressing for each dance, ensuring appropriate hair and make-up, keeping costumes clean, and entertaining children while they wait to dance.

We are sure you understand that the Directors cannot administer the event, supervise and support children back stage and supervise children in the dressing room, foyer or audience. It's just not possible! We will check in with you as often as possible but you need to be in charge until we come to collect the kids to go on stage.

Please also remember that we do not organise volunteers to attend eisteddfods. Each Pointe2Pointe parent in attendance is a parent with a child dancing and therefore has their own responsibilities to attend to. Please take responsibility for your own child and / or work out a roster system amongst yourselves.

Eisteddfod Etiquette

It's important for all of us to behave properly when attending an event. We (students and families) are acting as role models. Here are some simple cues:

- ρ Please don't sit in the front row of a theatre;
- ρ No prompting of children - they will be disqualified;
- ρ No screaming out names - cheering or clapping only;
- ρ No complaining - all issues must be referred to a Director;
- ρ No commenting on others unless complimentary.

Collecting Reports

Please note that **only the Directors** collect reports. We will collect the reports, read them to you at the eisteddfod and will provide the original copies at your next class.

Troupe DVDs

Remember, **individuals may not order troupe DVDs** - only the Directors (who own the copyright on all dances) may order and purchase troupe DVDs. You can also think about it this way - you do not have permission to purchase photos or videos of other children.

PC Information Booklet

Please make sure you have read and understood the information contained in your booklet. All of these reminders are addressed in that document!

Private Lessons

For those students who undertake private lessons please ensure that you **arrive on time, warmed up**, ready to dance. Parents, please also ensure that you **advise us ASAP if your child is not attending a lesson**. We can't afford to have teachers sitting around wondering where you are. Finally, please note that **parents should not attend private lessons** - it's too distracting. Thank you!

Class Attendance

And finally, please remember that refunds and discounts are not provided for missed lessons (classes or private lessons) when you attend an eisteddfod.

Exams

Students received a note regarding Exams in Week 1 of term - please take the time to read it carefully. Exams are a fantastic opportunity for students to test their skills, build their self esteem and confidence, and create a team bond based on fun and hard work. Exams are not compulsory, however, we strongly recommend all students participate. Regardless of participation, all students learn exam work in their classes as the basis of their dance technique.



Classes participating in Exams in 2009 include: **Pre-Primary 2, Primary, Junior Combined, Junior Classical, Junior Theatrical 1, Junior Theatrical 3, Junior Hip Hop, Intermediate Hip Hop, Intermediate & Senior Tap and Adult Classical.**

Please consider your child's participation and complete the form attached to your Exam Note. **Forms need to be returned to your child's teacher by 30 May.**

Pumps for PatCH



All proceeds from this event go towards Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital

Pumps for PatCH is scheduled for **20 June 2009**. It is an annual entertainment spectacular featuring

dance, singing and other performances by talented students from around Canberra. Pointe2Pointe not only participates in this charity event, which raises funds for pediatric diabetes patients, but assists in its production. For further information, check out the notice boards, visit www.pumpsforpatch.com or chat to Sonia Downie. Come along and enjoy the show! **Tickets are on sale in Wk 5.**

- ρ **Wed 27 May from 6.00-6.30pm** and **Sat 30 May from 10.00-10.30am & 1.00-1.30pm** @ Gungahlin Hall
- ρ **Wed 27 May from 7.00-7.30pm** and **Thu 28 May from 5.00-5.30pm** @ Palmerston Hall
- ρ **Sat 30 May from 9.00-9.30am & 12.00-12.30pm** @ Palmerston School

Annual Concert Preparations

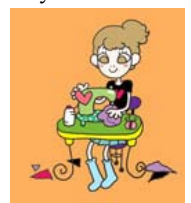


Dates

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| Studio Rehearsal (ballet only) | Saturday morning 28 Nov |
| Photo Day | Sunday afternoon 29 Nov |
| Dress Rehearsal @ Theatre | Thursday evening 3 Dec |
| Studio Rehearsal (whole school) | Saturday morning 5 Dec |
| Show Day @ Theatre | Sunday (all day) 6 Dec |

Costume Volunteers

With 160 students doing at least one, probably two, and sometimes four dances each in the Concert, we require at least **15 volunteers** to sew, decorate and organise the **400 odd costumes** we're going to need!! If you cannot sew we'll show you the basics! Other than sewers, we will need assistance cutting out material, gluing on decorations, removing loose threads from completed costumes, bagging costumes to hand out to students, etc.





In fact, even if you think you haven't any skills in this department, we can still give you a task! A note is going home in Week 3 calling for volunteers. Please put your best foot (or hand) forward and sign up your support for a fantastic show!

IMPORTANT! Please note that if we do not get at least 15 volunteers to assist with costumes we will need to purchase pre-made costumes which will result in a price increase of between \$20 to \$40 per costume. What does that mean? Well, it means our budget of \$50.00 plus an extra \$30.00, totally approximately \$80.00 for one costume! You can help us keep costs at a reasonable level!!

Costume Instalment Payments

In order to assist with budgeting, we ask students to make two instalment payments to cover the cost of their Concert costumes. Look out for a note in the coming weeks. Instalments are due in Terms 2 and 3 on the following dates:

- ρ **Instalment 1** Saturday 27 June (Wk 9) – Term 2
- ρ **Instalment 2** Saturday 19 September (Wk 9) – Term 3

2nd Hand Clothing & Shoes



Remember, Pointe2Pointe has a selection of 2nd hand clothing and shoes for sale. If you have any items for sale, or you need to purchase items, please contact our coordinator, Robyn Musial, on **0408 468 815** or via email robym@emailme.net.au



Reminders



Payment of Fees

Fees are due **Saturday 16 May**. You must have paid your fees in full, or have made your first instalment payment, by COB on the 16th to avoid being charged the \$25.00 late fee. No exceptions.

Payments by **direct deposit** must be processed by the bank **prior to the 16th**.

If you are paying by instalment please ensure you have collected this term's instalment payment sheet from your class teacher.

Finally, please see the notice boards for dates and times to pay by credit card. Credit card payments can only be made to Sally.



Enrolment

Just a quick FYI. Enrolment is an annual process. Once enrolled, you are enrolled for the whole year unless you advise us otherwise.

Arriving on Time for Classes

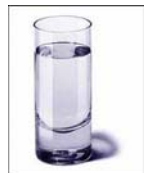


Pointe2Pointe actively promotes safe dance practices as part of our core philosophy. This means students who arrive late and miss the first 10 minutes of a class will not be permitted to participate as they will have missed the class warm-up.

Mobile Phones

All students must **turn off** their mobile phones – yes, that includes our adult students! It is impossibly bad manners to check or answer your phone during a class. Thank you!

Bring a Drink and Snack



Please **always** bring a **water bottle** to class with you – whether you're 3 or 63, it's an important health factor! It's also important to keep up your energy – especially in classes that run for longer than an hour.

Key Dates Term 2

- Term commences** 27 April
- Australian Dance Week** 4-10 May
- Fees due** 16 May 2009
- Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod** 20-24 May
- Exam Forms due back** 30 May
- Pumps for PatCH** 20 June
- Concert Costume Instalment Payment 1** 26 June
- Canberra Dance Festival** 27-28 June & 4-6 July
- Term ends** 5 July
- Gymnastics & Super Heroes Workshop** 19 July

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions...

Please direct all queries, concerns and suggestions to the Directors. The timetable is tight and classes are scheduled back-to-back. As such, we prefer you contact us via phone or email and we'll get in touch with you at the earliest opportunity. If you need to speak to a Director between classes, please be prepared and brief.

Pointe2Pointe Web Site

A quick reminder that event information, forms, timetables etc. are updated regularly on our web site.

Please always check the notice boards (and your child's dance bag) for recent notes and news updates!!

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