

# End of Term 1 Newsletter

As Term 1 draws to a close, please find here some news and updates for classes in Term 2. Enjoy the Easter holidays, we look forward to seeing you in class in Term 2!

Best wishes, Helen

# Watching Week

Parents, grandparents and carers are invited to view classes from tomorrow, Saturday  $4^{th}$  April, through until Friday  $11^{th}$  April. To make this an enjoyable experience for all, please be sure to turn off all phones and devices.

No filming or photography is allowed during the class. Teachers will give parents an opportunity to photograph their own child in the studio at the end of the class. Younger siblings will only be able to join you in observing if they are able to sit quietly and attentively for the duration

#### **Term Dates**

The last day of Term 1 is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** Classes resume on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** 

Term 2 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Public holiday: no dance classes on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June (King's Birthday weekend)

Term 3 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Dance Show Dates: 3pm Saturday 22nd and 3pm Sunday 23rd November 2025

These dates are also noted in the calendar on our portal.

## Accounts

Term 2 accounts will be sent out early next week. Please let me know if your dancer has a change to their enrolments for Term 2 and please attend to any overdue Term 1 payments as soon as you possibly can.



## Baby Lulu!

We're delighted to share the news that our Receptionist, Penny, has welcomed a baby Granddaughter named Tallulah, Lulu for short. We congratulate Emily, who is an ex-student of our studio, and her husband Tom.

#### Reminders: Dance Exams

All dancers in Pre-Grade 1 and above will be considered for a Classical examination or assessment with the ISTD, RAD or Royal Ballet School, provided they diligently attend all recommended ballet classes, are available for coaching classes each day in the second week of the July holidays (14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July) and take part in any other necessary coaching classes and rehearsals in the lead up to exam day. ISTD and RAD exams will take place in Canberra in Term 3.



The deadline for entries for both RAD and ISTD exams is in mid-May, please look out for permission forms and confirmations early in Term 2.

#### Dancewear

With the weather becoming colder, we want to remind you that we have lovely warm hoodies and sweatshirts available and in stock, as well as the Bloch yoga jackets. We are excited to be adding 'Gumby' overalls to the range for the colder weather (named after the beloved green plasticine character!). Gumbys will be available to order when we return in Term 2, they are an excellent coverall/warm up for dancers in wintertime as they travel to and from the studio.



Uniform items that have been purchased via our <u>online store</u> will be available for collection from Penny during regular Reception opening hours.

### Uniforms and buns/hairstyles

A reminder that it is imperative that all dancers have their hair secured in a tidy ballet bun (or if very short, a headband) in all classical, modern and tap classes so that they can focus properly on their dance work.

Taking the time to make <u>a tidy ballet bun</u> for dance class helps your child to understand that attention to detail is important.





#### Pilates with Miss Brooke

Miss Brooke has availability for one-to-one Pilates sessions using our beautiful new reformer!

These sessions are highly beneficial for our senior dancers, but are also open to parents, friends – anyone! Visit the 'register' tab on the portal and select 'private lessons and appointments' to book.

#### **Performance Group News**

Our busy soloists have already begun their competitions for 2025, with several dancing at Nth Degree Dance in March and more competing at Unity Dance Challenge this weekend and Riverside Dance Festival during the Easter holidays.

Our groups will be performing at Cowra Eisteddfod in May, Canberra Dance Festival in June and at Sydney Eisteddfod in July. We have several wonderful new pieces that have been

created by our team of teachers and will also be performing pieces from our 2024 repertoire.

We wish them all the best for a happy and enjoyable competition season!

