



BAPA Informer

TERM 4 – 2009

I hope you all had a great holiday!

This term will be the busiest yet! Please take the time to read this newsletter thoroughly and also please let your child read it so they know what will be happening during the countdown to the concert.

I have had the opportunity to observe most classes over the last term and I am very happy with their progress, enthusiasm and attitude towards their dance studies. I would like to say a big thankyou to all the parents for your support and for your dedication and interest in your child's dance and singing classes. We are truly lucky to have such supportive families within the Blakehurst Academy community. ☺

Full Cast Rehearsal – Sunday, 1st November

All students are to arrive at 9:50 for a 10am start. Please do not be late! BAPA uniform is to be worn. No makeup or costumes are required. This will be a closed rehearsal and therefore, no parents will be allowed to stay in the hall. The rehearsal should finish at approximately 1pm. Please wait outside to pick up your children. Once the rehearsal has finished we will open the doors for you to come in and collect your child.

Concert Tickets

Concert tickets will be on sale on Sunday, 1st November from 10am during the Full Cast Rehearsal. The ticket sales table will be set up under the Pergola area next to the main hall. Please line up if you arrive early. Tickets are reserved seating and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. There is no limit on the amount of tickets you can buy. Students performing in the concert do not need to buy tickets. Adult tickets will include a program which will be distributed on the day of the concert.



Ticket prices:

Adult = \$22

Children (12yrs and under) = \$11

Costume Distribution

Costumes will not be distributed until Term 4 fees, outstanding term fees and costume fees have been paid for. Please ensure your account is up to date to avoid your child missing out on the concert. If you have any problems in paying on time, please contact me.

Dress Rehearsal – Sunday, 8th November

Held at Hurstville Entertainment Centre, Marana Auditorium, MacMahon Street, Hurstville.

This is a **FULL DRESS REHEARSAL**. Please make sure you bring all costumes, accessories, shoes and have full makeup and hair done.

Senior Ballet students (HP Ballet) are to arrive at 9am for a 9:30 start.

All other students please arrive at 9:45am for a 10am start.

Upon arrival, please see the person at the door to find out your allocated dressing room. All students are to wait in their dressing room for the commencement of the rehearsal. Parents of younger students are able to take their child to their dressing room but then must leave them in the care of their allocated backstage parent.

The rehearsal should finish at approximately 1.30pm.

This will be a closed rehearsal. Parents and friends are not permitted to stay and watch. When picking your child up, please wait in the foyer until the auditorium doors have been opened.

Backstage Helpers

During the dress rehearsal and concert, only backstage helpers will be allowed backstage. They will be identified by security passes. These helpers will be responsible for helping to change their allocated students and perform any hair changes that are required. If anyone would like to volunteer to help backstage please let me know ASAP.

Concert DVD

As always, the concert will be professionally filmed and be available to buy on DVD. You can place your order on the day of ticket sales. Cost = \$50 each.

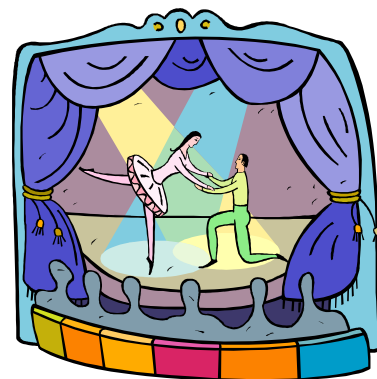
Concert – Sunday, 22nd November

This is the main event of the year! With 40 dance numbers and a whole year of preparation behind it – it's the event which everyone looks forward to! ☺

The concert will start at **2pm sharp.**

Senior Ballet students (HP Ballet) will need to arrive at 12pm sharp for a final rehearsal on stage.

Junior and Senior Musical Theatre students need to arrive and be on stage at 12:30pm sharp to rehearse "I want it all".



All students from Level 4 and above are to arrive by 12:45pm to go through a group warm up and stretch session.

All other students are to arrive at 1:30pm (**no later!**) Parents should bring their child to their assigned dressing room, where they will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their backstage helper. Parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms after the children have been checked in for the recital.

All makeup should be done before arriving. If anyone needs guidance on what the makeup requirements are please see one of the teachers.

Students should arrive in uniform and only change into the costumes once backstage. If for any reason you need to go into the audience or outside in a costume, please ensure you are covered up (jackets etc).

All students must stay backstage for the duration of the concert unless otherwise directed.

Professional Photos – Saturday, 28th November

The professional photo day is where all the groups are photographed in their individual dances complete with costumes and makeup. In the upcoming weeks you will receive your photo order forms. You will also receive a running sheet of times for the day. Classes will still be held on that day with the photo groups scheduled around the students classes. It is your choice whether you buy photos or not but it is compulsory for all students to be in their groups photo.

Christmas Presentation Night – Saturday, 5th December

Theme: Countries and Cultures

This will definitely be a night to remember. There's dancing, food, drinks, fun and the presentation of awards! Come dressed to match the theme!

Invitations will be handed out closer to the date.
Arrive – 5:30pm. Concluding – 9pm.



2010 Re-Enrolment Afternoon – Saturday, 12th December – 2pm – 3pm

On this day, you will have the chance to enrol early and obtain all 2010 information. Timetables will be available as well as printed calendars of all 2010 dates. This day is very important to make sure that our existing students get first choice back into their classes so that they don't miss out in the event of the classes filling up. Also, by knowing the dates and times early it will make it easier to work out your other commitments. All students who enrol early and pay their 2010 1st Term Fees up front will receive a 10% discount off the 1st Term amount. There will also be other goodies available! The 2010 Prospectus and Enrolment forms will be handed out closer to the date.

Singing Concert – Saturday, 12th December – 5:30pm

This is the singing students time to shine! The concert is held in the main hall of Blakehurst Public School. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Notes will be handed out to singing students in the upcoming weeks. Everyone is welcome!



Exams

Exams will be held on Sunday, 13th December. Classes involved will be receiving invoices in the coming weeks. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please let the class teacher know asap as it affects numbering and the way the children practise. It is not compulsory but exams are encouraged to give the children a sense of achievement and to allow them to officially move up to the next level. They go into the examination as a group and perform the work they have been practising all year. They receive a certificate, report and badge upon completion. Running times are yet to be finalised.

Term 4 concludes on Saturday, 19th December.

For any new parents, this time of year is always an eye opener! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy".

Amy Richards – Principal

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