



BAPA Informer

TERM 4 – 2011

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.

Recital Handbooks are close to being finalised and will be sent out via email by the end of the week. This handbook contains all the information regarding the concert and rehearsals, costumes, what to do when you arrive, pick up, makeup etc.

Ballet Rehearsal

All classes that are in the Senior Ballet have a rehearsal on this Wednesday night at 5pm – 7.30pm. Students received a note about this at the end of last term. These classes include Monday night Level 3 Ballet, Tuesday night Level 4 and Intermediate classes and Thursday night Level 4 class.

Full Cast Rehearsal – Saturday, 29th October

This rehearsal will start at 1.30pm sharp in the main hall at the school. All students are to arrive between 1.15pm – 1.20pm. Please do not be late as we will start without you! 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 4.30pm. 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 this year will be sold online via www.trybooking.com. Click on the “Buy Tickets” link and type in Blakehurst Academy of Performing Arts. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday 30th October. The time is yet to be confirmed but I will let you know in advance. Tickets are reserved seating and are sold on a first come, first served basis. You will be able to select your seats via the seating map shown online. There is no limit on the amount of tickets you can buy. Students performing in the concert do not need to buy tickets. You will need to print out your ticket confirmation and bring it to the box office on concert day to be issued an admission band.



Adult tickets will include a program which will be distributed on the day of the concert.

Ticket prices:

Adult = \$25

Children (12yrs and under) = \$15

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 asap.

Compulsory Dress Rehearsal – Sunday, 6th 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 (Moulin Rouge Ballet) are to arrive at 9am for a 9:15am 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. Younger students may like to bring something to keep them entertained but valuables like DS Games etc are their sole responsibility.

The rehearsal should finish at approximately 2pm.

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. There will be notices put up on Saturday for parents to volunteer to help the Saturday classes. There will also be a Volunteer form you can fill out in the Recital Handbook (to be emailed by the end of the week).

Concert DVD

As always, the concert will be professionally filmed and be available to buy on DVD. Cost is \$50. You can place your order on the day of the concert or in order not to miss out – please enclose \$50 in an envelope with the students name on the front clearly labelled “DVD ORDER” and how many you require and hand in to your teacher.

Concert – Sunday, 13th November

This is the main event of the year! With approx 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 (Moulin Rouge Ballet) will need to arrive at 12pm sharp for a final rehearsal on stage.

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 permitted in the dressing rooms after the children have been checked in for the recital.

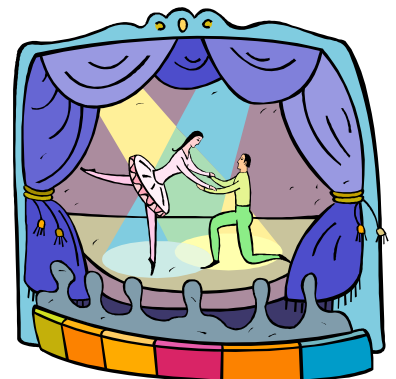
All makeup should be done before arriving. If anyone needs guidance on what the makeup requirements are please see one of the teachers.

Students should arrive in uniform and only change into their 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, 19th 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.



2012 Re-Enrolment Afternoon – Saturday, 26th November – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Held in the main hall at the school. On this day, you will have the chance to enrol early and obtain all 2012 information. Timetables will be available as well as printed calendars of all 2012 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 2012 1st Term Fees up front will receive a 10% discount off the 1st Term amount. The 2012 Prospectus and Enrolment forms will be handed out closer to the date. Classes who dance on that day will be able to enrol before or after their class to avoid double trips. ☺

Christmas Presentation Night – Saturday, 3rd December

This will definitely be a night to remember. There's dancing, food, drinks, fun and the presentation of all awards! All students, parents and families welcome.

Invitations will be handed out closer to the date.
Arrive – 5:00pm. Concluding – 8.00pm.



Singing and Drama Concert – Saturday, 10th December – 5pm

This is the singing and acting 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 to come along and support and singing and drama students.



Exams – Sunday, 11th December

Exams will be held on Sunday, 11th 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 practice. Exams are not compulsory but 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 learning and practicing all year. They receive a certificate and report upon completion.

Running times are yet to be finalised.

Term 4 concludes on Saturday, 10th 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,

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