



Term 1 2024

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Welcome to the 2024 dance year for all our returning & new Dance Families—we hope you enjoy being part of our “Dance Family.”

Fingers crossed for an easier year for everyone as we continue to navigate Covid. As always please stay home if you are unwell & utilise the 2024 zoom links that will be sent early into the term. Mask wearing continues to be optional, but should numbers start to rise, I would request that masks are worn until you start dancing.

Please like us on Facebook & keep up to date with news, cancellations, photos & helpful hints.

The best way to make contact is via txt, email, or our Fb page messenger [but note this is slower than normal Fb messenger]

We still have a supply of New and 2nd hand gear at the back of Studio 1

We will have regular sale days & get everything out, so it is easier to see.

NEW CANVAS BALLET SHOES- We have these for sale at the studio. \$15. These are not suitable for exams but great for class especially if your child is likely to grow before September exams. They are also washable, therefore perfect for our junior classes. **We also have some new Bloch, Paul wright, Capezio & So Danca leather ballet & jazz shoes \$30-\$85**

Shoes can also be ordered in for you.

NEW PINK BALLET TIGHTS- we have a supply of these for sale.

Dunedin School of Ballet Canvas Bags -all unique & very sturdy \$30[large] \$20 [small]

BALLET SHOES BAGS – Some of these are still available see your teacher. Various styles.

BALLERINA BLING- This was a huge hit last year. Dance focused clips, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, hair ties, badges, scrunchies, key rings, croc jibbitz...

DANCE SHOES- Must be tight fitting [both in width & length] Please get shoes checked with teachers before wearing them.

Also do a double knot & cut off all but about 5cm of the drawstring & tuck inside shoe. No Bows.

VIEWING CLASSES ETIQUETTE:

- You are welcome to view your child's class, but please remember that the students must be able to concentrate on what their teacher is saying. To do this there must be no noises to distract them or you may be asked to leave.
- Please note this if you bring other children to watch.
- Please don't enter or exit while music is playing.

Please remove outside shoes when entering the dance studios when it is wet. [Or if your shoes are dirty]

VIEWING CLASSES – when Covid cases are higher.

- Studio 1 [the big room] parents may watch class but should wear a mask if cases begin to rise in Dunedin.
- Studio 2 is too small for parents to watch. Parents are welcome to join via zoom- just keep your camera off, but you need to sign in with your child's name on the zoom.

*Sadly, some people think that the **NO TALKING** rule doesn't apply to them while watching classes.*

Hopefully you won't be too embarrassed when we ask you to leave the room. 😊

REQUESTS FROM ME

- Please respect the studio space by keeping it as tidy as possible. [If you spill something— Please tell me]
- Please endeavour to have your child on time to start class & **to collect them after class**, especially if they are the last class of the day. Teachers have other commitments & are sometimes unable to wait with them.
- Please remind students that if you are late to collect them or if they are approached by anyone, they should come back inside & tell a teacher. I prefer small children to be collected from their classroom rather than waiting on the street.
- My mobile phone is switched to silent while I teach, so please give us the same courtesy when you watch class.
- **Please read all emailed notices & think about saving them to a dance folder for reference.**
- Please bring your belongings into class with you in a bag so that there is less chance of things being misplaced. ***
- **Please name everything*** Including water bottles**
- Please wear appropriate dance gear to class [see lists below] & warm-up before coming into class

I would appreciate shoes being left with smaller children, so they do not have to wear their ballet shoes outside.

I also feel that they should not wear just their leotards when leaving the building- especially in colder months.

CAR PARK

It is not large ... SO... this is for teachers, please remember not all teachers arrive for the first class of the day... please respect this so they can park easily & prepare for class.

Thorn St is a busy St, so please park safely & walk your child to class.

And by safely, I do not mean double park across the car park or on the footpath, it is not safe with so many children around...

This also means not stopping on the yellow lines.

CLASS DRESS CODE

Please remember that to correct faults, we must be able to see them. **THEREFORE, NO BAGGY LAYERS.**

You may wear anything under your leotard but only fitted tops, crossovers or cut up tights (see me for instruction) on top. Crossover knitting patterns are available \$1.

Baggy tops or pants and the like are unacceptable even in jazz classes.

Those with inappropriate attire will not be allowed to dance- Remember dance class is not a fashion show.

Dancers are welcome to wear coloured leotards etc for class as an alternate option, but should have the correct uniform for exam purposes.

Hair should be off the face and in a tidy ponytail for the junior classes. From Grade 3 upwards it should be in a bun.
(We have had "bun lessons" at class).

****** We have some Starter Bun Kits are for sale \$20 [\$25 with long life bun net] ******

We also have some \$5 Bun Spinners & \$1 big claw clips for a quick bun.

SECOND HAND GEAR -There is a ready market for ballet shoes, leotards, tights etc. If you have any to sell please name and put an appropriate price on them and **give to the teachers.** (Please tack a label onto clothing so that it doesn't get lost when being tried on.)

EXAM UNIFORMS

If you need to buy a new leotard this year it pays to get the correct one for exams. [As well as for exams these are often used as a basis for concert costumes]

RAD EXAM UNIFORM

Pre Primary to Grade 1 – Pale blue, sleeveless, cotton lycra or micro-dri fabric.

Grade 2 to Grade 5 – Navy, sleeveless, cotton lycra or micro-dri fabric.

Grade 6, 7 and 8 as Vocationals

Vocationals- Black, Sleeveless (style to suit student– camisole style is currently popular)

MODERN EXAM UNIFORM

Navy Leotard and footless tights. (Tights must be full length)

Jazz shoes may be worn but are not compulsory [From G3 upwards, the syllabus has pirouettes that require shoes]

From Pre Elem upwards black camisole leotards & black footless tights.

Grade 5 either navy or black [Each exam group should be in the same]

MALE BALLET EXAM UNIFORM

Fitted white T shirt or white short sleeved leotard,

Black leggings {grade 1 & above}, black socks & shoes,

or navy shorts{primary}, white fold over ankle socks & ballet shoes

PLEASE NAME YOUR DANCE WEAR – SHOES & CLOTHING.

DANCEWEAR STOCKISTS –The Dolls House-Dance Shop, King Edward Court. Check their facebook page for limited hours.

We also stock dancewear at the studio & can order for you.

If in doubt when purchasing new gear, whether for size or style, please get on appo and the teachers will check it for you.

Ballet pumps and jazz shoes must be neat fitting. (It is always best to get gear checked before wearing it.)

At the studio we have some brand new Capezio & so Danca ballet shoes \$30 &

Canvas ballet shoes \$15 [not suitable for exams but good for little ones with growing feet & seniors]

There are also some brand new pink tights for sale.

LOST PROPERTY –Old lost property will be given to charity at the end of term.

OUTSTANDING 2023 ACCOUNTS – Please endeavour to settle these when you can.

PRIVATE LESSONS – These are available to catch-up work you may have missed, fine tuning prior to exams & for competition work. [Depending on teacher/studio availability]

CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION – 16 or 17 Nov. This was a huge success again last year, so it will continue to be an annual event. The Nov timing is perfect so come on all you budding choreographers, get working now & you will have time to polish your item. Don't wait until November! **There will also be a NEW group section with music chosen by me. Junior & Senior levels – solo or duo participants.**

Junior Level: up to & including Grade 5 [time limit 2.15 minutes, but shorter preferred]

Senior Level: Grade 6/ Pre Elem/Int F upwards [time limit 2.5 mins but preferred time is shorter than this]

New Group Section: 3 or more dancers. All dances in the group section will be the same set music. The set music will be available in term 2.

OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY – Mon 25 March. Classes **will be** held on this day as it is close to the end of Term & Easter.
EASTER – Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April. **There will be no classes on these days.**

ANZAC DAY – Thursday 25 April – This falls in the 2nd week of the school holidays, out of respect, the jazz holiday classes timetable will be adjusted on this day.

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND – the studio will be **closed** Sat June 1 - Mon June 3. As we will be close to the NZAMD exams at this time, there may be modern classes on throughout the Monday afternoon for those classes we feel need an extra lesson.

MATARIKI DAY – Friday 28 June. This falls towards the end of Term 2. There will be no Jazz classes on this day.

LABOUR WEEKEND – Sat Oct 26–Mon Oct 28. **The Studio will be open as this is very close to the start of term 4**

TERM DATES – **Term 1** – Monday February 6–Sunday April 14 [incl]

Term 2 – Monday April 29 – Sunday July 7 [incl]

Term 3 – Monday July 22 – Sunday Sept 29 [incl]

Term 4 – Monday October 14 – Early Dec [**Concert 8 Dec**]

EXAM HOLIDAY CLASSES – I consider these a very important time for students, a lot of work is covered over the four days and a huge improvement is made. Attendance is an essential part of the exam preparation **TRY to plan** holidays around this so that your child is not disadvantaged

Modern exam holiday classes – **Tues April 23 – Fri April 26 [Grade 1 – Solo Seal, SLS & Contemporary]**

RAD ballet exam holiday classes – **Tues 16 – Fri 19 July [Primary and above]**

Vocational Holiday classes - **Mon 15 – Fri 19 July**

EXTRA CLASSES TO TRY:

Progressing Ballet Technique- for senior students focusing on core stability, Pilates, Swiss ball work This is such a fun & rewarding class. Last year the dancers who attended regularly gained so much strength & control.

Stretch, Leap & Spin- is designed for jazz students from Grade 3 up & has been developed to increase flexibility, work on the turn ability & leap & increase stamina. It is very successful & we encourage students to add the extra half hour to their modern class.

Contemporary Junior- NZAMD Syllabus. It is always fun to try a different style. This class is targeted at students from in the grade 4 to Intermediate Foundation levels

Contemporary Senior- NZAMD Level 4 / 5 Syllabus. It is always fun to try a different style. This class is targeted at senior students.

Discovering Repertoire-A new exciting RAD syllabus for older dancers focusing on Repertoire from famous ballets.

Silver Swans Ballet- Sat 9.30-10.15, Tues 11-11.45, Fri 11.30-12.15. These popular adult ballet classes do not follow any syllabus; they focus on style, musicality, quality of movement & inspiring a diverse group of 'swans.' Classes are aimed at over 55s, but all ages are welcome. Some classes are full.

Dance Groove -Sundays 10.00 -10.45am It's time to try something a bit different & have fun. This class is aimed at adults. No pain no gain is not necessary-But we still feel our muscles! No Special Gear needed, just something you can move easily in & comfortable shoes. Dance is good for the soul, and you are worth the investment! You don't have to learn a dance or perform at the concert-come try this fun class.

##Adv 2 Modern is 2 classes per week.

NB: Senior ballet students can do a lower level syllabus class en pointe.

NZAMD Hip Hop syllabus will be taught in the modern classes after the June exams.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year.

Robyn Sinclair.

Principal.

2024 Classes start February 5th	STUDIO 1 - The Kjelgaard Room		STUDIO 2 – The Gray-Smith Room	
MONDAY	3.30-4.30pm 4.30-5.30pm 5.30-6.30pm 6.30-8.00pm	Grade 2 Ballet Grade 3 Ballet Grade 8 Ballet Open Classical	4.00-5.00pm 5.00-6.30pm 6.30-8.00pm	Grade 4 Ballet Int Foundation Classical
TUESDAY	10.00-11.00am 11.00- 11.45am 3.30-4.30pm 4.30 -5.30pm 5.30-7.00pm 7.00-8.00pm	Adult Keep Fit *** Silver Swans [2]*** Grade 1 Ballet Grade 5 Ballet Intermediate Classical Adult Jazz	4.00-5.30pm 5.30-7.00pm 7.00-8.30pm	Adv Foundation Classical Advanced 1 Classical Advanced 2 Classical
WEDNESDAY	3.30-4.30pm 4.30-5.30pm 5.30-6.30pm 6.30-8.00pm	Pre Primary Ballet Grade 6 Ballet Grade 7 Ballet Advanced 2 classical	4.00-5.00pm 5.00 -6.00pm 6.00-7.00pm 7.00-8.00pm	Grade 2 Ballet Adv2 Jazz ## Int Jazz Elem Jazz
THURSDAY	11.00-11.45am 3.30-4.30pm 4.30-5.30pm 5.30-6.00 pm 6.00-6.30pm 6.30-8.00pm	Mum & Me [2] Primary Ballet Grade 4 Ballet Contemporary Intro Advanced 1 Classical	10.00-11.00 4.00-5.00 pm 5.00-6.00 pm 6.00-7.00 pm 7.00-8.00 pm	Adult Keep Fit- Pilates Grade 3 Ballet Grade 5 Ballet Contemporary Senior Adult Ballet
FRIDAY	11.30 - 12.15 12.30-1.15 pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-6.00pm 6.00-6.30pm 6.30-7.30pm	Silver Swans [1] Mum & Me [1] *** Grade 1 Modern Grade 3 Modern Stretch, Leap & Spin* Pre Elem Modern	4.00-5.00pm 5.00-6.00pm 6.00-6.30pm 6.30-7.30pm	Grade 2 Modern Grade 4 Modern SLS Senior* Grade 5 Modern
SATURDAY	9.30- 10.15am 10.30-11.30am 11.30-12.15pm 12.15-1.00pm 1.00-2.30pm 2.30-3.30pm 3.30-4.30pm 4.30-5.30pm	Silver Swans [3] Primary Ballet Beginners Shining Stars Beginners Sparkling Stars Int Foundation Classical Open Jazz Solo Seal Jazz	9.30-10.30am 10.30-11.30am 11.30-12.30pm 12.30-1.00pm 1.00-2.30pm 2.30-3.30 pm 3.30-4.30pm	Grade 1 Ballet Pre Primary Ballet Limber Class Intermediate Classical Discovering Repertoire L2 Adv 2 Modern ##
SUNDAY	10.00 -10.45am 10.45-12.00pm 12.00-1.00 pm	Dance Groove Progressing Ballet Technique Discovering Repertoire L3	Term 3 11.00-12.00 Primary Extra exam classes 12.00-1.00 Grade 1 Ballet Extra exam classes	

THE STUDIO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE TIMETABLE IF NECESSARY.

We will add extra classes when needed for those classes that may need a little extra assistance.
Due to exam practices, we may swap rooms on occasion. TBC Means class still to be confirmed

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

5 Feb	Start of Term 1.
22 Feb	Tutu Day
25 March.	Otago Anniversary Day-Classes will be held on this day as it is close to end of Term.
29 March -1 April	Easter – No Classes
14 April	Last day of Term 1 Sunday 14 April
23 -26 April	Modern Holiday Classes
29 April	Start of Term 2
4 May	Modern exam entries close
30 May	Royal NZ Ballet – Swan lake, Regent Theatre 7.30pm
1-3 June modern exams at this time	KING’S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND – the studio will be closed . As we will be close to NZAMD there may be modern classes on throughout the Monday afternoon.
6 June	Grand Kyiv Ballet of Ukraine – Forest Song & Don Quixote, Regent Theatre 7.30pm
21- 28 June	Modern exams & Contemporary exams in Otago region
28 June	Matariki 2024 No Jazz classes will be held on this day
17 June	RAD Grade entries close
7 July	End Term 2 Sunday 7 July
15-19 July	RAD Vocational holiday Classes
16-19 July	RAD Grade holiday classes
22 July	Term 3 Start
4 Sept	HIPHOP & SLS entries close
8-19 Sept	Grade exams in Otago region
29 Sept	End of Term 3 Sunday 29 September
14 Oct	Start of Term 4
26-28 Oct	Labour Weekend- The Studio will be open as this is very close to the start of term 4
4-10 Nov	2 nd session NZAMD exams HIPHOP & SLS & PreGrade Jazz exam [PP,P,G1&2 Ballet]
7 Nov	Royal NZ Ballet – A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Regent Theatre 7.30 pm
16/17 Nov	Choreography Competition [time to be confirmed]
8 Dec	Probable date for Break up & end of Term 4

In the event of severe weather conditions [eg Snow]- Please listen to cancellations on the radio & watch our Facebook Page for updates