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January 2017 Newsletter

Dear Bass Coast Ballet School families,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017. We hope that everybody has had a great Christmas, New year and summer break. We cannot believe how fast the time has gone and that classes will resume in just a couple of weeks, so get out your dance shoes and put your leotard in the wash!

We look forward to seeing everybody again soon.

Regards Tonya and Chris.

WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to any new families joining our school for the first time this year. We hope you will have many happy years of dancing with us.

Please note, parents are not permitted to watch the class (as children are often distracted by having mum or dad there) but the last class of Terms 1, 2 and 3 are “watching days” where parents can stay and watch and see what their child has been learning. We will let you know when these days are.

For safety reasons, we ask that you always escort your child to class and pick them up from the foyer (not the carpark) of their dance venue.

2016 ANNUAL CONCERTS

Massive congratulations to everybody for making our 2016 concerts such a great success. We have enjoyed enormous positive feedback from many people in the community who saw our concert.

Thanks also to everybody who provided feedback about the concert experience to the committee. Your comments have all been discussed and will be taken into account when planning for this year’s concerts.

GOODBYE MISS MIRANDA

We are very sad to announce that Miss Miranda has decided to retire after teaching at Bass Coast Ballet School for more than ten years. We would like to wish Miss Miranda all the very best for all the adventures she is planning in her retirement.

As Miss Miranda made this decision after classes concluded last year and did not have the chance to say goodbye to her students, we will be arranging an event shortly to celebrate her achievements with the Bass Coast Ballet School and to give Miss Miranda, parents and her students an opportunity to say goodbye properly.

RE-ENROLLING

Existing Bass Coast Ballet School students can re-enroll in our classes online via our website. From the PARENTS tab, click on the Family Account Login, log on and at the **I WANT TO** drop down menu select **Enroll in a Class** and follow the prompts.

If you have any queries regarding classes, please email them to bcballet1@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

~ CLASS INFORMATION ~

BALLET CLASSES IN WONTHAGGI

We are hoping to have an additional ballet teacher very soon. In the meantime we will be working with the timetable as advertised on our website.

Exams

For students wishing to undertake exams in 2017 please enroll in either:

1. two syllabus classes, or
2. a syllabus and an Open class per week.

If you have any queries regarding exams or ballet classes in Wonthaggi, please send them via email to: bcballet1@gmail.com.

HIP HOP CLASSES

KC is no longer teaching hip hop with us. Whilst we don't have hip hop classes in Cowes at the moment, we will be offering hip hop classes in Wonthaggi on Wednesdays. Please refer to our timetable for class times and you can enroll online.

WONTHAGGI JAZZ AND TAP CLASSES

Miss Angie will now be teaching jazz and tap on **FRIDAYS** instead of Wednesdays. Please refer to the Wonthaggi timetable on our website for class times.

ADULT TAP CLASSES

We are delighted to announce that Miss Angie will be offering Adult Tap Classes on Friday nights in Wonthaggi. This class is aimed at adults of all tapping ability, so come on Mums and Dads - here is a chance to dust off the old tap shoes or give it a go if you've always wanted to!

GOT QUESTIONS?

Before you reach for your phone check out our website and see if the answer is there. We try to have as much information as possible on the website.

If you can't find the answer we ask that you please send your query via email (to bcballet1@gmail.com) as your first option, as Janine is not always available to answer her phone. We will get back to you as soon as possible to answer your query.

2017 Dates to Note

Choreography Afternoon & AGM - Sunday, 30 July

This year's Choreography Afternoon and AGM will be on Sunday, 30 July at the Cowes Cultural Centre.

For those of you who are new to our school this afternoon is a lot of fun. Students over 7 years of age may enter and showcase their own choreography. Each year this event gets bigger and better!

Students can enter as a solo, duo, trio or troupe. We are also happy to assist in the editing of music to accompany the student's dances.

There will also be some teacher-choreographed items, including items for our younger children who are not eligible to enter this year, so they still get a chance to dance.

In the middle of this event we hold an Annual General Meeting in compliance with our not-for-profit organizational requirements. We keep the meeting as short as possible so we can get back to the fun stuff.

We will provide more information at the end of Term 1.

2017 Annual Concerts

This year's annual concerts will be on **Friday 1 December and Saturday, 1 December.**

Rehearsals will be from Saturday, 25 November and in the Wonthaggi Arts Centre from Monday, 27 November. We will provide more information as to who will be rehearsing when as soon as we confirm the details.

AND FINALLY OUTSTANDING FEES

All outstanding fees must be paid before the start of Term 1, unless you have an ongoing automatic direct deposit payment system in place. We are a not-for-profit committee-run school and rely on the prompt payment of tuition fees so that we may pay our dedicated teachers and our venues. Please ensure that your fees are up-to-date.



Welcome back everyone. We look forward to seeing you in class!