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# Newsletter

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## Important Dates

**Monday, 9 Oct**

- Term 4 starts

### Concert Rehearsals

**Saturday, 25 Nov**

Cowes Ballet, Open & Contemporary Students **only** rehearsal at Newhaven

### Rehearsals at Wonthaggi Arts Centre

**Tuesday, 28 Nov**

- Cowes & Wonthaggi Jazz & Tap Students only

**Wed, 29 Nov**

- Cowes Ballet, Open & Contemporary & Open Students only

**Thurs, 30 Nov**

- Wonthaggi Ballet, Contemporary Students only

**Fri, 1 Dec**

- ALL STUDENTS - COWES & WONTHAGGI

**Sat, 2 Dec**

Concert Performances  
Matinee: 1pm  
Evening: 6pm



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## Dear Bass Coast Ballet Families,

Well, Term 3 is virtually over and our new committee has been working hard to ensure a smooth transition for our ballet school. Please take a moment to read the following newsletter so that you stay up-to-date with what's happening.

### Instant Messaging

We have a new SMS facility that we have been trialling. It is a new instant text messaging system and we will now be using it permanently. This means we will no longer be using the Tiqbiz app to send notifications.

Instant Messaging is generally used when we have last-minute class cancellations or venue changes.

**What do you need to do?** All primary contacts - which generally means the mother's mobile phone number (or dad, if he is the main care-giver) - have already been entered into the new system. So, if you are the only person who needs to receive these notifications you don't need to do anything.

If there is anyone else who needs to receive these notifications (e.g. people other than you who may drop off or pick up your child from class e.g. grandparents), or if your child has their own mobile phone and you would like them to receive notifications, please email the school at: [bcballet1@gmail.com](mailto:bcballet1@gmail.com) and provide the person's name and mobile number that you would like added to this service.

**You cannot reply to this instant messaging service**, so if you have an urgent message that you need relayed to the school, please contact Jane on 0434 138 288.

## Ballet Assessments

Unfortunately, we have been unable to offer exams or assessments this year due to changes in our teaching staff.

We are still actively seeking qualified staff to join our ballet school by continually advertising heavily and speaking to any contacts we have. If you know of anyone looking for a sea change let us know! We will be looking at our options for next year as we would like to be able to offer exams to our ballet students. We will keep you updated as our search for teachers continues.

## Concert Costumes

Kerrie Atyeo has been very busy fitting costumes for the concert and she is grateful to the parents who are helping with the fitting of students and the sewing. If you have any skills in this department or can help in creating head-pieces, please introduce yourself to one of our committee members or contact Kerrie directly (text please) on 0439 167 026.

## 2017 Rehearsal & Concert Dates

### Saturday: 25 November

Cowes Ballet, Open & Contemporary Students **only** at Newhaven College Auditorium, Malcliff Avenue, Newhaven.

**The following rehearsals will be at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre:**

### Tuesday: 28 November

Cowes and Wonthaggi Jazz & Tap Students only

### Wednesday: 29 November

Cowes Ballet, Open & Contemporary Students only

### Thursday, 30 November

Wonthaggi Ballet, Open & Contemporary Students only

### Friday, 1 December

ALL COWES & WONTHAGGI STUDENTS

**Rehearsal times will be advised shortly**

### Saturday, 2 December

Annual Concerts – matinee and evening performances.

All rehearsal and concert information is also available to view on our website under the 2017 Dates tab. As more rehearsal information is finalised we will keep this information up-to-date on the website, so you can always check there if you are unsure about any details.

## Concert Tickets

The concert tickets will be on sale through Trybooking on Saturday the 4 November at 8am. The ticket prices will be \$15.00 for pensioners and children under 16, and \$20.00 for adults. A DVD of the concert will also be available to order and purchase on Trybooking for \$40.00. We will provide you with the details of how to purchase tickets and concert DVDs online shortly.

We always try to keep ticket costs down but for the first time in nearly 10 years we have had to increase these prices. The costs relate to running the concert, which have been steadily increasing over the years and unfortunately the school can no longer continue to absorb these costs.

## Class Attendance

We know and understand that a lot of students have been sick with colds, flu and gastro during Term 3. This has led to low class numbers.

This means as teachers are trying to get costumes fitted and choreography for the concert finished attendance at all classes in Term 4 is vital. We ask that you please try to attend all Term 4 classes to assist in this process.

## Chicago

Our very talented Jazz and Tap teacher, Angie Chapman, recently performed in the Wonthaggi Theatre Group's musical Chicago. She played the part of Liz and the many parents and senior students who were lucky enough to see the show were blown away by her performance. It was a fantastic show and we were fortunate to be able to watch one of our talented teachers on stage.

## Term 3 Invoices

Our term 3 invoices are available to view online and you should also have received a fee statement via email last Thursday. The due date for Term 3 invoices is: 30 September 2017.

## Outstanding Invoices

We still have some Term 2 invoices owing. If you are ever unsure if you have paid your fees you can log onto your account at any time to view your current balance and see if you owe anything. You can do this by simply going to the Family Account Login on our website: [basscoastballet.com.au](http://basscoastballet.com.au) and click on the ONLINE LOGIN tab. There are instructions on what to do under the that tab, if you are unsure what to do.

## Having trouble paying?

You can make payments by instalment of any amount, at any time. Some people prefer to make regular weekly payments, others pay lump sums semi-regularly. We are happy to receive your payments in either form, if this makes your budgeting easier. Please ensure that you use your child's name as a reference so we can credit the payment to the correct account.

If you are having financial difficulties and need to speak to the school regarding your fees please contact Jane Fisher on 0434 138 288.

## New banking details

We have now opened a new account with Bendigo Bank.

The account details are:

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 161 052 857

Please note that our existing Commonwealth Bank account will remain open for a time, allowing for transition for families making regular payments to change the banking details. If you have already paid your term fees into the Commonwealth Bank account that is perfectly fine – just make a note of the new bank details for next time.

We apologise for any inconvenience but the new account will help with the daily operations of the school.

## Term 4

Classes will resume from Monday, 9 October.

*Happy school holidays and happy dancing!*

**Bass Coast Ballet School Committee**