

BREAM BAY BALLET

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE SYLLABUS



Term 2: 2015

Newsletter: 19 April 2015



Welcome back to ballet and Term 2, an 11-week school term with two public holidays falling on Monday 27th April and Monday 1st June. Students sitting exams may like to attend a Friday make up class?

I have been wishing for a cooler breeze to help with teaching and dancing and I think this term we will have it arriving!

Ballet Syllabus- RAD syllabus training has begun to be well received by all the students, to enhance their learning this term we will have syllabus books for Grades 1-6 and Majors to reinforce the exercises learned and write key words of feedback, learn the French language and provide an alternative methodology towards their ballet training. Well done Grade 4 and 5 on the new learning of new syllabus training.

The new RAD syllabus ballet work requires the teacher to work on components of movements and steps then once technique and movement are achieved put these steps together for the completed exercise. There is more of class plan needed by the teacher to achieve all this. I have begun this with a roll book ticking of moves learned each class.

I had music edited by Wards in Cameron Street Whangarei over the holidays so I can use a slower tempo to assist the students with their learning of allegro and dance pieces.

Ballet Exams

Exams are a great opportunity to provide a reason and focus for ballet training and working towards an exam achieves this goal and commitment.

This is an opportunity to motivate and reward students, a measure of achievement and can be attained through a class award exam or a measured through a marked full exam.



Students sitting a full exam require more time so in some classes I have moved the time to a 1.5-hour class, or second class. One class a week is not sufficient to sit a full marked exam.

Ballet exams for Bream Bay Ballet are a collaborative process involving the whole family from training sessions to exam day support. Our children grow in this process and develop skills of confidence and empowerment.

RAD Syllabus DVD

I have only some of these to loan but can I encourage you if you have an iPad to purchase the Pre Primary/Primary and Grade and Major syllabus DVD's through the app store and type in RAD.

I use my iPad with syllabus videos as a teaching tool in class to provide instant visual feedback and practise constantly the work for my own familiarity using a portable iPad.



Grooming- Please work towards dancers having their hair well groomed off their faces, this helps with dancing especially with turns, not many dance schools have their own pharmacy sponsoring hair products to assist with buns. Use the products in the toilets and get the hair slicked back please!!

The Ballet Hall internal walls has been painted and looks stunning, please take care with food droppings this term, mice tend to like to come in at this time of the year and I try to keep the floors clean to avoid them staying

Term 2 Focus

☺ Ballet training towards exams for Grades and Majors in mid August. ? 13th, 14th
Entries for exams have to be received in Wellington by the 28 May, I will begin this process the week before 18 May as it takes me a long time to collate and compile entries.

Attached are the exam prices.

☺ Winter uniforms, please wear tights and order lycra crossover cardigans through me with my contacts at Paul Wright in Napier and Pure Dance in Auckland.

☺ Hydration, please bring water bottles to class, hand towels

☺ Character skirts have been washed and need to be size fitted for Grade female students; there will be a \$10 hire for these for the term. If you would like your own skirt made, Pam Neilson can make this up for you this costs between \$45 and \$60 depending on size.

2014 Recital DVD 'The Wizard of Oz Ballet' are available for \$20, if would like one?

2014 Recital rehearsal photos I have copied these onto CD's for you and I will give these out in class

2015 Calendar Events- Term 2

27 th April	Anzac Day - no ballet classes on this Monday
1 st June	Queens Birthday- no ballet classes on this Monday
18 th May	Ballet exam entries to be compiled, submitted 27 May
25-26 July	Northland Ballet and Dance Competitions

Term 3

19th August to 11th September Mrs Orr will be absent with her husband at a pharmacy conference. Ballet classes over this 3-week period will occur depending on availability to get dance teachers.

Term 4 Recital- "The Nutcracker Ballet.....the Nutcracker Prince brings Clara from the Northern Hemisphere to Southern Hemisphere"

We will have a New Zealand theme running through this show

Wednesday 9th December
Saturday 12 December

Rehearsal at Bream Bay College 3.00 p.m. start
Show starts at 1.00 p.m. Bream Bay College

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Check out our new web page compiled by Blair Davidson

Bream Bay Ballet Facebook- a closed page only by invite, please apply if you wish to belong to this page where I post training video's, pictures, notifications



Well not just the shoes, lets add ballet technique, artistry, musical appreciation and Passion !

Ballet Audience etiquette: Please feel welcome and supported to observe your child in ballet class, however keep your chat quiet, or remove your self and others to have a chat in the foyer. Ballet students need to focus, concentrate and recall new learning this can be achieved effectively with out auditory distractions.

This term family are encouraged to be at the front of the hall to provide a visual presence in preparation for the exam students.

Our Ballet school is a rural school with transparent communication and support being our primary focus for our special ballet students. Thank you ballet families for all the support you provide to our teachers and myself in the ballet hall and at home.

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2015 Royal Academy of Dance Examination Fees

Examinations

Grade 1	\$75
Grade 2	\$88
Grade 3	\$99
Grade 4	\$108
Grade 5	\$117
Grade 6	\$122
Grade 7	\$125
Grade 8	\$132

Intermediate Foundation	\$164
Intermediate	\$175

Class Awards

Grade 1	\$58
Grade 2	\$68
Grade 3	\$77
Grade 4	\$84
Grade 5	\$92