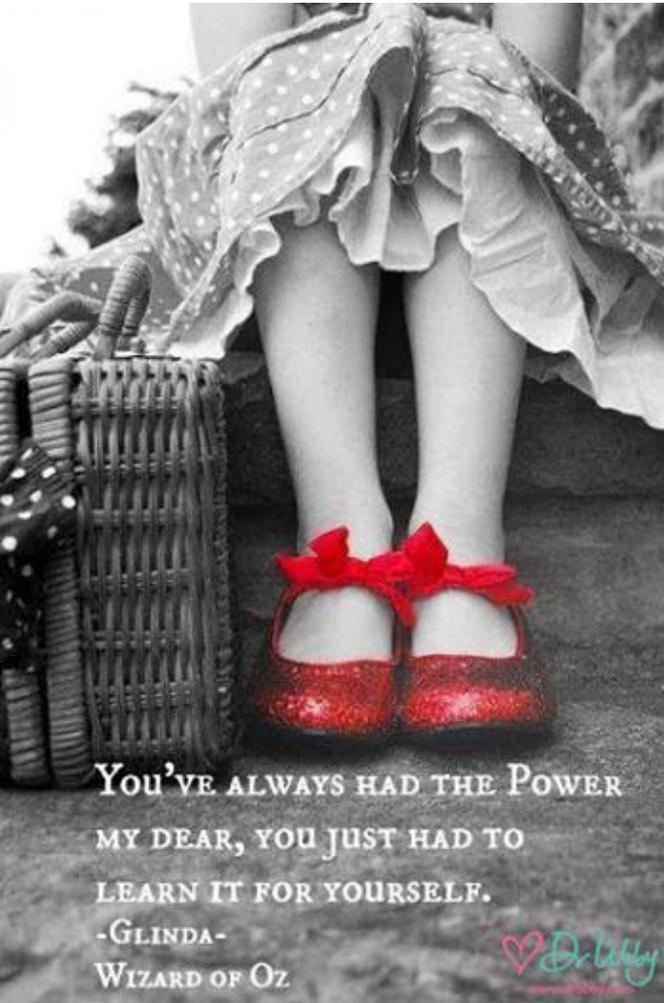




Term 1: 2015 Newsletter: 30th January 2015

What an incredible summer holiday we have had, in typical kiwi fashion our family has lazed at home or at the beach and enjoyed the endless summer living.

Back into work mode for ballet beginning next week, with the remnants of sand between my toes and skin still glowing from long days outside. Our son Andrew's surgery went well and our eldest son James has his wedding at the end of February, this month will simply fly.



What a successful recital we had on the 13th of December, I was so proud of all the Bream Bay Ballet dancers who performed with such polish and confidence.

The Grade 5 soloists were stunning and demonstrated with ease all the hard work and extra practices they applied to their solos and their group dances, and how this brought magic to the stage.

Little ballerinas stole the limelight as did our pooch Koko, but the majesty of our seniors in their tutu's and en pointe sets the standard of excellence and provides the dreams for younger dancer's to aspire to.

Thank you to all the families who supported their kids with extra classes and the families who supported back stage to ensure smooth running of this complex show.

On stage I was spoiled with gifts from you all....A wonderful bunch of flowers, a summer gin bottle, a facial voucher for Pure Essence and a voucher for a meal at Seachange Beach Café in Ruakaka.

Thank you XX

'Fabulous' was the number of boys and young men dancing in our ballet recital. It is very special to have boys dancing and boys bring such an energetic, athletic element to the performance and also in class.

Thank you wizard Ezra and assistant Tiaho, you are enlightening mentors to our younger boy dancers.

Our talented teacher Nicola Fannin was invaluable in assisting me with choreography for the 'Wizard of Oz' recital and also reinforcing the timing and group spacing in class training. Congratulations to Nicola who successfully has secured a full time teaching position at Kamo Intermediate this year. This will change her ability to teach regularly at this point our senior classes at Bream Bay Ballet however as dancers all know well, dancing is in your inner self and to stop dancing is unthinkable. Nicola hopes to be available to teach end of week senior classes once she has settled into her teaching position at Kamo, while also juggling looking after her young daughter.

Mary Evans will be assisting with Wednesday Intermediate classes and I hope to invite other guest teachers to come out to Bream Bay Ballet as well. Mrs Graham celebrated her 83rd birthday at Christmas and is scheduled for knee surgery mid February. She plans to continue teaching once she is recovered. Isn't she just amazing!!

Thank you to all the ballet families who supported and helped decorate the Bream Bay Ballet Christmas Parade trucks for Ruakaka on the 20th December and for Waipu on the 24th December.

I attended a training course on new syllabus work at the Advanced Foundation level 24/25 January in Auckland. All this new syllabus learning is challenging to retain but with the use of my iPad it is getting easier. I even do the ironing watching syllabus work! The focus now is for ballet teachers to provide a class plan and to break down an exercise; dissecting the steps into pieces, achieve technique, direction, musicality, spacing then combine to secure the exercise.

Syllabus books provide the support to students with syllabus knowledge but also seeing and learning the written French word. I hope to provide grade folders around week 5 this term.



The Ballet Hall has been painted internally with an eco paint thus no smell. A wedding is planned for the 14 February after this time I will replace ballet pictures on the walls.

Term 1

- ;-) Focus will be on welcome back to ballet stretch, fitness and syllabus books week 5.
- ;-) Term 1 Tuition invoices will be emailed out week 3
- ;-) Hydration, please bring water bottles to class, hand towels

Recital DVD 'The Wizard of Oz Ballet' is available for \$20. I have just received the edited copy from Harold to approve and will place an order for x50 DVD copies to distribute to families around week 2. Please order if you would like a recital DVD.

Recital rehearsal photos taken by Wendy Rouse have yet to be collected as she has been away, she hopes to get these to me beginning of the term, so I can then make copies for everyone.

Fusion Concert- The Northland Ballet and Dance Committee invites all Northland dance schools to perform on stage at the Forum North Captain Bougainville Theatre on Sunday 29th March 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tickets Adults \$15, Children (5 to 12 years) \$6 Bream Bay Ballet classes will be asked if they would like to be involved and to dance one of their recital dance. This photo was taken last year back stage as Grade 5 and 6 ballerina girls waited for their queue to go on stage to perform their Strauss dance.



2015 Ballet exams are in Term 3, I am still chasing up loaned syllabus CD's if you have one please return to me.

2015 Calendar Events

29 th March	Fusion Concert, Whangarei
24-26 th July	Northland Ballet and Dance Competitions
18-20 September	Northland Performing Arts competitions
9 th December	Ballet School Recital Rehearsal
12 th December	Ballet School Recital 1.00 p.m.
19 th December	Ruakaka Christmas Parade 10.30 a.m.
24 th December	Waipu Christmas Parade 7.00 p.m.

2015 Ballet Timetable some changes have occurred

- Boy's circuit moves to Tuesday
- Adult Ballet moves to Tuesday

Times were mooted to change on a Monday and Tuesday but we will stay with the same timetable as last year term 4. Often starting later makes it difficult for young families getting home with little ones to settle before dinner, bath and bed and for my growing

teenage ballerina's finishing too late, can mean home after 8.00 p.m. can drain their energies for homework and early starts the next day for 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

As we embark on a new year, thank you in advance for the support you provide your child coming to ballet training at Bream Bay Ballet with their grooming, uniform and learning at home. Vital is the support you provide our teachers and myself in class to ensure quietness and smooth running of class is achieved. Not many ballet schools allow parents to observe class but we feel involving families educates and communicates in many ways the ballet training involved.



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