



Term 3: 2014

Newsletter: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014



I write this as winter descends upon us in the winterless north!!

Please dress warmly for the beginning of Term 3, the hall is usually warm but after a gruelling ballet class when the dancer is all warm moving into the winter night can cause a chill.

Ballet term 3 is about exam readiness, a BIG thank you to all the ballet families who attended the exam classes last week. The three day event has helped ballet students secure syllabus knowledge and begin the practise needed for exam placing's and exam etiquette.

Dancers enjoyed Tuesday classes with Nicola and Wednesday classes with pianist Mrs Soderling.

Mrs Soderling will control the music sessions for Grade 1,2,3 exams using my laptop to control dance choices.

#### **2014 RAD EXAMS**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Examiner- Miss Howells

Pianist – Mrs Soderling

#### **New Grade 4 and Grade 5 Syllabus**

I attended in the first week of the holidays in Auckland a 3-day training session for RAD teachers of the new syllabus, a very exciting, beautiful and challenging set of ballet work. The new syllabus was launched this year and is to be examined next year. I hope to begin this new work with the new Grade 4 Grade 5 classes after their exams.

**Term 3 is a 10-week school term:** However due to exams in August and my weeks absence where I do not have teacher cover, some ballet classes will be either an 8-week or 9-week term.

### **August classes**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August there will be no set ballet classes timetabled on these days due to ballet exams occurring in the hall.

I am away with my husband at a pharmacy conference August 24<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, I hope to have classes taken by teachers Mary Evans and Nicola Fannin but some classes will not occur that week. Please read the timetable and I will also inform you.

### **Ballet and Business**

I read an interesting article about Leigh Thomas who credits her training in ballet to helping her reach and attain success in the business world. Using her skills from her ballet training tenacity, perseverance, focus and work ethics to be a success in business. Ballet teaches you an incredible obsession with detail, this precision sets you apart from your peers, she passes on a life lesson from dancer choreographer Jacques d'Amboise "Just remember when you're not practising that someone somewhere is. And when you meet them, they will win."

I see this very readiness behaviour occurring currently as Bream Bay Ballet students prepare for their ballet exams in 4 weeks, their focus, determination and joy of dance. I am a very proud teacher of their achievements.



**“Don’t practice until you get it right, practice until you cant get it wrong “**

### **Hayley Maunder- hockey superstar**

Special mention must be made of ex Bream Bay Ballet dancer Hayley Maunder. Bream Bay Ballet has sponsored Hayley for her Northland Women's under-18 team. Hayley was playing in the National Hockey tournament in Napier in the first week of the holidays and excelled in her role as team goalie.

### **Royal New Zealand Ballet:**

Please go to link <http://www.rnzb.org.nz> to view bookings for the Auckland Aotea Centre Friday 1 August 7.30 p.m. but Saturday 2 August 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35.00

**Allegro: Five Short Ballets** - a dynamic mix of classical and contemporary ballets



### **Bream Bay Ballet webpage nearly completed**

### **Term invoices for fees-**

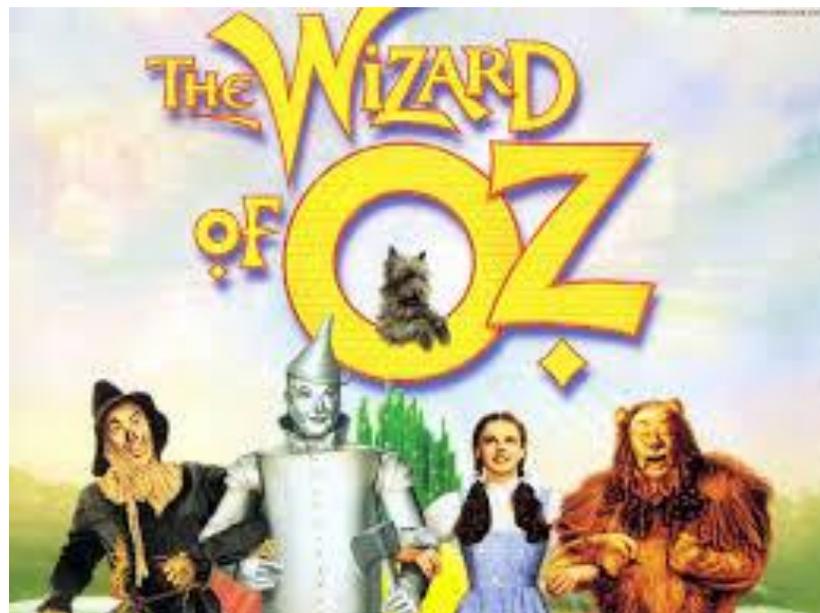
Term 3 accounts I hope will be sent early in this term.

Internet banking please ensure you put your child's name and state what the payment is for **Westpac Bream Bay Ballet account is 03 0498 0632856 00**

**Recital 2014** – A reminder our recital is "The Wizard of Oz", the date mooted is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 p.m.

The Rehearsal date needs to be confirmed. I have begun planning for the recital, buying costumes and choreography.

**Ruakaka Hall:** Kitchen floor is being repaired please bring drink bottles to class



Many thanks to all our Bream Bay Ballet families for all the support you provide to the teachers in the ballet class and for the support and encouragement you provide at home to your children learning ballet.

If you have any queries or questions to ask about ballet classes, or ballet gear please see me in class or contact me by text or email. I do appreciate the close communication I have with my families and I endeavour to strive towards everybody's requests.

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