



Term 4: 2014

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Longer sunny days suggest the hint of summer ahead.

Please bring water bottles to class, tie up long hair into scrunchies or buns and wear socks with ballet flats to ensure foot hygiene and to keep shoes clean.

RAD EXAMS: Exam Results finally arrived the first week of the school holidays.

Fabulous results for all candidates who sat, everyone passed and some passed very well, highest achievers with distinction were Grade 4 Rowan McInnes and Grade 6 Ruby Stewart.

I am very proud of all our exam candidates and their achievements, tenacity and focus.

High Merits for girls sitting the Majors exam Intermediate Foundation were Thalia Heiwari and Monique Balfour. This is the first year Bream Bay Ballet has had dancers training at this level; the choice to study this syllabus was based on the dancers technique, dedication and aptitude. Grace, Senara, Olivia, Monique and Thalia all showed the necessary technical ability and discipline to sit this exam.

A huge bunch of gratitude goes to their wonderful teacher Nicola Fannin who alongside me was able to lead them to success with this tough exam. Helping me also were guest teachers Mrs Tess Graham and Mary Evans.

The next level 'Intermediate' with its double pirouettes is our current challenge!!!

Previously major exams had to be sat in Auckland but we can now do these two exams under the Grades exam session.



Certificates and medals for all exam candidates will be issued the first week of ballet classes in Term 4. Thank you again to all the parents and grandparents who assisted with courtering dancers to extra classes, piano rehearsals, and exam sessions. Great to have Mrs Soderling in charge of the exam music and Miss Jacqui and Mary ensuring pre exam warm up and grooming occurred with hilarity on the exam days.

New Grade 4 and Grade 5 Syllabus

I attended in the first week of the holidays in Auckland my second 3-day training session for RAD teachers of the new syllabus, this new work I begun teaching after the August exams. A beautiful syllabus, but very challenging work for both grades and a step up in technical demands then the previous Grade 4,5 syllabus. As a teacher it is tough to recall it all. The syllabus is downloaded on my iPad and iPhone so the kids and I can quickly review visually what to achieve.

Term 4 is a mix of 8 and 9-weeks for the ballet school term: We have Labour Day Monday 27th October and Wednesday 10th December mooted as the rehearsal afternoon at Bream Bay College, starting at 3.00 p.m.



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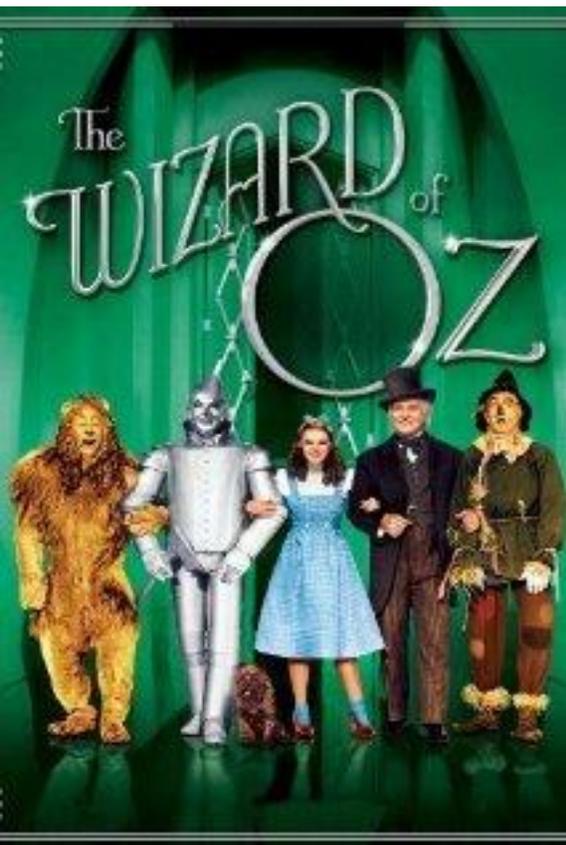
“A Christmas Carol” Please go to link <http://www.rnzb.org.nz> to view bookings for the Auckland Aotea Centre Wednesday 3rd December to Sunday 7th December, matinees Saturday and Sunday 1.30 p.m. Tickets start at Adult \$35.00 Child \$25 D reserve and graduate to \$95 and child \$35 for A reserve seats. The show is featuring the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra.

Term 4 invoices for fees-

Term 4 accounts I hope will be sent early in this term.

A Separate invoice will be for the recital costumes.

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 booked at the Bream Bay College Auditorium is Saturday the 13th December at 1.00 p.m.

The Rehearsal date booked is Wednesday 10th December at 3.00 p.m.?

Costumes have been arriving from all parts of the globe and NZ or are being locally sewn by Elizabeth Fraser. Fabulous, amazing costumes just full of sequins and fringes the kids will have a treat this year !!

Choreography has begun in class end of term 3 and over the holidays Nicola and I have created dances and also worked with the Grade 5 soloists on their dances.

This is the busy end of the year with the annual recital, but just so much fun for all the kids with costumes, beautiful and crazy music and it is all about the stage performance and bringing the story together.



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 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 ballet families and I endeavour to strive towards everybody's requests.

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