

# *Terri Charlesworth Ballet Centre*

## *“The Joy of Dance”*

Newsletter 1, Term 1 2010

## ***Welcome Everyone!***

It's great to see all the familiar faces returning this year, and lots of new ones as well. We would like to welcome you all to the Terri Charlesworth Ballet Centre for 2010 and we look forward to sharing with you a wonderful year ahead.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who attended our Orientation Day for new students. The children enjoyed a demonstration by the Youth Ballet WA, as well as joining in a group dance and learnt how to tie ballet shoe ribbons correctly.



Photographer: Darren Clark

Brianna Shepherd and our Beautiful Snowflakes in the Nutcracker Ballet 2009

### **Nutcracker Performance 2009**

What a wonderful performance! Audiences were delighted with our beautiful Flowers & Snowflakes and our energetic senior Trepak dancers. And how wonderful to be dancing alongside Briana Shepherd, Terri's granddaughter! Who has been dancing with New York City Ballet these last few years. A huge effort from teachers and all students! Thank you to all parents for your feedback regarding the performance – there were some wonderful comments. For 2010 we are planning our performance week to be earlier in December; during the last week of the ballet term. However we are always reliant on theatre availability, although we do try to book 2 years in advance!

### **Late Enrolments**

As the demand for class places in The Terri Charlesworth Ballet Centre is continually growing, we do need all yearly re-enrolments to be in early. This is necessary for us to be able to organise our classes well each year. We are looking at implementing an early re-enrolment procedure, which will enable this to happen in the future.

### **Ballet Scrap Book 2010**

At the end of the year we will present a prize for the best ballet scrapbook produced by the students from each grade. Congratulations to last year's winners and also all who submitted their Scrapbooks; they were delightful! You can assemble all that you learn about ballet during the whole year. This can include what you learn in your class, photos, pictures, impressions of dance performances you have seen, and any other material you collect about ballet from the newspaper and other sources. You can bring your scrapbook for showing at your last class of each term when all the parents attend for your demonstration class.

### **Parent's Days**

Parents of the Pre-Primary and Grade 1 students are cordially invited to watch their child's class during the last week of term (No younger siblings please!).

Parents of Grade 2 and above students are invited to watch a more formal demonstration of work studied over a longer period of time. These demonstrations will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Term 2 and the last week of Term 3 – exact dates will be advised (No younger siblings please!).

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## **Class Assessments 2010**

These will be conducted as last year and held at the end of Term 3. All students from Grade 2 & above will demonstrate their year's progress. Miss Margaret Mercer from The Australian Institute of Classical Dance (AICD) has once again been invited to assess and report on the student's work. Students will be issued with a report and certificate highlighting their achievements. Class assessments will be conducted at the normal class venue as close to regular class times as possible. Exact dates and times will be advised. A small levy will be added to Term 3 fees to cover the costs of the assessor, reports, certificates and administration. Pre Primary & Grade 1 students receive a certificate of achievement on completion of their year's work.

## **Youth Ballet Stage Performance Exams 2010**

All level 2 students Grade 3 & above are invited to participate in the Stage Performance Exams to be held once again at the lovely Lady Wardle Auditorium at Saint Mary's School. Dates are 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of October with more details to be announced closer to the event.

## **Winter Tracksuits**

Our lovely warm tracksuits can now be ordered for the colder weather. They are recommended to keep the student's muscles warm before and after their ballet class. A unique, smart tracksuit, snugly warm in beautiful burgundy with luxurious gold embroidery, has been designed exclusively for the students of the Terri Charlesworth Ballet Centre. You can view a sample tracksuit from today, only at Storm Dance and Design: 65 Edward Street East Perth, Telephone 9227 5199.

Orders can be placed from today. The last day for ordering is Saturday 20th March 2010. Estimated date for collection is week commencing Monday 19th April 2010. Please find enclosed order form, which can be posted, faxed or delivered to Storm Dance & Design. \*Please note – orders will be handled through the uniform supplier: Storm dance & Design not through the ballet school.

Cost of Jacket: \$37.00. Optional first name in gold embroidery is an additional \$2.50.

Cost of Pants: \$25.00. Optional first name in gold embroidery is an additional \$2.50.

## **Parent Communication**

As Miss Charlesworth would like to be involved with every student's well being and progress, parents are requested to phone her on 9475 0320 to obtain any information or to address any issues that parent's might want to discuss. We want to avoid valuable student class time being lost because of parents approaching teachers in the studios. Miss Charlesworth will discuss any relevant issues with the teachers concerned and phone you back quickly.

This will help keep Miss Charlesworth involved with parent's & student issues in the branches and save valuable class time for each and every one of our students.

## **WA Ballet News**

Former TCBC students Fiona Evans and Claire Hill will be performing principal roles in the current 'Quarry' and upcoming seasons of the WA Ballet. Please try and go along to support our state company and also to see our wonderfully talented former students perform.

## **Don't Lose Property**

All clothing and personal effects should be clearly marked with the students name and contact number, recovering property left behind in a venue used by others can be difficult.

## **Administration Enquiries**

For all administration matters please contact Ian on the same number as above, 9475 0320.

Kind Regards,

