## NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST

- 1. WELCOME TO TERM 3 -
- 2. A huge thankyou to the costume coordinators. Please remember the costume coordinators are <u>volunteers!</u>. They are mums within the ballet school who volunteer to help the parents with costumes. Some started at the ballet school as non-sewers!!!!Some still are.!!

They have kindly helped us the (teachers, students and parents) out. They help keep costume price down and save us lots of time! All for no money!! If you can offer to help them out in some way, it would be appreciated!

CHECK CONCERT NEWSLETTER FOR REHEARSAL TIMES (there is a copy on website if yours is lost)

CONCERT RULES AND PROCEDURES ARE ON THE WEBSITE AND A COPY ON FACEBOOK AVANT GROUP PAGE.

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THEATRE

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.Contact me if you are unsure of any details. Volunteers please see me if you are not clear on your responsibilities. Remember rehearsals at the theatre can feel long and sometimes look like not much is happening- however there is always much necessary work going on behind the scenes which needs to be done so our production runs smoothly. To keep the students rehearsal time to a minimum I arrive at the theatre several hours before the students and work several hours after the rehearsal but there will still often be delays. I have been most appreciative of the patience, understanding and support parents have offered in the past and I am always open to ideas on how we could do it better!

- a) Punctuality is essential for rehearsals and performances
- b) Remember to bring your costume! c) Makeup and hair should be done before you arrive at the theatre. Please note- only electrical appliances that have tagged in accordance with legislative requirements can be used at the theatre (includes hairdryers curling wands etc)
- e) Only rostered parents are permitted in the dressing room and backstage and the theatre requires helpers to wear ID badges, which will be issued prior to the performance, and helpers will also have to be inducted at a time to be arranged. Further details to come.

PLEASE NOTE- PARENT/CAREGIVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WATCH REHEARSALS

**DVD- Order Forms** - Please ask for a form and return to me as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE- Due to theatre regulations and state law no video or photographs can be taken during performances and the theatre will require equipment to be forfeited if caught!

- Professional photographs are Saturday July 28th. <u>Please note - classes will still go ahead on this day-</u> except Jazz 5/6 will combine with Jazz 3/4 at 10.30-11.30 Technique and Acro class will combine 11.45-12.45

Please be sure to be on time (see last newsletter for times-there is a copy on the notice board and on webpage) <u>WITH</u> COSTUME - Make up and hair should be done before arriving. Photographs can be ordered at performances.

No regular classes in week 3(Aug 6th- Aug 11th) - due to rehearsal and performance schedule.

Students who are not involved in the concert please see me for an alternative time to makeup the class.

Regular classes resume in week 4(Aug 13th) to continue with term 3 with a new focus and lots of exciting new work to learn and special activities to look forward to! Most classes will have Fun week and students may wear a favourite costume!

\*\*\*4. Please note - Term 3 fees are due August 4th -

<u>Full</u> term fee will be due after this date- Please contact me before August 6th if you need to work out special arrangements or if there is any changes to class enrolment

Remember, when money is handed in to the teacher the book needs to be signed by yourself or your child.

Reminder, as I do not charge extra fees for stage rehearsals and try to keep ticket prices to a minimum, term fees are also used towards concert expenses and so it is the requirement that all students performing in the concert pay the full term fee regardless of whether they complete the term or not to assist with production costs.

There is still many outstanding from fees for Term 1 and 2. I rely on prompt payment and for fees to be up to date by the end of each term to be able to provide the best possible service. If you have a balance from a previous term, please forward with in 7 days. Students performing in the concert must be up to date with Term 1, 2 and 3 fees to enable your child to perform unless prior arrangement has been arranged

The teachers and I hope that you and your family and friends enjoy our annual performance. The students have worked hard towards the performance and have learned much already about working together as a group, listening to music, remembering and refining details, joining steps they are learning into a sequence in the form of a dance, as well as learning general rules about performing on a stage. Tickets are still available for both performances for Thursday and Friday Sat afternoon performance is booked out!