

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2024



Term 1 is almost over! Every year the terms seem to finish more quickly than they begin! We hope everyone has been enjoying their classes so far. Thank you for your support in getting children to class on time and appropriately dressed. Remember that being well-presented is an important part of every dance class. It's also essential to stretch and warm up for your classes. While we are in the process of learning lots of new techniques and steps, remember to always ask for help from your teachers if you're having trouble safely executing a new move.

Parent Watching Week is coming up from **18th to 23rd of March**. Parents of children undertaking syllabus exams at the end of Term 2 are encouraged to film their child at this time so that they have a record of the exercises that need to be practiced over the Easter break. Please remember not to post on social media though unless it's just of your child or you have permission from the other parents.

Our last day of classes for Term 1 is Thursday 28th March, just before the Easter weekend. We commence Term 2 on Monday 15th April. Term 2 has two public holidays with no usual classes being held on ANZAC Day (25th April), or Labour Day (6th May). Your term 2 accounts will have credits for lessons missed on these days.

Please be very respectful around the hall when waiting for classes. The pizza oven is strictly off limits as is the church past the fence. Do not park over driveways or in the surrounding business car parks. Also, please do not drop students off too early to class when no teachers are present. The safety of our students is always our top priority.

Are you enjoying jazz, and thinking about adding a ballet class? Maybe you're doing tap, and thinking of adding acrobatics? Term 2 is the time to start a new class, especially if you're thinking of dancing the new style in the concert. Only dancers enrolled in term 2 are eligible to participate in the concert dance for that class. Enrollments close mid-term 2 and don't re-open until after the concert, so don't leave it until it's too late! Contact Miss Shilleena asap to amend your enrolment.

All the necessary information about our dance school including fees and uniform information is found in our prospectus. You can download a copy from our news and events page on the website.

Some important dates for 2024 are listed further on in the newsletter, so please make any relevant notes in your dairies. All dates are subject to confirmation, and can always be checked on the website
<https://www.shilleenasdanceacademy.com.au/news/dance-calendar-schedule-coorparoo/>.



Keeping kids safe!

Thank you to everyone who participated in January's Charity Dance Day. It was so great to be back in the studio after the summer holidays. Together we raised \$1145, which has been donated to the Daniel Morecombe Foundation.



PERFORMANCE NEWS

The SDA Performance Groups are working hard towards the upcoming Eisteddfods. This year we will be competing at the Wynnum, Future Stars and Beenleigh Eisteddfods. The SFD Eisteddfod that was scheduled for July has been cancelled in 2024, but will hopefully be up and running in 2025.

Intermediate Performance will be competing "Heart of Stone", "Let Me Think About It" and "I Wanna Be A Rockette", with "As Tradition" being added in for the later competitions. Senior Performance will perform "Dive in the Pool", "Power Over Me" and "If I Had A Boat" as well as two new dances "Work" and "Lighthouse".

Dress rehearsals for the Eisteddfod competitions will be held on ANZAC Day (25th April). Please bring all costumes and headpieces (clearly named) to this additional rehearsal. Times will be emailed through soon.

2024 CONCERT "REFLECTIONS"

The planning for this year's concert is underway, and we are very excited to share with you what's happening. Our theme this year is "REFLECTIONS" and we are revisiting our favourite dances from the past 19 years.

Costumes have been chosen and samples ordered for students to try on during Costume Measuring Weekend (13th/14th July). **ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONCERT MUST ATTEND THESE FITTINGS.** If you are unavailable, please contact Miss Shilleena to arrange an alternative time PRIOR TO THE 13TH OF JULY. Costumes need to be ordered asap to receive them in time for photos and dress rehearsals. A detailed timetable for costume fittings will be released in Term 2.

The concert will be held on Saturday 9th November. Don't forget **EVERY STUDENT** performs in **TWO SHOWS** ... an 11:00am matinee and an evening show at 5:00pm.

All the information regarding this year's concert is included in the online Concert Information Sheet/ Permission Slip. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you read all the information and complete the Permission Slip by 27th April.

Please also consider whether you are happy for concert images to be used on our website social media. We love to highlight our talented students so please consider allowing us to use the fantastic pics taken by our professional photographers and staff. We never use anything inappropriate or unflattering. Consent is included in the permission slip link.

DANCE DATES 2024

TERM 1 2024 29/01/24-28/03/24

- March 18-23 Parent Watching Week #1

TERM 2 2024 15/04/24-22/06/24

- April 25 ANZAC Day – no regular classes
- April 25 Performance Troupe Dress Rehearsal
- May 4-6 Wynnum Eisteddfod
- May 6 – Labour Day – no regular classes
- May 25-26 Exam Workshop Weekend #1
- June 1-2 Exam Workshop Weekend #2
- June 8-9 Exam Workshop Weekend #3
- June 12-19 SFD Exams

TERM 3 2024 08/07/24-14/09/24

- July 12-14 Future Stars Eisteddfod
- July 13-14 Costume Measuring Weekend
- July 27 Beenleigh Eisteddfod (Opens)
- August 4 Beenleigh Eisteddfod (12U)
- August 14th EKKA Holiday – no regular classes
- August 24th SDA Choreography Competition
- September 2-7 Parent Watching Week #2

TERM 4 2024 30/09/24-07/12/24

- September 30 Combined Concert Timetable Commences
- October 19-20 Professional Photos at studio
- October 26 Election at hall (all downstairs classes held in the third lower room)
- October 27 Theatre Rehearsal at LEC
- November 9 "REFLECTIONS" annual concert
- November 11 Term 4 Timetable Commences
- November 18-23 Dress Like Your Teacher Week
- November 19 Performance Troupe auditions begin
- November 25-30 Bring a Friend Week
- December 2-7 Crazy Outfit Week
- December 7 SDA Break-up Party
- December Performance Troupe Break-up Party (date TBC)



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Secondhand shoes and clothing are available at the studio. There are ballet, tap, jazz, cabaret and character shoes, as well as some leotards, shorts and skirts. If you would like to look at any of the items, please ask your teacher before or after class. The secondhand items are in the middle of the new sliding cupboards in the kitchen of the upstairs hall.

If you have items to sell, please place them in a ziplock bag with your name, the size of the item, and your asking price clearly marked on the front and give them to your teacher. (please note we don't accept tights)

Lost Property is placed in the right-hand side of the sliding cupboard in the kitchen in the upstairs hall. We endeavor to return named items to their owners. At the end of each term, all unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Fees for lessons are charged per term and are payable before or at the first week of each term. Fees are calculated by dividing the annual fee into 4 equal term payments, therefore there will be no adjustments for shorter- or longer-term periods. There will be classes held on all pupil free days and on some, but not all, public holidays. If your class falls on a day when we are not holding classes, you will receive a credit off your invoice automatically.

Payment by cash or direct deposit is required by week two into the term. Please email your remittance advice as soon as possible and use your invoice number and surname as reference. If you have queries about your account, please direct them to Shilleena via email or phone.

Withdrawing your enrolment must be made in **writing to Miss Shilleena** otherwise fees will continue to accrue as the student's place is held in the class. If a student withdraws their enrolment before the end of a term, the full term's fees will remain payable.

Classes Missed due to Illness or Holidays (including any quarantine requirements) will not be refunded or credited. Students may take a 'make-up' lesson instead with a comparable class. Make-up lessons are valid up until the end of term 4 then they expire at the end of every year. After the concert is the perfect time to use any make-up lessons you may have, try out a new class or add a second ballet class – there are heaps of options! Please contact Shilleena if you would like to arrange a make-up lesson at anytime.

Unpaid fees attract an administration fee of 11% to all outstanding balances. Prompt settlement of any overdue accounts will prevent the school from spending unnecessary administration time chasing overdue accounts.

Casual classes for adult or advanced classes are \$22 per class. Please give the correct money to your teacher at the start of each lesson.



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