

Dance news

WORKING HARD, AIMING HIGH, HAVING FUN!

○ TERM 4 / ○ 2019

From Miss Shilleena

With the end of term 3 quickly approaching, a reminder to everyone that the annual concert is only four weeks after the holidays.

The Term 3 holidays start on Sunday 22nd of September. Don't forget that the **Combined Concert Timetable starts on Saturday 5th October**. This is the last weekend of the school holidays but the first day of Term 3 for dance. The timetable was sent with the concert newsletter in week six of this term.

This newsletter details the information you need after the concert, including the After the Concert/2020 Timetable. Please read everything carefully, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Congratulations to all of the students who undertook ballet, tap and jazz exams at the end of Term 2. You achieved some wonderful results, with every student passing their exam in their chosen discipline.

Special congratulations to Miss Alanah, Miss Paige, Miss Zoe and Isabella Allis who successfully passed their Grade 10 Jazz Exam.

On behalf of myself, and all the teachers at SDA, well done and thank you for your hard work.

Yours in Dance,

Miss Shilleena



SDA'S CUSTOMER PORTAL

SDA's latest website update saw the introduction of a customer access portal. Students and parents can log into their very own account with a secure, unique individual password. The log in button is on the footer of the website as well as on the classes dropdown menu.

Upon logging in you can look at the classes that you are enrolled in, check class times and dates and also let Miss Shilleena know if you are sick or will be away for any reason. You can update your personal details (address, phone, medical conditions etc) and check your account to see if there are any outstanding fees owing. You are not able to pay online but can check your balance owing and pay the usual way via cash, cheque or direct deposit through your bank.

To set this up, Miss Shilleena needs to send through a secure link to log into the 'customer portal'. This link will come from dancebiz but the email will be coming from "shilleenasdanceacademy@thinksmartmail.com" so if you can please flag this as a 'safe' email address so that it doesn't go into your junkmail that would be great. Once you have received the email just click on the link to 'register your customer portal' and set up your secure password from there. If you haven't received an email, please contact Miss Shilleena asap.

Performance News



BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Do you have a friend at school who might like to try dancing? Between Monday 18th November and Saturday 23rd November, bring a friend along to your favourite classes for free! Everyone welcome.

CRAZY COSTUME WEEK

During the last week of Term 4 (2/12/19-7/12/19), come along to class dressed in your favourite dance costumes. Maybe you would like to revisit an old favourite, or mix and match? Of course Christmas themes are always welcome!!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Come along to the York Street Studio on Saturday 7th December for our annual break-up party. Bring along a plate of yummy goodies for us all to share between 3 and 5pm. There will be free face painting and a jumping castle. See you there!!

2019 CONCERT NEWS

Our “**AROUND THE WORLD**” concert will be here just a few short weeks after the holidays. Please ensure you are aware of the additional rehearsals to be held over the coming weeks. Don't forget to bring in your donations for the raffle, and to order your concert DVDs and Photo CDs. All concert information was distributed in week six of Term 3. It is also available to download from the SDA website on the *Latest News* page.

SDA HEADS TO SYDNEY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN DANCE FESTIVAL

A group of students from the 2019 SDA Performance Troupes have decided to head to Sydney at the end of Term 3 to attend the annual Australian Dance Festival.

This three day festival offers classes in Jazz, Commercial Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Funk, Musical Theatre and Tap with world-reknown choreographers including Marco Panzic from Deam Dance Co & So You Think You Can Dance, former Rockette Sophie Holloway, Jason Winters, Tahlia Fowler from the Queensland Ballet, Sarah Boulter, Any Lee and many more.

We can't wait to see what they learn from this amazing experience!!

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

Don't forget that SDA stocks the preferred ballet, tap and jazz tights for SDA, as well as hair accessories including bun nets and hair pins. Get your orders in now for the concert, and for when we return in 2020.

SDA CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Alessandra Tran, the winner of the 2019 SDA Choreography Competition. Her contemporary routine “Burn” will be performed at this year's annual concert.

Thank you to everyone who competed and to our amazing judges Miss Georgina and Miss Maddie. It was a wonderful evening and I am so proud of all of you.

SOLO NEWS

Congratulations to our solo competitors who participated in the Beenleigh and Redlands Eisteddfods. Emma Finau, Amelia King, Ellie Costi and Abby Dorney all danced beautifully, with Emma receiving Highly Commended for her jazz routine.

Well done girls, and thank you to Miss Paige for offering this program to our students. Your hard work is appreciated.

In Other News



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please note that **ALL CLASSES ARE AS NORMAL ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**. Our Monday students cannot afford to miss their classes so close to the concert, so please make sure you come to class as per the Combined Concert Timetable.

TERM 4 ACCOUNTS

Term 4 accounts will be issued next week. There will be two invoices for payment - one for the before concert classes and one for the after concert classes. Please let me know asap of you are changing any of your classes, or adding any new classes to your schedule so that I can invoice accordingly.

If you pay casually for any of the adult or advanced classes, the cost per class is \$20. Please give the correct money to your teacher at the start of each lesson.

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Don't forget to follow SDA as we often post reminders about what's happening at the studio, as well as photos from Eisteddfods and other events we attend.

FAMILY DANCE CLASS

Save the date - Saturday 23rd November, for our first Family Dance Class. We were very disappointed to have to cancel the Mother's Day dance class, and on reviewing our commitments in September, have also decided to cancel the Father's Day Dance Class. We don't want to overcommit our families as we have been so busy performing recently.

Instead, we are going to combine these fun classes into one huge Family Dance Class. We would love to see our dancers bring their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces/nephews along to pirouette, prance and pop in this one hour class. Details will be confirmed in Term 4.

PARENT WATCHING WEEK

You are invited to attend your child's classes from Monday 9th to Saturday 14th September. This gives you a wonderful opportunity to see what happens during the classes they attend each week and a sneak preview of our concert work!

SECOND HAND SHOES AND CLOTHING

A reminder that we have some second hand shoes and clothing available for sale at the studio. There are ballet, tap, jazz and character shoes, as well as some leotards, skirts, crossovers, jackets & shorts.

If you would like to look at any of the items, please ask your teacher before or after class. The boxes are located in 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.

LOST PROPERTY

All items left at the hall are returned to their owners if they are named. If not, they are placed in the box in the kitchen in the upstairs hall. At the end of each term, all unclaimed items are donated to charity.

DANCE DATES 2019-2020



TERM 3 2019

15/7/19-21/9/19

- Sep 9 to 14 Parent Watching Week #2
- Sep 20-23 ADF Sydney Trip (Performance)

TERM 4 2019

5/10/19-7/12/19

- October 5 Combined Concert Timetable Commences
- October 7 Queen's Birthday - all classes on as per Combined Concert Timetable
- October 19 Stage Makeup Lesson
- October 20 Theatre Rehearsal at the LEC
- October 21-26 Dress Rehearsal Week
- October 26 to 27 Professional Photos
- November 2 SDA Annual Concert
- November 4 New Timetable Commences
- November 18 to 23 Bring a Friend Week
- November 23 Family Dance Class
- November 24 Blue Care Performance
- December 2 to 7 Crazy Costume Week
- December 7 SDA Breakup Party

TERM 1 2020

3/2/20-4/4/20

TERM 2 2020

20/4/20-27/6/20

TERM 3 2020

13/07/20-19/9/20

TERM 4 2020

3/10/20-5/12/20

AFTER THE CONCERT & 2020 TIMETABLE

After the concert, we will roll out a new timetable. I try to keep the times as convenient to all as possible and take into consideration all the feedback that was expressed to me.

Creative Movement students turning 5 or 6 in 2020 move into Preparatory Ballet in 2020. Students younger than this age remain in Creative Movement for another year. Children can begin **Preparatory Tap/Jazz** if they are turning 4 in 2020, and move into Grade 1 if they are turning 6 in 2020.

Prep Ballet to Grade 7 Ballet students, **Prep Tap to Grade 4 Tap** students, and **Prep Jazz to Grade 4 Jazz** students automatically move up to the next level of classes (unless otherwise advised by your teacher). For Grade 7 Ballet students, the next level is Pre-Elementary Ballet. If you are in one of the **major ballet grades**, or in **tap and jazz classes Grade 5 and above**, you will stay in these levels for two years.

We offer three student **contemporary** classes in our timetable. Intermediate Contemporary is for students 11-13 years, Sub-Senior Contemporary is for students 14-15 years, and Senior Contemporary is for students 16 years and over. Students turning 16 in 2020 can choose to do either Sub-Senior or Senior Contemporary, or both if desired. The adult contemporary/conditioning class will recommence in 2020, and focuses on core strength and flexibility, as well as some relaxing contemporary exercises.

We have slightly changed our Junior Hip Hop class to a more open class to include some jazz technique with the free-flowing style of hip hop. This funky style of dance is taught to classic and up-to-date pop music and is an ideal way to express your creativeness, find your groove, and accent sharp, strong body movements. It is fantastic exercise and is for ages 6-11yrs so why not grab your sneakers and give it a go!

We also have a new class - Open Commercial Jazz. This is a fun, energetic style of dance that combines the strength of technique work while exploring all different styles of jazz. Each week you will work on strengthening and technique exercises then learn different routines in various styles from soft, flowing and expressive to fast paced, hard hitting and dynamic. This class is for ages 12 and up and will be at an intermediate/advanced standard.

All of the ages mentioned above relate to the age the student will be turning in 2020. Please contact me if you are unsure which level your child should be dancing in.

A note for current Grade 1 Ballet students: After the concert your child will move up to Grade 2 Ballet. In this grade, there are two classes per week covering Ballet Technique and Character. If your child is wanting to do the ballet exam, they must attend both ballet classes each week, however if they do not wish to do the exam, they can pick either class to attend each week. In Term 3, one class does the ballet dance in the concert and the other class does the character dance. Students need their usual ballet shoes for Ballet Technique, and black canvas low heeled character shoes for Character. You don't need to purchase character shoes this year, as they won't be required until mid-2020.

A note for current Grade 6 Ballet students: The Major syllabus levels of Pre-Elementary, Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced usually take two years to learn and execute as the exams involve more content than the graded levels. These levels drop the character element and replace it with pointe work. While pointe work is not incorporated into the exam syllabus until Pre-Elementary, we encourage our students to purchase pointe shoes while in Grade 7 to work on the strength and technique required in their Pre-Elementary exam.

In order to be eligible to work en pointe, students MUST do BOTH Grade 7 Ballet classes and the Open Pointe/PBT class. The Open Pointe/PBT class is available to Grade 7 and above students. This class focuses on technique and strengthening exercises and we have found this class to be invaluable for getting the girls ready for pointe work.

Not every dancer is physically able to dance en pointe, so every student will be assessed in Term 1 to see if they are eligible. Everyone may not start pointe work at the same time – we do this for your daughter's safety given the differences in physical development of every child. For your daughter's first pair of pointe shoes, I will organise a time to attend the dance shop in small groups to personally fit the pointe shoes so that I know the fit is correct. Usually, the first group will go during the Easter holidays.

If students decide to attend one Grade 7 ballet class each week, we certainly encourage them to do so. Not doing pointe work does not exclude students from any class, or from the dances in the concert. Students can still do all the pointe work in their usual ballet shoes.

For our dancers who have enjoyed the Progressing Ballet Technique class on Saturday mornings, the Open Pointe/PBT class offers many of the same benefits. No pointe shoes are required if you are only interested in the technique and strengthening work.

The "After The Concert/2020" timetable commences on **Monday 4th November**. This is the perfect time to trial a new style of dance to see if it suits you!! If you have any questions, please email me at shilleenasdanceacademy@gmail.com or call me on 0439 763 082. If you are planning on changing classes, or wanting to try something else, please let me know ASAP so that I can invoice everyone correctly for Term 4.



AFTER THE CONCERT/2020 TIMETABLE

MONDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			MONDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:30	Acrobatics Level 1	Miss Eden	3:30-4:30	Junior Musical Theatre	Miss Georgina
4:30-5:30	Acrobatics Level 2	Miss Eden	4:30-5:30	Senior Musical Theatre	Miss Georgina
5:30-6:45	Acrobatics Level 3	Miss Eden	5:30-6:45	Elementary Ballet (class one)	Miss Georgina
6:45-7:45	Combined Performance	Miss Eden	6:45-7:45	Adult Jazz	Miss Georgina
7:45-8:45	Senior & Sub-Senior Performance	Miss Eden	7:45-8:45	Adult Intermediate Tap	Mr Alex
TUESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			TUESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:15	Grade 2 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe	3:30-4:00	Creative Movement	Miss Paige
4:15-5:15	Grade 4 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe	4:00-5:15	Grade 8 Tap	Miss Paige
5:15-6:30	Intermediate Ballet (class one)	Miss Jenna	5:15-6:30	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class one)	Miss Alanah
6:30-7:45	Senior & Sub-Senior Performance	Miss Jenna	6:30-7:45	Intermediate Performance	Miss Alanah
7:45-9:00	Grade 9 Jazz	Miss Jenna	7:45-9:00	Grade 8 Jazz	Miss Alanah
WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:15	Grade 1 Ballet	Miss Hannah			
4:15-5:15	Grade 5 Ballet (class one)	Miss Hannah	4:00-5:15	Grade 9 Tap	Miss Shilleena
5:15-6:30	Grade 7 Ballet (class one)	Miss Hannah	5:15-6:30	Advanced Open Tap	Miss Shilleena
6:30-7:45	Advanced Open Jazz	Miss Shilleena	6:30-8:00	Intermediate Ballet (class two)	Hannah in 2019 Georgina in 2020
7:45-9:00 <small>exam students till 9.15</small>	Advanced Exam Ballet (class one)	Miss Shilleena	8:00-9:00	Adult Contemporary – class commences in 2020	Miss Georgina 2020
THURSDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			THURSDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:45-4:30	Grade 3 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe	3:30-4:30	Grade 4 Ballet (class two)	Miss Shilleena
4:30-5:30	Open Pointe/PBT	Miss Shilleena	4:30-5:30	Grade 6 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe
5:30-6:45	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class two)	Miss Shilleena	5:30-6:45	Grade 7 Ballet (class two)	Miss Zoe
6:45-8:00	Senior Contemporary	Miss Shilleena	6:45-8:00	Elementary Ballet (class two)	Miss Lily
8:00-9:15	Advanced Exam Ballet (class two)	Mr Joseph	8:00-9:15	Advanced Open Ballet	Miss Lily
FRIDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			FRIDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
4:15-5:00	Grade 3 Ballet (class two)	Miss Hannah	4:00-5:00	Grade 7 Tap	Miss Paige
5:00-6:00	Grade 7 Jazz	Miss Paige	5:00-6:00	Grade 5 Ballet (class two)	Miss Hannah
6:00-7:15	Sub-Senior Contemporary	Miss Paige	6:00-7:00	Grade 6 Ballet (class two)	Miss Hannah
7:15-8:15	Open Commercial Jazz	Miss Paige	7:00-8:00	Irish	Hannah/Zoe
FRIDAY – YORK STREET THIRD LOWER ROOM					
7:00-8:00	Adult Beginner Tap	Mr Alex			
SATURDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			SATURDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
8:45-9:30	Preparatory Ballet	Miss Alanah	8:30-9:30	Grade 6 Tap	Miss Paige
9:30-10:30	Grade 6 Jazz (2 nd Yr)	Miss Alanah	9:30-10:30	Preparatory Tap & Jazz	Miss Paige
10:30-11:30	Intermediate Contemporary	Miss Paige	10:30-11:30	Adult Ballet	Miss Alanah
11:30-12:30	Grade 6 Jazz (1 st Yr)	Miss Paige	11:30-12:30	Grade 4 Jazz	Miss Alanah
12:30-1:30	Grade 5 Tap	Miss Alanah	12:30-1:30	Grade 4 Tap	Miss Paige
1:30-2:15	Junior Open Jazz/Hip Hop	Miss Paige	1:30-2:15	Grade 2 Ballet (class two)	Miss Alanah
2:15-3:00	Grade 2 Jazz	Miss Alanah	2:15-3:00	Grade 1 Tap	Miss Paige
3:00-3:45	Grade 1 Jazz	Miss Paige	3:00-3:45	Grade 2 Tap	Miss Alanah

Legend: Pink = Ballet, Red = Jazz, Blue = Tap, Green = Commercial Jazz, Orange = Irish,
Purple = Creative Movement, Brown = Contemporary, Grey = Acrobatics, Black = Performance.