

Dance news

WORKING HARD, AIMING HIGH, HAVING FUN!

○ TERM 4 / ○ 2020

From Miss Shilleena

I can't believe we are in week 7 of Term 3 already! Our concert preparations are well underway, and this year's dances are looking incredible.

The Term 3 holidays start on Sunday 20th September. Including this week, we have four weeks left of classes.

We commence Term 4 on SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER with the Combined Concert Timetable. The timetable was sent with the concert newsletter earlier this term. We were going to start Term 4 with a week of regular classes, but have decided this is too confusing for everyone. We have made some changes to the Concert Newsletter so please re-read it, noting any changes in green.

This newsletter details the information you need after the concert, including the After the Concert/2021 Timetable. There are some great new classes available, and we are really hoping to build enrolments after such a difficult year.

To that end, I would encourage everyone to keep dancing after the concert. We start all the new level exam work straight away as well as having some great SDA fun. Please continue your enrolment right up to the end of the year as it is very beneficial for everyone in order to continue to build strong technique and consistency in lessons.

Let's all keep smiling and grabbing every opportunity to dance while we can.

Yours in Dance,

Miss Shilleena



SFD Exam News

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

Special congratulations to Miss Shilleena, Miss Alanah and Miss Paige who successfully completed their Advanced Ballet Exam (all with Distinction!). These three amazing dancers are the first in the history of the Southern Federation of Dance to complete all of the highest examinations on offer - Level 10 Jazz, Level 10 Tap and Advanced Ballet.

The reports you would have received last week are detailed with both ticks for each exercise "good, very good, excellent etc" as well as detailed comments on your dances and the whole exam. Please take the time to read your comments as there are personalised feedback from the examiners in your reports.

Even though small allowances were made due to the Zoom learning (like being able to do certain exercises in pairs etc) these are still examinations and the higher the levels get the harder they are marked. So please don't be downhearted if your results are a little lower than they may have been in previous years - your teachers are over the moon with our results and think that you are all very well deserving of the highest praise for getting through this extremely challenging examination season.

Performance News

PERFORMANCE GROUP

After the concert, we hold auditions for all dancers who would like to be part of the SDA Performance Groups. There are currently two groups - Intermediate Performance for students turning 11 in 2021 and Sub-Senior/Senior Performance for students turning 13 in 2021 (and older).

To be eligible to audition for a performance group, you must be studying two different styles of dance each week.

These dancers attend extra lessons each week and then compete in Eisteddfods, and perform at various events and charities over the year.

In 2021, we have a new Performance Group - TAP! To be eligible to join this group, you must be a member of either Intermediate or Sub-Senior/Senior Performance AND do a tap syllabus class each week.

This class will commence in 2021.

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Do you have a friend at school who might like to try dancing? Between Monday 16th and Saturday 21st November, bring a friend along to your favourite classes for free! Everyone welcome.

CRAZY COSTUME WEEK

During the last week of Term 4 (30/11/20-5/12/20), 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

NOTE NEW DATE

Come along to the York Street Studio on **Saturday 28 November** 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!! Our party will now be held on the second-last Saturday of Term 4. There will still be classes as normal in the following week.



2020 CONCERT NEWS

In order for every dancer to have a parent watch the concert, we have decided to proceed with the additional show on Friday 6th November. There will be a limit of 4 tickets per family across the three shows. Additional tickets that remain after an allocation period will be available for sale prior to the shows. Should restrictions change by November, we will adapt our performances accordingly.

It is really difficult to plan for every eventuality for this concert. We are reliant on the LEC and Queensland Health on relaying information to us, and then for us to put plans in place that keep everyone safe. We are trying to keep you all as informed as we are, but guidelines are constantly changing. Please be patient with us as we navigate this extraordinary time.

The concert is five weeks after the September school holidays. Please ensure you are aware of the additional rehearsals to be held in Term 4. The Concert Newsletter has been revised, and re-sent with this newsletter.

Don't forget to bring in your donations for the raffle, and to order your concert DVDs and Photo CDs.

Concert Programs and Raffle Tickets cannot be sold at the show due to cash-handling restrictions and the closure of the foyer before and after each show. Instead, we are organizing for these items to be pre-purchased online! A link will come out in Term 4 outlining how you can purchase these concert essentials!

Studio Photographs will also not be sold on concert day. Instead we will organise a different time for viewing and purchasing of these photos.

PARENT WATCHING WEEK

NOTE NEW DATES

You are invited to attend your child's classes from Monday 14th to Saturday 19th 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!

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions on the number of people we can have in the studio, some of our larger classes will not be able to have parents in the studio, specifically Grade 4, 6 (2nd Year) and 7 jazz, Combined Performance, Senior & Sub-Senior Performance and Intermediate and Sub-Senior Contemporary.

Parent Watching Week will occur this term under strict COVID-19 guidelines. Only one observer per dancer is permitted (no siblings please). We need to have a register of parents who are in each class. If you are thinking of attending one of your child's classes, please email Miss Shilleena prior to attending.

In Other News



PARKING AT THE STUDIO

Please do not park or wait in the driveway to the hall on York Street. This area is reserved for teachers.

We understand that at busy times, parking can be tricky, but please be patient and observe all road rules including not parking over driveways and footpaths.

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 if 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. We are still not allowed to handle cash at the studio, so please pay for these classes by EFT on the day.

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.

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

Don't forget that SDA stocks the preferred ballet, tap and jazz tights for SDA. Get your orders in now for the concert, and for when we return in 2021.

There are still limited numbers of hoodies, leggings and tops available. Please contact Miss Shilleena for availability and pricing.

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.

AUSTRALIAN DANCE FESTIVAL CANCELLED

It was with regret that this year's ADF was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. I'm sure the organisers will make next year bigger and better than ever to make up for this year's disappointment.

DANCE DATES 2020-2021



TERM 3 2020

13/7/20-19/9/20

- Sep 6 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod
- Sep 13 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod
- Sep 14 to 19 Parent Watching Week
- Sep 21 PT Filming Day Redcliffe

TERM 4 2020

3/10/20-5/12/20

- October 3 Combined Concert Timetable
- October 5 Queen's Birthday - all classes on as per combined concert timetable
- October 17 to 18 Professional Photos
- October 25 Theatre Rehearsal at the LEC
- October 26 to 31 Dress Rehearsals
- November 6 SDA Annual Concert #1
- November 7 SDA Annual Concert #2 & #3
- November 9 New Timetable Commences
- November 16 to 21 Bring a Friend Week
- November Performance Group Auditions
- November 28 SDA Breakup Party
- Nov 30 to Dec 5 Crazy Costume Week
- November/December Blue Care and Multicap Performances
- December PT Christmas Show
- December PT Breakup Party

TERM 1 2021

29/1/21-01/4/21

TERM 2 2021

19/4/21-26/6/21

TERM 3 2021

12/07/21-18/9/21

TERM 4 2021

2/10/21-4/12/21

AFTER THE CONCERT & 2021 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.

Children can begin **Preparatory Tap/Jazz** if they are turning 4 in 2021, and move into Grade 1 if they are turning 6 in 2021.

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 14 in 2021 can choose to stay in Intermediate Contemporary for an additional year if desired. Students turning 16 in 2021 can choose to do either Sub-Senior or Senior Contemporary, or both if desired.

Creative Movement will be offered twice each week - Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Creative Dance classes for students aged three to four years are a wonderful introduction to dance. Boys and girls play dance games and act out simple stories as they learn to improve their gross motor skills, coordination and musicality. Our specially designed classes, covering a variety of dance forms, are heaps of fun for little dancers!

We are also adding an adult ballet/conditioning class on Friday morning. If you would like to try ballet, but have never danced before, please consider this class as a fantastic introduction to the world of classical dance and a fun way to move and feel graceful.

Another new technique class has been added to Saturday afternoons. Kicks, Leaps and Turns is a class for ages 10+ (Grade 5 Jazz students and above) focusing on building flexibility and technique for our dancers who enjoy a challenge. This class is not suitable for beginners. It is a great opportunity to practice skills that are needed in all dance styles and in Performance Troupe.

All of the ages mentioned above relate to the age the student will be turning in 2021. Please contact me if you are unsure which level your child should be dancing in.

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 if they are ready 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.

The "After The Concert/2021" timetable commences on **Monday 9th 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 2020/2021 TIMETABLE

MONDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			MONDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:30	Acrobatics Level 1 (Age 7+)	Miss Eden	3:30-4:30	Junior Musical Theatre (Age 5-11)	Miss Georgina
4:30-5:30	Acrobatics Level 2	Miss Eden	4:30-5:30	Senior Musical Theatre (Age 12+)	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 Contemporary/Conditioning	Miss Georgina
TUESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			TUESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:45-4:15	Creative Movement (Age 3-4)	Miss Zoe	3:30-4:15	Junior Open Jazz/Hip Hop (Age 6-11)	Miss Paige
4:15-5:15	Grade 6 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe	4:15-5:15	Tap Open Performance (from 2021)	Miss Paige
5:15-6:30	Pre-El Ballet (class one)	Miss Alanah	5:15-6:30	Grade 7 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe
6:30-8:00	Senior & Sub-Senior Performance	Miss Jenna	6:30-8:00	Intermediate Performance	Miss Alanah
-	-	-	8:00-9:00	Adult Intermediate Tap	Miss Alanah
WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:30-4:30	Grade 4 Ballet (class one)	Miss Hannah	-	-	-
4:30-5:30	Grade 6 Ballet (class two)	Miss Hannah	4:00-5:15	Grade 8 Tap	Miss Shilleena
5:30-6:30	Grade 8 Jazz	Miss Paige	5:15-6:30	Grade 10/Advanced Tap	Miss Shilleena
6:30-7:45	Advanced Open Jazz	Miss Shilleena	6:30-7:45	Intermediate Ballet (class two)	Miss Lily
7:45-9:00	Advanced Ballet (class one)	Miss Lily	7:45-9:00	Grade 9 Jazz	Miss Shilleena
WEDNESDAY – YORK STREET THIRD LOWER ROOM					
5:30-6:30	Irish	Hannah/Zoe			
THURSDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			THURSDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
-	-	-	3:30-4:15	Grade 3 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe
4:00-5:15	Pre-Elementary Ballet (class two)	Miss Shilleena	4:15-5:15	Grade 7 Ballet (class two)	Miss Zoe
5:15-6:15	Open Pointe/PBT (Age 11+)	Miss Shilleena	5:15-6:15	Grade 5 Ballet (class two)	Miss Zoe
6:15-7:30	Senior Contemporary (Age 16+)	Miss Shilleena	6:15-7:30	Elementary Ballet (class two)	Miss Lily
7:30-9:00	Intermediate Ballet (class two)	Miss Shilleena	7:30-9:00	Advanced Ballet (class two)	Miss Lily
FRIDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS (MORNING CLASSES)					
9.30-10.00	Creative Movement (am class) (Age 3-4)	Miss Zoe			
10.00-11.00	Adult Beginner Ballet/Conditioning	Miss Zoe			
FRIDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS (AFTERNOON CLASSES)			FRIDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
3:45-4:45	Grade 4 Ballet (class two)	Miss Zoe	3:45-4:45	Grade 6 Tap (2 nd Yr)	Miss Paige
4:45-5:45	Grade 7 Jazz	Miss Paige	4:45-5:45	Grade 5 Ballet (class one)	Miss Zoe
5:45-6:45	Sub-Senior Contemporary (Age 14-16)	Miss Paige	6:00-7:00	Adult Beginner Tap	Mr Alex
6:45-7:45	Open Commercial Jazz (Age 12+)	Miss Paige	-	-	-
SATURDAY – YORK STREET UPSTAIRS			SATURDAY – YORK STREET DOWNSTAIRS		
8:30-9:30	Adult Intermediate Ballet	Miss Alanah	8:30-9:30	Preparatory Tap & Jazz (Age 4-5)	Miss Charlotte
9:30-10:15	Grade 1 Ballet	Miss Alanah	9:30-10:15	Preparatory Ballet (Age 4-5)	Miss Charlotte
10:15-11:00	Grade 1 Jazz	Miss Paige	10:15-11:00	Grade 3 Tap	Miss Alanah
11:00-11:45	Grade 1 Tap	Miss Paige	11:00-11:45	Grade 3 Jazz	Miss Alanah
11:45-12:45	Intermediate Contemporary (Age 11-13)	Miss Paige	11:45-12:30	Grade 3 Ballet (class two)	Miss Alanah
12:45-1:45	Grade 5 Jazz	Miss Paige	12:45-1:45	Grade 6 Jazz	Miss Alanah
1:45-2:45	Grade 6 Tap (1 st Yr)	Miss Paige	1:45-2:45	Grade 5 Tap	Miss Alanah
-	-	-	2.45-3.45	Kicks, Leaps & Turns (Age 10+)	Miss Alanah

Legend: Pink = Ballet, Red = Jazz, Blue = Tap, Green = Commercial Jazz/Hip Hop, Lime = Technique classes, Orange = Irish, Purple = Creative Movement, Brown = Contemporary, Grey = Acrobatics, Aqua = Performance, Peach = Musical Theatre.