

From Miss Shilleena

It's almost the end of Term 1! It's been a wonderful start to the dancing year and I thank everyone for their support in getting children to class on time and appropriately dressed. Remember that being well-presented is an important part of every dance class.

Parent Watching Week is coming up from 19th to 25th March. If you would like to attend your children's classes, you will need to register with me prior to attending. We are still operating under our COVID-safe plan, so places in the studio are limited. Term 1 will finish on Thursday 1st April, and resume on Monday 19th April.

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. I also remind parents not to park over driveways. I would also ask that students not be dropped off too early to class when no teachers are present. The safety of our students is always our top priority.

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

(http://www.shilleenasdanceacademy.com.au/news/latestdance-news-brisbane).



Term 2 is an incredibly busy one, with eisteddfods, exam rehearsals, and then SFD Exams. But this year I'm looking forward to it all with a new perspective after the tumultuous events of last year.

Stay safe and healthy everyone!

Yours in Dance,

Miss Shilleena



SFD BALLET, TAP & JAZZ EXAMS

The 2021 SFD ballet, jazz and tap exams will be held between the 14th and 25th of June. Confirmation of exam times will be provided as soon as possible. All practice music and theory will be sent to you via a Dropbox link and if there are any problems please contact Miss Shilleena.

There will be extra lessons held prior to each exam and these classes are compulsory for all exam students. We will be going over all examination content as well as rehearsing what will happen on the day so that each student can feel as comfortable and prepared as possible.

These extra lessons will be held over three weekends - on the 29th & 30th May, 5th & 6th June and 12th & 13th June. Over these three weekends, students will attend two extra exam practices per examination being undertaken. Permission slips for each of these will go out in the first few weeks of Term 2. As mentioned in the exam letters, there will be a small fee to cover the cost of these additional practices.

Performance News

EISTEDDFODS

The SDA Performance Groups are working hard towards the upcoming Eisteddfods. We were very disappointed to hear the news that the Brisbane Eisteddfod has closed its curtains and will not be operating in future.

This year we will be competing at the Sunshine Coast and Beenleigh Eisteddfods.

Intermediate Performance will be competing with "Love", "Born This Way" and "Diamonds".

Combined Performance will perform "Lose You To Love Me" and "Survivor".

Sub-Senior Performance and Senior Performance will perform "Dem Beats", "Blonde" and "In This Shirt".

The dance lists and times will be released soon for the Sunshine Coast, so I will keep you all posted once I know.

The ANZAC Day Public Holiday (26th April) is the PT Dress rehearsal day for the Eisteddfod competitions. All classes are in the upstairs hall and you will need to bring all costumes and headpieces (clearly named).

Times are as follows:

2.00-2.45pm - Diamonds -Intermediate Performance (Cabaret) 2:45-3:30pm - Love -Intermediate Performance (Contemporary) 3:30-4:15pm - Born This Way -Intermediate Performance (Jazz) 4:15-4:30pm - short break 4:30-5:15pm - Survivor -Combined Performance (Jazz) 5:15-6:00pm - Lose You To Love Me -Combined Performance (Lyrical) 6:00-6:45pm - Dem Beats -Senior/Sub-Senior Performance (Jazz) 6:45-7:00pm - short break -Please have a snack & put on wig 7:00-7:45pm - Blonde -Senior/Sub-Senior Performance (Jazz) 7:45-8:30pm - In This Shirt -Senior/Sub-Senior Performance (Contemp)



2021 CONCERT NEWS

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 "**THE MUSEUM OF EXTRAORDINARY THINGS**" and will feature dances inspired by famous museum pieces and works of art. What happens at night after the lights go out at the museum? Let's find out!!!

Costumes have now been chosen and samples ordered for students to try on during Costume Measuring Weekend from the 17th and 18th of July. We cannot stress enough how important it is that all students participating in the concert attend their fittings. If you are unavailable, please contact Miss Shilleena to arrange an alternative time **PRIOR TO THE 17TH OF JULY**. Costumes need to be ordered asap in order to receive them in time for fittings and photos. A detailed timetable for costume fittings will be released in Term 2.

The concert will be held on Saturday 6th November. <u>Don't forget EVERY</u> <u>STUDENT performs in TWO SHOWS</u> ... an 11:30am matinee and an <u>evening show at 6:30pm.</u>

All the information regarding this year's concert is included in the Concert Information Sheet/ Permission Slip, which follows on the next pages of the newsletter. It is <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> that you read all the information and return the Permission Slip **by Friday 23rd April 2021.**

Please also consider whether you are happy for images taken on concert day and at the professional photo sessions to be used on our website and in advertising on social media. Consent is included in the permission slip.



DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE OUR AWESOME PROMOTIONAL VIDEO THAT THE PERFORMANCE TROUPE SHOT LAST YEAR AT REDCLIFFE?

HERE'S THE LINK: https://youtu.be/J3C8bvBblW0

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO BRIGHAM EDGAR (RUBY AND GEORGINA'S DAD) FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL PRODUCTION.

THANK YOU TO THE PERFORMANCE TEACHERS WHO HELPED CREATE SOMETHING MAGICAL.

AND SO MUCH LOVE AND THANKS TO OUR AMAZING DANCERS.

SDA ANNUAL CONCERT 2021

Here at SDA, we firmly believe that being organised is the only way to be. We therefore have already started preparing for this year's end of year concerts. Our concerts are an exciting and rewarding experience for our dancers and a wonderful opportunity for their family, friends and teachers to celebrate the progress they have made throughout the year.

All students (including adult dance students) who wish to be involved must complete the permission slip below. All students must pay a <u>non-refundable</u> deposit towards their costume costs. The costume deposit will be included with your Term 2 invoice (which will be issued at the end of Term 1). This deposit helps with upfront costs such as the purchase of samples, and also ensures we cover some of our costs in the unfortunate circumstance of last-minute cancellations. The deposit amounts are:

- \$66 for students in one or two dances,
- \$220 for students in three to five dances, and
- \$330 for students in six or more dances, and all performance students.

Payment must be received by Friday 23rd April 2021.

In agreeing to participate in the annual concert, students and parents need to consider the additional studio attendances that will be required. Please consider your availability before committing to concert day.

1. ANNUAL CONCERT

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2021

There will be a matinee (11:30am) <u>AND</u> an early evening performance (6:30pm). Students who wish to be involved in the concert <u>must be able to dance in both shows</u>. Our concert venue is the Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central. This is a wonderful theatre for both our performers and audience with additional dressing room space so that all dancers can be accommodated back stage.

2. COSTUMES AND COSTUME COLLECTION

Costumes are professionally made by a variety of suppliers. Over the weekend of the 17th and 18th of July, all students will be required to attend an allocated measuring time at the studio where they will try on a sample costume and also be measured if necessary. Exact times will be advised in Term 2. An invoice with the balance owing for all costumes (costume cost less the deposit paid) will be issued in Term 3. These invoices must be paid in full by Saturday 7th August 2021. Once costumes are ready, and all monies have been paid in full, costumes will be given out in class. These costumes are yours to keep.

Parents and students will be advised as to which stockings, shoes and hair they will need for their dances prior to the concert. For most classes, this is usually the standard uniform for each dance style.

A finale costume is also required. It is a "make your own" style costume with a colour theme. It can be something from your wardrobe that you already have. Parents do not need to spend money on additional costumes for the finale. The 2021 finale colour theme will be announced in Term 3.

3. COMBINED CONCERT TIMETABLE

2nd OCTOBER to 5th NOVEMBER 2021

In order to make the concert dances as interesting as possible, and to reduce the length of the concert on the day, different year levels are combined each year (for example, Grade 3 and 4 ballet might do a dance together). In Term 4, dancers will be required to attend their own classes, as well as the class(es) they are combined with. Class times for some grades will be adjusted to suit dancer and teacher availability. We try to keep the timetable as close to the current one as possible. This ensures the dances are cohesive. You do not have to pay for any of these additional classes. The combined concert timetable will be issued in Term 3.

4. THEATRE REHEARSAL

SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER 2021

A compulsory theatre rehearsal for all students will be held at the Logan Entertainment Centre two weeks before the concert. This rehearsal is quite involved and students may be required for up to 6 hours. Younger students (Creative Movement, Preparatory and Grade 1s) will be required for a shorter rehearsal time (usually about 3 hours). Further details of times will be advised closer to the date. Regular dance wear is to be worn as costumes are not required (unless specified by your teacher).

5. DRESS REHEARSALS & FINALE FILMING

18th OCTOBER to 23rd OCTOBER 2021

Dress rehearsals will be held in normal class time prior to the concert. Students are to bring the appropriate costumes to class all that week making sure all pieces of the costume are <u>clearly named</u>. Students are not to wear stage makeup or their good stockings however, as we don't want to risk putting holes in them.

During this time, there will also be 10 minutes allocated to film a finale piece which will be edited together to close the show. A timetable for the finale filming will be issued in Term 3.

6. PROFESSIONAL PHOTO WEEKEND

16th & 17th OCTOBER 2021

Professional studio photographs will be taken by Tom Baker. Students may be required for one or both days. The photo shoot consists of individual and group photos and will be held upstairs at the York Street Hall. Full stage make-up, costumes and footwear must be worn. All photos will be available to purchase at the studio when available. A detailed timetable for the shoot will be issued closer to the time. Please note that these photos are separate to the ones available with the DVD photo package.

SDA realises that the concert involves a large time and financial commitment on behalf of all parents and dancers. However, we strive to make the concert as professional, enjoyable and affordable as possible. Please complete the following permission slip **and return it to your teacher no later than Friday 23rd April 2021**.

PERMISSION SLIP

My child will / will not be participating in the 2021 Concerts. (Please circle which one applies)

Dancer's Name: ______Class(es): ______

- In agreeing to participate in the 2021 concert on Saturday 6th November, I agree that my child will perform in <u>both</u> the 11:30am matinee <u>and</u> the 6:30pm evening performance.
- I understand that additional expenses for costumes will be incurred.
- I also agree to commit to the additional rehearsals required of my child in the weeks preceding concert day.
- I do / do not give permission for photographs and videos taken of my child to be used for promotional purposes (such as on the SDA website or in the concert program).

(Please circle which one applies)

If you are aware of any dates listed above that your dancer will not be able to attend, please advise below:

Signed: _____ Date: / / 2021 Please return this slip to your teacher or post to PO Box 29, Camp Hill, 4152 by Friday 23rd April 2021.

In Other News



SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Summer Dance Workshop. It was so great to be back in the studio after the summer holidays. Together we raised \$1700 to donate to Barnardos Australia. Everyone had a great time learning new styles and skills. Already looking forward to next year's event!

TERM 2 ACCOUNTS

Term 2 accounts will be issued this week. Term fees are calculated by dividing the yearly fee into four equal installments. Each term fee is therefore the same regardless of the number of weeks in the term. If you do not receive your invoice via email or post please contact Miss Shilleena ASAP. Unpaid student 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.

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.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please note we do not hold classes on Public Holidays. The public holidays coming up in Term 2 are: All items left at the hall are returned to their owners if they are named. If not, t

Anzac Day – Monday 26th April Labour Day – Monday 4th May

All Term 2 accounts have been adjusted in accordance with no classes being held on these days.

Performance students will have additional rehearsals on both Anzac and Labour Day.

Are you enjoying jazz, and thinking about adding a ballet class?

Maybe you're doing tap, and thinking of adding musical theatre?

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.

So don't leave it until it's too late! Contact Miss Shilleena asap to amend your enrolment.

SECOND HAND SHOES AND CLOTHING

Second hand shoes and clothing are available at the studio. There are ballet, tap, jazz and character shoes, as well as some clothing items such as leotards.

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 2021



29/1/21-1/4/21

March 19 to 25 Parent Watching Week #1

TERM 2 2021 19/4/21-26/6/21

- April 26 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- April 26 Performance Group Eisteddfod Rehearsals
- May 1 to 2 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod (12 & Under Groups)
- May 3 Labour Day & Performance Group Eisteddfod Rehearsals
- May 8 to 9 Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod (Open Groups)
- May 29 to 30 SFD Exam Workshop #1
- June 5 to 6 SFD Exam Workshop #2
- June 12 to 13 SFD Exam Workshop #3
- June 14 to 25 SFD Exams

TERM 3 2021

TERM 1 2021

- 12/7/21-18/9/21
- July 17 to 18 Costume Measuring Weekend
- July 31 to August 1 Beenleigh Eisteddfod Weekend #1
- August 7 to 8 Beenleigh Eisteddfod Weekend #2
- August 11 EKKA Public Holiday
- August EKKA Performances
- September 6 to 11 Parent Watching Week #2

TERM 4 2021

- 2/10/21-4/12/21
- October 2 Combined Concert Timetable commences
- October 4 Queen's Birthday all classes on as per combined concert timetable
- October 16 to 17 Professional Photos
- October 24 Theatre Rehearsal at the LEC
- October 18 to 23 Dress Rehearsals
- October 18 to 23 Finale Filming Week
- November 6 SDA Annual Concerts
- November 8 New Timetable Commences
- November 22 to 27 Bring a Friend Week
- November 27 SDA Breakup Party
- November 29 to December 4 Crazy Costume Week
- November/December Blue Care and Multicap Performances
- December PT Breakup Party

Dance Classes Coorparoo | Class Calendar Shilleena's Dance Academy



NEW DANCEWEAR RANGE

PRODUCT LAUNCH: THIRD LOWER ROOM YORK ST FRIDAY 19th MARCH 4:30-6:30pm SATURDAY 20th MARCH 9:30-11:30am

NEW DANCE WEAR

COME AND TRY ON OUR SAMPLE SIZES

- Elite Crop Top and Compression Leggings (Skins)
- Crop Tops & Hot Pants
- Leggings
- Singlet & Tank Tops
- "Let's Go" Oversize T-shirt
- Dance Bag, Bucket Hat & Socks

SPECIAL LAUNCH DAY OFFERS

Spend \$160 or more at our product launch, and receive a free SDA water bottle valued at \$15.

Spend \$250 or more at our product launch, and receive a free SDA water bottle and pair of socks valued at \$25.

SPECIAL OFFERS ONLY AVAILABLE AT LAUNCH EVENT. ORDERS MUST BE PAID FOR WITHIN 24 HOURS TO RECEIVE SPECIAL OFFER. ORDERS PLACED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE START OF TERM 2.

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