



STEPNOUT

PERFORMING ARTS

Term 3 - Welcome Back!

Lots of information and reminders in this newsletter so please make sure you read it and direct any questions to the office. Please ensure that you take note of all the important dates listed and pencil them straight into your diary.

Welcome to all of our new families who have joined the studio this term. We have started the term off with lots of costume fittings which is always very exciting for everyone! Our 2016 concert photos have been scheduled for the last week of this term in place of classes. Information regarding the process and procedure for that week will be attached in this email.

Don't forget to check the notice boards in the waiting area for up to date information and speaking of that area, if you wait for your children while they are in class, don't forget warm clothes and perhaps a blanket. As mentioned in last terms newsletter, that area does seem to be the coldest part of the studio so better to be rugged up and comfortable while you are waiting!

Students of the Month

Pancake Parlour - OFFICIAL PARTNER

We are thrilled to announce that we have had confirmation over the holidays that "The Pancake Parlour" has kindly donated vouchers that will be presented to all of our Students of the Month starting from July 2016. We are thrilled to have them on board!



If you would like to read more please head to our website



[Charlotte - JULY Preschooler](#)



[Ella - JULY Kids](#)



[Jasmin - JULY Teens](#)

ATOD EXAMS - SUNDAY 17 JULY

Congratulations to everyone who completed their exams on Sunday 17th July. As soon as we have results, certificates and medals we will hand them out in class. The examiner was very pleased with how our children conducted themselves throughout the day. Many thanks to all of our parents and grandparents who had the children ready to go with hair done, correct uniform and checked in at the correct time. We are so proud of you all!

CECCHETTI EXAMS

Some of our Grade 6 Cecchetti students will be sitting their exams on Wednesday 3 August at the Ministry of Dance. They will have an examiner, Ms Roach and a pianist, Mrs Goldman in the room with them. Wishing Angel, Jenna, Mai-Ling and Jessica all the very best.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken between Monday 12th September - Saturday 17th September in lieu of parent watching week. If you are away on holidays or have any queries please advise office staff ASAP. Please click on the link below to see the photo schedule. We will not be taking individual photos this year.

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CONCERT UPDATE

We have been extremely busy with many classes getting fitted for costumes over the past couple of weeks. The process has been going very well and the children have been really excited with seeing what they will be wearing this year. As the term goes on please ensure that unless your child is sick and unable to get out of bed that they try to come to classes and if not participate, at least be there to watch for updates / changes to dances and positioning. As always, we are very appreciative of any assistance offered in relation to costumes. Some need small repairs and others require sequinning. If you have some talent with the needle and thread, please let the office know asap. We are always looking for concert helpers for both the senior and junior concert. If you are available for any for the rehearsal or concert dates, please email or let the office know asap, we have already started collecting names! Our concert isn't successful without all of our amazing parent helpers. Concert Pack information will be emailed and contained in our end of term newsletter.

INVOICES

Term 3 invoices are now overdue. Many thanks to everyone who has finalised their term 3 accounts by the due date. As of the 1 July 2016, unless you have set up a payment plan with us during the first half of this year, all payment plans will only be created that will see your term fees paid by week 5 of the current term; This is now the process for term's 1 - 3.

Term 4 invoices will be emailed week commencing 12 September 2016. This invoice as well as any outstanding payments must be paid by Friday 14 October. Tickets for the Senior Concert go on sale Monday 17 October. Your concert tickets can not be purchased until all fees have been finalised the only exception to this is families who have set up payment plans in the first half of 2016 and are up to date with their payments. Please be advised that sometimes a few days will pass before payments are loaded into our system and until it hits our account tickets will not be allocated or released.

PERFORMANCE PACK

To all of our new families or those joining us again after a break, just clarifying the performance pack and how it will be charged. The performance pack is an annual compulsory payment. It includes insurance payment per child, 1 x annual concert DVD, costumes hire and a disc of class photos taken in Term 3.

The performance pack has been calculated as a yearly fee that we divided into four payments of \$45.00 for 1 child, discounted for 2 or more children. Therefore if you commence with us in term 3, you will be charged for x 3 payments and in term 4 the final payment will be billed. These payments are non - refundable if you choose to leave the studio during the term.

UNIFORM

All Students are required to be in correct school uniform including appropriate footwear in every class. Teachers will be reinforcing this studio policy. Our younger students are watching and looking up to our older teen group, please ensure that you help us to enforce this uniform policy. Dancing uniform will be needed for the finale at the concert so please ensure your child has one first week back for term 3. Children are not to wear their dance shoes outside of the studio. Please ensure that they come to class wearing everyday shoes to ensure the longevity of their dance shoes.

COMPETITION TEAM UPDATE

The competition teams have been extremely busy over the past month. Under 8's competed in their very first competition, which you could imagine everyone was so excited! We also performed at the Williamstown Family Fun Day at the Shed. Thank you to all parents who made the arrangements for your children to perform here and a big thank you to all the organisers for allowing us to perform, the teams did a wonderful job. They have also competed in Victorian Performing Arts Challenge and ATOD competition at the end of last term. We have made a little change to the teams this term, combining Under 10's and 13's to make a bigger and more dynamic team. Good luck to everyone still competing in the Geelong Eisteddfod over the next couple of weeks. And a special well done for all of our soloists for their hard work in their latest competitions!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP - MACKILLOP COLLEGE

We are very excited to announce this term we have entered into a partnership with MacKillop College that will see all of their year 8 students come down to the studio for a 1 hour class at some stage over this term. Their program is requiring them to build a dance routine and each child comes down for a class where they learn the importance of a warm up, safe dance practice, music and timing. They move onto a brief section on steps and combinations and then use them to form a quick routine. The children are leaving the studio happy and prepared for creating their own dance routine back at school and presenting it to their classmates. We are really excited to get some feedback on how the program has been received at MacKillop.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media plays a big part of the Stepnout community. These channels complement our other communication channels. We use social media to keep the community updated, to inspire, promote, attract new students, share news, activities, performances, exams and events. Generally it is used to support and celebrate our students learning. Upon enrolment you agree to allow us to share this material with our community, we endeavour to respect your privacy. If you are concerned or have any queries please advise the office.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO'S

At the end of term 1 we updated our promotional videos. We are thankful to our photographer who came down to get the footage, we will share them with you over the coming weeks but for now here is the teacher clip (minus Chloe and Jocelyn as they both were unable to attend) Just click on the link and take a look

[Teachers Promo Clip 2016](#)

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 3 - Monday 11th July - Saturday 17th September

Term 4 - Monday 3rd October - Saturday 10th December

2016 IMPORTANT DATES

We have confirmed dates for all of our exams and concerts so please ensure that you write them down in your diary and calendars.

Some General Dates

Public Holidays for 2016

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CONCERT IMPORTANT DATES

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[@ | mx ?ZaZMYN](#) Sunday 6 November @ Caroline Chisholm College, Braybrook

[<zyannj ?ZaZMYN](#) Sunday 20 November Werribee Primary School [äPUNK 1Üyuk](#)

[@ | mx † nl VZx](#) Sunday 27 November Caroline Chisholm College, Braybrook- All day 2 shows

[<zyannj † nl VZx](#) Saturday 3 December Destiny Centre, Hoppers Crossing [ÜÜM 1Üyuk](#)

[For a full list of important dates please click on the link below:](#)

[2016 DATES](#)

A FRESH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



We are very excited to partner with farm-fresh.com.au.

Order your weekly fresh fruit and vegetables online and pick it up from factory 8 when you come for class. **The best part is that 50% of net profit will be coming back to us on a weekly basis.** We need at least 30 families to buy their fresh fruit and vegetables on an ongoing basis to make this work.

farm-fresh.com.au understands that each family is unique, which is why they offer families a customised ordering option. Not only will you be getting your fruit and vegetables at incredible prices but be able to enjoy fresh produce sourced from local farmers and the wholesale market. Order the fruit and veg your family enjoys!

Simply go online to www.farm-fresh.com.au, create an account by choosing Stepnout as your group, order your weekly fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs online and pick it up at Factory 8 when you come in for class. Your order must be placed by 11pm x 2 days before your scheduled class. For parents coming in the evening, your boxes will be delivered to the studio to pick up upon arrival at our evening class. Liz and Angela have ordered this week and the quality has been outstanding!

Please support us in this fantastic initiative and register online today.



Many thanks to everyone who voted, congratulated and asked after Elle Murphy (Angela's niece) in her recent performances on The Voice. Elle is back at home working on her song portfolio and about to return to uni to concentrate on her studies. Looking forward to hearing more from Elle in the not too distant future.

MAKEUP CLASSES DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OR SICKNESS

All children are invited to come along to a makeup classes. Make up classes are only available when you pre-advise the office that your child will not be in attendance for a class. You do not have to make up the same level class or style, so check with the office or your timetable for something that is age appropriate. Sometimes a different class opens students eyes to new teachers and variety. Make up classes do not accrue over the year, they must be used within the term a class is missed.

2016 TIMETABLE

MEDICAL AND CUSTODY INFORMATION

Please make sure you have contacted the office with any new medical and custody information that needs to be passed onto the teachers in class.

AFTER HOURS

If you need to contact the studio about your child in class after hours please ring Liz directly on her mobile 0412 017 175.

If you have any further questions please contact us on 9741-6930 or email info@stepnout.com.au

Thanks Liz and Staff