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## Mid-Term Two Newsletter

Half way into Term Two already! Students have continued to thrive and achieve this term in all classes. Students in syllabus classes are preparing for upcoming workshops and exams, while students in non-exam classes are striving for new skills and performance styles. Since our last update, aside from the dancing in class, students have enjoyed fabulous workshops, competitions and parties. As always, we are proud of the dedication our students display in and out of the studio and love to see this hard work paying off. Keep up the great work everyone!

### Achievements

Some of our vocational ballet students attended the RAD Autumn School during the Term One holidays and received some fantastic results: Liz Honourable Mention for Intermediate Foundation, Amelie Most Improved for Intermediate, Amy Honourable Mention for Advanced Foundation & Phoebe Encouragement Award for Advanced Foundation.



Phoebe and Amy jet set to New Zealand during the Term One holidays to compete in the Alana Haines Awards (a prestigious ballet competition). Both girls represented BDA beautifully and had a wonderful time abroad.

Many of our BDA soloists and duos have started competing in various competitions around Melbourne. For some it was their first ever competition and some are seasoned performers. We've already seen some incredible results and the season is only just beginning! Good luck to our competitors for the rest of the season!



Soloists & Duos at Jump Dance Challenge

### Term Two & Three Invoices

Term fees are due 14 days from issue. There are still a few outstanding Term Two fees; if this is you, please make payment ASAP. Late fees apply unless a payment plan has been discussed. Term Three invoices will be issued during the upcoming school holidays.

Fees can be paid using cash, cheque, credit card, and online bank transfer.

Please remember the final deadline to let us know if your child will not be performing in the concert is during the upcoming school holidays BEFORE the start of Term Three.

### Movitae

Movitae groups are in full swing! For those who are yet to sign up, Movitae is an online program to aid your child to practice at home and be in contact with their teacher in a safe and secure environment. Movitae can be used as an app or website. To sign up please visit the website [www.movitae.com](http://www.movitae.com) and use the sign up code BDA468 to join our organization. From there you will be able to join all groups relevant to your child's class/es.



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### Lost Property

Lost property is yet again overflowing. There is a list on the wall at Bay St for all named items. Any unnamed items will be donated to the Red Cross at the end of term.

### Committees

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) is meeting monthly and coming up with some creative new ideas for the school. If your child would like to join please contact the office.

Parent Committee members are dedicated to assisting BDA's continued growth. They are involved with student wellbeing as well as fundraising and event management. If you would like to join this group please contact the office.



### Adult Tap Classes

As well as the **Adult Ballet, Yoga and Pilates** classes that have been running all year, a **Beginner Adult Tap** has commenced this term on **Wednesdays** from **1-1.45pm**.

Our **Adult Dance Fusion** class that runs on **Monday** nights from **8.15pm - 9.15pm** is about to commence the **Tap** section of the term.

These classes teach basic tap steps in a friendly environment – a fun and creative way to keep your body and mind active! If you are interested in joining either of these classes please contact the office. We offer free trials!

### Bon Voyage

A big farewell to Miss Dyanna who is jetting off around the world for the next few months. She will be greatly missed at BDA and we wish her a safe and happy journey. She will be back just in time for the concert and we look forward to having her back.

With her departure, Miss Imogen, Miss Courtney & Miss Natasha will be taking over her classes. We are delighted to have them take on this role leading into exams and the end of year concert. If any teacher or timetable changes affect your child's class, you will be contacted via email.

### Display Classes

During the last 3-4 weeks of term we invite parents, siblings and friends to come and watch BDA classes to see what it's all about! Attached is the schedule to see when your child is having their display class. Unlike at the concert, we are happy for you to take photos and videos during these classes.

### RAD & SFD Exam Dance Showcase

Formally known as the Cushion Concert, this event provides an insight into the progression of the RAD and SFD syllabus as students advance through the levels. This year the event will double as an information night where parents and friends will hear from students and teachers as well as watch them dance. The Exam Dance Showcase (Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>) will be held at St Leonard's Hall with food and drinks available for purchase. Attached is the specific notice with more information regarding this end of term event; please read through and RSVP so we can cater accordingly.



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## Out of Uniform Week

BDA will be hosting an out of uniform dress up week from Monday 5th June - Saturday 10th June. For each day of classes your child wants to come in a dress up or old costume, please bring a gold coin donation to contribute to Miss Laura and Miss Jess' fundraising efforts for Girls From Oz (g-oz). G-oz is a not for profit organisation delivering Performing Arts programs that encompass song, dance and drama to young people in remote Australia. This is not a compulsory activity however please do encourage your child to get into the spirit of it, pull out their old costumes and donate generously for this worthwhile cause! Attached is more information about g-oz and their work.



Students at End of Term One Party

## Dates, dates and more dates!

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Relevant to
Term Two Starts	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	N/A	N/A	All students
ANZAC Day – no classes	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April	N/A	N/A	All students
RAD Exam Dance Day	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Specific to Grade	BDA – Bay St	RAD Grades 1-4 & 8
Living Healthy & Free	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	4.30pm – 5.30pm	BDA – Bay St	Year 8-10 at school
Body Confident Children & Teens	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm – 7.30pm	BDA – Bay St	Parents & Teachers
RAD Exam Dance Day	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Specific to Grade	BDA – Bay St	RAD Grades 5 & 6
SFD Masterclass	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Specific to Level	Danceworld	SFD Level 3-10
South Eastern Regional Workshop	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Specific to Grade	Cranbourne Leisure Complex	Grade 2, 4, 5, 6 Ballet
Ballet Teachers Workshop Round 1 C&D	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Timetable emailed	VCASS	Selected ballet students
Ballet Teachers Workshop Round 1 A&B	Sunday 4th June	Timetable emailed	VCASS	Selected ballet students
Ballet Teachers Workshop Semi-Finals C&D	Sunday 4th June	Timetable emailed	VCASS	Semi-finalists



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Vocational Exam Orientation	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Specific to grade	Danceworld	RAD Vocational June exam students
RAD Vocational Exams Session 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Timetable emailed	Danceworld	RAD Vocational June exam students
Queen's Birthday – no classes	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	N/A	N/A	All students
Term Two Ends	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	N/A	N/A	All students
SFD Technical Scholarship Class	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	SFD will advise upon entry	Whitehorse Performing Arts Centre	Entered soloists/duos
RAD & SFD Exam Dance Showcase	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	5.30pm – 7.30pm	St Leonard's Church Hall	RAD Grade 1+ SFD Level 1 - 10
RAD Presentation Exam	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	TBA	BDA – Bay St	RAD Pre-Primary Ballet
SFD Competition	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Timetable emailed	Whitehorse Performing Arts Centre	Soloists/Duos
RAD Winter Workshop	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Specific to Grade	234 St. Kilda Road, Southbank	RAD Grade 1-8 exam students
RAD Winter Workshop	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Specific to Grade	234 St. Kilda Road, Southbank	RAD Inter Found & Inter exam students
Term Three Starts	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	N/A	N/A	All students
SFD Jazz Exam Rehearsal	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> OR 30 <sup>th</sup> July - TBA	TBA	BDA – Bay St	SFD Level 2-10
SFD Jazz Progress Exams	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Morning – schedule TBA	BDA – Bay St	SFD Level 4-7
RAD Ballet Exam Rehearsal	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Afternoon – schedule TBA	BDA – Bay St	August RAD Exam students
RAD Ballet Exam Rehearsal	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA	BDA – Bay St	August RAD Exam students
Ballet Teachers Workshop Finals A,B,C,D	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Timetable emailed	Darbin Arts Centre	Finalists
SFD Jazz Graded Exams	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA from SFD	BDA – Bay St	SFD Level 6-10
SFD Jazz Graded Exams	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA from SFD	BDA – Bay St	SFD Level 2-5
RAD Ballet Exam REQUESTED Dates	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	TBA from RAD	BDA – Bay St	RAD Grade 1 – Adv 2 exam students
Love Your Body Week	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> – 9th	N/A	N/A	Everyone!
RAD Audrey Nicholls Award day	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Specific to Grade	TBA	RAD Grade 1 -5
BDA Student Choreography Competition & BDA Competition Troupe, Soloist & Duo Showcase	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Arrive 6.30pm Show starts 6.45pm	Phoenix Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choreography Competition: Open to all students</li> <li>Display: Troupes, soloists &amp; duos</li> </ul>





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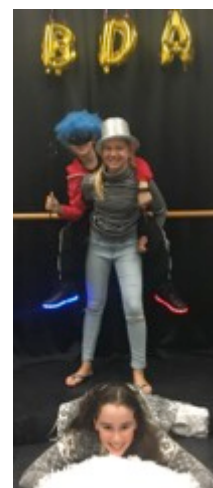
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Term Three Ends	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	N/A	N/A	All students
RAD Spring School	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Times specific to class attending	Danceworld	October Vocational Ballet exam students
Term Four Starts	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October	N/A	N/A	All students
SFD Student Choreography Competition	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	SFD TBA	South Oakleigh College	All students
RAD Vocational Exams Session 3	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Specific to Grade	Danceworld	RAD Vocational Exam students
Melbourne Cup Day – no classes	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	N/A	N/A	All students
RAD Kathleen Gorham Award Day	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Specific to Grade	TBA	RAD Grade 6 – Advanced 2 students
Concert Rehearsal & Photo Day	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Specific to age group - TBA	Phoenix Theatre	All students
Concert Dress Rehearsal	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	According to concert running order - TBA	Phoenix Theatre	All students
Concert 1	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4pm - 8pm - TBC	Phoenix Theatre	Likely to be Inter, Bronze, Pre-Senior & Silvers - TBC
Concert 2	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	5pm - 9pm - TBC	Phoenix Theatre	Likely to be an exact repeat of above concert - TBC
Concert 3	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9am - 1pm - TBC	Phoenix Theatre	Likely to be Kinder, Pre-Junior & Seniors - TBC
Concert 4	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – 5pm - TBC	Phoenix Theatre	Likely to be Juniors & Seniors – TBC
Term Four End	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	N/A	N/A	All students



Photobooth pictures from End of Term One Party