

Hi Pre-Junior Families,

Term 4 is our concert term and there is a lot to look forward to with costumes arriving and routines being practiced. The following email contains a lot of important information so please read it carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Classes Involved

Kinders

- Kinder Jazz & Musical Theatre - Tuesday 4:00-4:30pm with Miss Laura
- Kinder Ballet A - Friday 2:15-2:45pm with Miss Eloise
- Kinder Ballet B - Saturday 9:15-9:45am with Miss Bridget

Pre-Juniors

- Pre-Primary Ballet - Monday 4:00-4:45pm with Miss Natasha
- Primary Ballet A - Wednesday 4:00-4:45pm with Miss Eloise
- Pre-Junior Musical Theatre - Thursday 4:00-4:45pm with Miss Laura
- Primary Ballet B - Friday 4:15-5:00pm with Miss Eloise
- Pre-Junior Jazz - Saturday 9:45-10:30am with Miss Bridget
- Pre-Junior Acrobatics - Saturday 10:30am-11:15am with Miss Jacqui

Troupes

- Junior Lyrical Troupe
- Senior Contemporary Troupe
- Senior Lyrical Troupe

Concert Date

The concert date for the Pre-Juniors is **Sunday 18th November**, as published from the start of the year. All students will be required at the theatre from their sign-in time until 12.30pm. This time includes a rehearsal and two performances. We will have BDA staff members and students looking after your dancers for the duration of this time; with activities set-up to keep them entertained. Please pack a water bottle and non-messy snack.

Two performances

We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to bring extended friends and family to the show, to accommodate this we will be repeating the performance. We are thrilled that after all their hard work the students will get two chances to perform.

Tickets

Tickets for the concert will be \$25 for adults, \$15 for child/concessions and \$10 for children under 10. Tickets for the show will go on sale on **Monday 15th October at**

9am. Tickets will be sold through TryBooking and you will be sent a link to purchase the tickets before they go on sale. For the first two weeks, tickets will be limited to **6 tickets per family across both performances** to ensure that all dancers have someone in the audience. From the 29th of October, any remaining tickets will be available to anyone wishing to purchase more. ***Please note that your child must perform in both concerts and that pick up and drop off times are the same for all children regardless of the performance you are coming to watch.***

Backstage Volunteers

As you can imagine there is a lot of excitement on concert day and a lot of little bodies to look after. We always appreciate anyone who is willing to help out backstage. If you would like to volunteer, please email us by Friday 9th November with the show/s you would like to help out with. Adult helpers will need a valid Working with Children Check, these are free for volunteers and easy to obtain. We are happy to assist you with the process. Due to safety, please note that only parents who have signed up to volunteer by the due date will be allowed backstage. Furthermore, parent helpers will only be permitted to backstage for the show they are assisting with.

Signing In and Out on the Day

Please respect the sign in times allocated to your child as this will help the process run smoothly. Please see the attached document, for you child/ren's specific sign-in time. If your child is in more than one class, please arrive at the earliest sign in time. Between the concerts, parents will not be permitted backstage unless they are a pre-arranged parent volunteer. After the second concert, we ask that only parent/guardian per family picks up their dancer/s to make signing out as efficient as possible.

Hair and Make-Up

All students will be required to be in their concert costume on arrival with hair and make up done. For boys no make-up is required. For girls please apply blush, red lipstick, brown eyeshadow and black mascara (if possible)*. All girls will be required to have a classical ballet bun (no donuts) for all dances. Boys' hair should be neatly off the face. If you are not confident in your ability to do classic ballet bun, we will be holding a How To Workshop on the 4th November. More details will be announced closer to the date.

*Please note that stage make-up should be applied more heavily than regular make-up.

Photo Day

Photo day will be held at the Bay St studios on the 30th November and 1st December. Although photo day is optional, if you would like professional photos of your child in their costume, this will be the only opportunity as no photos will be taken during the performance. Your child must come for their allocated time slot if they wish to have a photo and will not be able to join another group.

Students should attend with their hair styled as per the concert requirements, no makeup required. Tights & shoes should also be worn as per concert requirements.

Photos will be taken in our main studio upstairs. The bathroom & meeting room downstairs will be available for students to change in. If your child is performing in more than one dance, an adult must stay to assist in changing costumes and head pieces as staff will not be available to assist with this.

Students should practise their poses before coming to the photo day to maximise their individual time in front of the camera. Students will practise some poses in their lesson after their concert so they are prepared.

Classes will run on Friday & Saturday as normal so students may need to go between photos & classes, while some photos will be during class time. Please study the schedule carefully to know how and when to prepare your children for photos & classes.

Concert DVD

The concert will be filmed by Costello and available for purchase. We should be receiving order forms in the coming weeks and will let you know once they have arrived. **DVDs cost \$45.**

If you also have a child performing in our senior concert, you can get both the Pre-Junior and Senior DVD for the \$45.

We can't wait to show you what the children have been working on this year. Enjoy the break and we will see you back for the start of an exciting Term 4 from the 8th October.