

End of Term 1 Newsletter.

25/3/2020

Dear Parents and Students.

Who would have thought that the world we live in could be turned upside down so quickly. Firstly I would just like to say a big thank you to the parents who have been so supportive to us, from giving up their time to experiment with Zoom to coming in and disinfecting the surfaces of the studio (thank you Penny) to the teachers who have gone beyond their normal duty to provide advice and classes online for the students Aroha nui.

As many of you will be in lock down from tonight the studio is preparing for distance learning. We are committed to providing the students with continued dance classes in a different form. This will be through DVD or streamed video. Weekly challenges in the form of task setting certain syllabus exercises and testing through Zoom meetings, and fun video learning lessons set by our teachers.

As you are probably aware the official School Holidays start Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and finish April 14<sup>th</sup>. Anticipating that the internet will become super busy and may have disruptions, the studio would like to keep on line distance learning and Zoom tuition going until April 9<sup>th</sup> end date of our official Term) and then we will be encouraging all students to keep up their learning using the dvd's provided and music you have downloaded from links we provide.

The studio will be giving you the Links to Vimeo which will have your class video work uploaded and DVD levels for Jazz, Tap, Grade 7 and 8 ballet and Hip Hop tutorials from Miss Charlotte and Miss Jenny.

These are taking time for me to upload but superfast to view for our students. The links are private and I ask you to be mindful that no links are shared or that you breach copywrite conditions.

The link will be e mailed out to induvial classes ASAP along with the Zoom meeting appointments. For Zoom meetings. **Our personal ID (PMI)number you log into is 821 555 8789**Parents please download the Zoom app Its Free and looks like this. You should get an invite from me



The invite should come up on your phone on the day of the meeting. We will be limiting these chats to around 10-15 minutes once a week.

### Zoom lesson chats timetable. Anna McBride to co ordinate Cell 027 579 1064

Class Tap	Date and Time
Tap level 6B Anna contacts students re ID	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 3.15-3.45
no	PMI 930905662
Tap 7 A	PMI 867717375 3.45- 4.15pm
Tap 8	4.15pm -5pm PMI 285629420
Tap 6 A	5-5.45 meeting ID PMI 594 362 474
Tap 9 & solo( 6.30-7.15) PMI 557 483 186	5.45-6.30pm PMI 886442158

# Zoom lesson chats timetable. Sian Palmer Cell 027 312 4333 ( PMI no 520 221 7576 )

Class Contemporary	Date and Time
Cont 3	Friday 27th & Thursday 9th April 4pm
Cont 4	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 4.15pm
Cont 5	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm
Cont solo	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 4.45pm
Cont 6	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 5pm
Primary Ballet	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and April the 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 3.45pm

# Zoom lesson chats timetable. Miss Madden to co ordinate Cell 021 121 4653 PMI 821 555 8789

Class	Date and Time
Grade Pre Primary	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 4pm
Grade 4	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 4.15pm
Intermediate Ballet	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 4.45pm
Intermediate Jazz	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 5.00pm
Advanced 2 Jazz	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 5.30pm
Solo Jazz	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 5.45pm

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Class	Date and Time
Hip Hop Level 1	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm
Grade 3 Jazz	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 4.15pm
Grade 4 Jazz	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5.00pm
Grade 5Jazz	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5.15pm
Grade Pre EleJazz	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5.30pm
Grade EleJazz	Tuesday 31st & April 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 6.00pm

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Class	Date and Time
Jazz Grade 1	Wednesday 1st & 8th April @ 4pm
Ballet Grade 1	Wednesday 1st & 8th April @ 4.30pm
Ballet Ind Fnd	Wednesday 1st & 8th April @ 5pm
Ballet Intermediate	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April @ 5.30pm
Ballet Adv 1/8	Wednesday 1st & 8 <sup>th</sup> April @ 6.15pm

### Zoom lesson chats timetable. Miss Madden to co ordinate Cell 021 121 4653

Class	Date and Time
Ballet Grade 2 Yr 1	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 3.45pm
Ballet Grade 2 Yr 2	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 4.pm
Jazz Grade 2	Thursday 2nd & April 8th @ 4.15pm

Ballet Grade 3	Thursday 2nd & April 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 4.45pm
Contemporary Level 1	Thursday 2nd & April 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 5.15pm
Ballet Advanced 2	Thursday 2nd & April 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 6.00pm

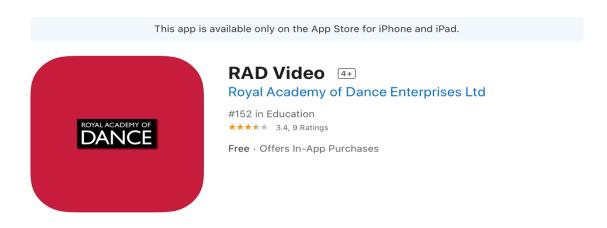


Vimeo icon looks like this. Your link to the work will be emailed out to you in grades that do not have dvds and cds already.

#### **RAD Ballet Work.**

We strongly recommend all parents download the official RAD App. The app is free to download but will cost you to buy. It's a fabulous tool and better than a DVD. Pre Primary and Primary \$39.99 NZ. Grades 1-5 cost \$ 27.99 NZ . Intermediate Fnd – Adv 2 \$34.99NZ. The link looks like this. You can purchase through I tunes.

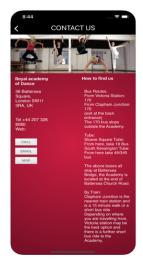
If all else fails you can u tube the work but this is not ideal and the app we totally recommend.













### **NZAMD Exams:**

Exams are important to goal set for students, a way to strive, teach commitment and stickability and accountability. Exams are teaching life skills and an excellent way to teach students to focus and achieve. They are also a way for a future employer to gage what has this candidate got over the other candidates I have to choose from? Having years of dance study shows an employer you are committed, usually very well groomed, have manners and deportment and dancers are usually one of the first to get chosen for after school jobs and when they seek full or part time employment.

So having said all that .... The scheduled NZAMD May exams will be postponed to end of June perhaps July /Aug depending on return to normality.

NZAMD Entries that were to close on April 24<sup>th</sup> will be extended. On going talks with NZAMD will take place and I will e mail out shortly a table of Fees and due dates.

Seniors taking higher levels in NZAMD Examinations could see a reduction of exercises required for Examination purposes but this is all non official at this stage.

#### Term fees

Thank you to all our parents who have paid their term fees in full. Without your commitment and support we could not exist. We will be offering extra exam practice lessons in the weekends leading up to any exam sessions. These we have always offered for free.

As we may miss our yearly NZAMD Seminar week, we are thinking hard how to get the time valued lessons in for this year. Well update you on this at the end of the lockdown period, but a possible weekend could be Queens Birthday weekend, at this stage.

Term 2 fees are due on May the 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be offering the discount on fees till June the 15<sup>th</sup> in view of the current Govt lockdown. If dates for return change we will review this. For parents with reduced income as myself, we offer payment instalments which can be divided weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Please let us know if you would like this option.

# **Spring Pantomime**

Peter Pan is scheduled for October 17-20<sup>th</sup> as per outline.

We are delighted and committed to hopefully see this go ahead. It will be a real focus for us this year.

Finally we wish you all the best for the extended Holiday season and if you need help or advice on anything please feel free to contact me through my e mail <a href="mailto:dancer@wise.net">dancer@wise.net</a> .nz

A wave from us through Zoom.

'Did you hear that John Travolta was tested for Covid 19 It turned out all he had was Saturday Night Fever ©'

