



DANCEMAKERS NEWSLETTER

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...and September brings us toward the end of another wonderful term! What an exciting term it has been!



Thank you as always for your ongoing support. As you may know we have **now finalised our enrolments for 2015**, with an impressive waiting list for the new year – well done everyone! It is great to see Dancemakers so prominent on the Ballarat dance radar after such a short time.

DATES FOR DIARY

6th September: concert forms / costume payment due

19th September: Merchandise order placed

19th September: last day of classes

5th October: term 4 classes resume

12th October: CONCERT TICKETS GO ON SALE! All tickets are purchased ONLINE

15th November: Photo day at the studio

22nd November: studio rehearsal

7th / 8th November: leads / performance ensemble rehearsal

5th December: REHEARSAL @ FOUNDERS THEATRE

6th December: CONCERT @ FOUNDERS THEATRE

DRINK FRIDGE

You would have noticed a drinks fridge in the waiting room – at this point this works on honesty.

There is a jar on the top shelf – please place your \$\$ in there.

For littlies that can't reach – please see teacher on class change over.

PARKING

Please be considerate when parking your car. When the car park is full, please continue driving past the entrance to car park and park to the right side of the road / tear drop.

Thank you.



6 March 2015

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

to those that sat their **Australian Dance Vision Assessments**.

I am very pleased to announce that **Dancemakers** once again received **100% pass rate**.

Well done to all of you, I am so very proud of how far you have come this year. Results / Reports / Certificates can be expected proximately 6 weeks after assessment dates.

CONCERT commitment

By now everyone should have received their concert / costume invoice. These were due 6th September – if you didn't return before the due date and hope for your child to participate in the concert, please call office urgently.

NEW PRICING FOR MERCHANDISE

Please visit www.dancemakers.com.au to see the *new reduced pricing* for our merchandise and to down load your order form. I will be placing the next merchandise order on September 19th.

CONCERT HELPERS

We need all kind of help for the up coming production of Willy Wonka!

Sewing, Gluing, Cutting, Dressing, Supervising, Ticketing, Back stage... and little odd bits here and there.

If you can help for the theatre rehearsal **and** concert day - awesome!!!! 5th and 6th of December. I would suggest this option for those parents of younger students or students that may have a little anxiety. If you are not registered, you will not be allowed back stage – there is no limits as to how many hands we have back stage – but we will only be allowing those registered prior back stage. **Please place your name on list in the waiting room.**

CLASS FINISHING TIMES

Can I please ask that parents make every effort **collect children their children on time**. Particularly when they are part of the last class for the day / evening. It is one thing for me to be late getting home, but another for my staff. Teachers will charge Dancemakers for the additional time spent at the studio and this cost will be forwarded on to the students. This past week alone we staff have spent an additional 2.75 hrs after hour.

We understand that sometimes life makes us run 5-10 mins late – but please call the studio to let us know.



6 March 2015



You would have seen our Shorter brothers display in the waiting room at the studio – please show your support by purchasing a blue wrist band or blue shoe laces ☺ Pop your money in a labeled envelope in our safety deposit box. There is also a cash tin for those of you generous enough to donate.

About the Shorter Brothers:

Leigh and Belinda (Phelps) Shorter are the parents of four amazing children, three boys and one girl.

Max born July 2009, William December 2010, Hudson April 2013 and Sofia January 2015, all born healthy beautiful babies.

At no time could they have been ready to receive the news they did in December 2013. They were told Max then 4 and William then 3 had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) a progressive neuromuscular disease that destroys muscle tissue and with a life expectancy of boys living into their twenties.

Their lives were changed beyond comprehension. Everything they had dreamed of for their boys had changed forever. Then just 18 months later, April 2015 they were told Hudson also had DMD. Their hearts breaking for their boys and what they will have to endure.

DMD is a rapidly progressive form of Muscular Dystrophy a genetic disorder usually diagnosed in early childhood. It is caused by the lack of dystrophin, a protein in the muscle tissue. It almost exclusively affects boys, causing them to be wheelchair bound from 8-12 years and leaves them fighting for their lives by their late teens early twenties. The implications for families living with a boy with DMD let alone three boys are devastating resulting in multiple losses of all kinds on many different levels.

With your help we would love to raise much needed funds for a family holiday of a lifetime while Max, William and Hudson are still mobile, and also to cope with the ongoing costs of raising three beautiful boys with DMD so they can fulfil their dreams to achieve the best of life for the time they have.

The Shorter Brothers...

show your support for local family



WAITING ROOM GAMES AND PRIZES!!!!

Win a PINK POODLE!

One of our gorgeous grandparents have donated a gorgeous, enormous pink poodle for us to raffle at Dancemakers, in order to assist with production costs. Guess how many lollies are in the jar for your chance to win the POODLE! .50c a guess ☺



TICKETS TO 2015 production of WILLY WONKA!

As always – we will raffle off premium tickets to our end of year production. Raffle tickets will be given to students before the holidays with the winner being drawn on the 11th of October!



IMAGINE FAVOURITES TERM THREE TRACKS

- Who can stamp? – Piccolo Music
- Patacake Polka – Kids Music Company
- The Little Raindrop – Suzie Davies-Splitter & Phil Splitter.



DANCE MAGIC FAVOURITE TERM THREE TRACKS

(found on itunes)

- Fairy Ballet – The Fairies.
- The Queensland Back. Step – The Bushwackers.
- Freeze Dance – Kids Party DJ's.



WHAT'S IN YOUR DANCE BAG?

I am loving the culture that has engulfed our studio as our principal artists spend more hours together at the studio – this has inspired me to share some survey results...

Survey results:

- ✦ hair pins
- ✦ safety pins
- ✦ hair bands
- ✦ brush
- ✦ Warm up gear
- ✦ Dance Uniform / Clothes
- ✦ Dance Shoes for all styles
- ✦ toe pads
- ✦ Bandaids
- ✦ sports tape
- ✦ muscle rub
- ✦ instant ice pack
- ✦ tissues/Baby Wipes
- ✦ deodorant
- ✦ Note book
- ✦ Hand Towel
- ✦ Lip Balm
- ✦ Therra band
- ✦ Pen
- ✦ Water

Food for thought!

High protein / simple raw veggies are a great way to get energy fast before the next rehearsal.

Always keep 1 extra leotard and 1 extra tights in your bag. This is for days you forget (or your best friend forgets).

STUDENT OF FOCUS

Meet Imogen Kors

I am very proud of our students at Dancemakers - so proud that I will be featuring students of focus with each Dancemakers News addition to share.

Imogen Kors is a dedicated student of Dancemakers. She has truly excelled this year and continues to do so. Imogen completed her Level 2 ballet assessment this month and has represented Dancemakers as a soloist in several regional competitions - the growth of this young dancer is phenomenal and her approach to her personal goals and discipline is far beyond her years. You will all enjoy watching Imogen as she performs the role of 'Charlie' in our production of Willy Wonka. A wonderful role model for our younger students.

Imogen was awarded with a scholarship in Lyrical/Contemporary Dance this year.

Here are the interview answers for our student -

How long have you been dancing for?

Dancing since I was 3.

What classes do you do at Dancemakers?

Ballet, Lyrical / Contemporary and Music Theatre?

What do you love the most about dancing?

I love everything, I love being on stage, dancing makes me feel happy. I love the music, dancing with my friends, learning new skills/tricks and being part of an awesome dance school

What are you hoping to achieve this year?

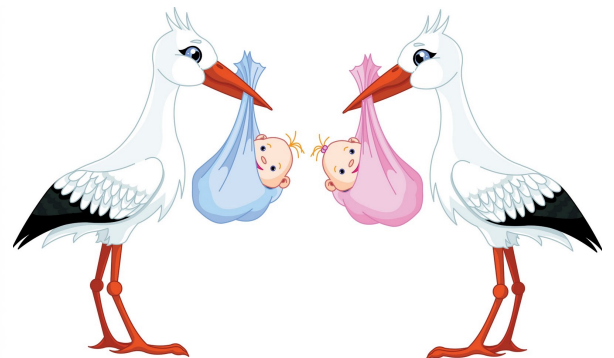
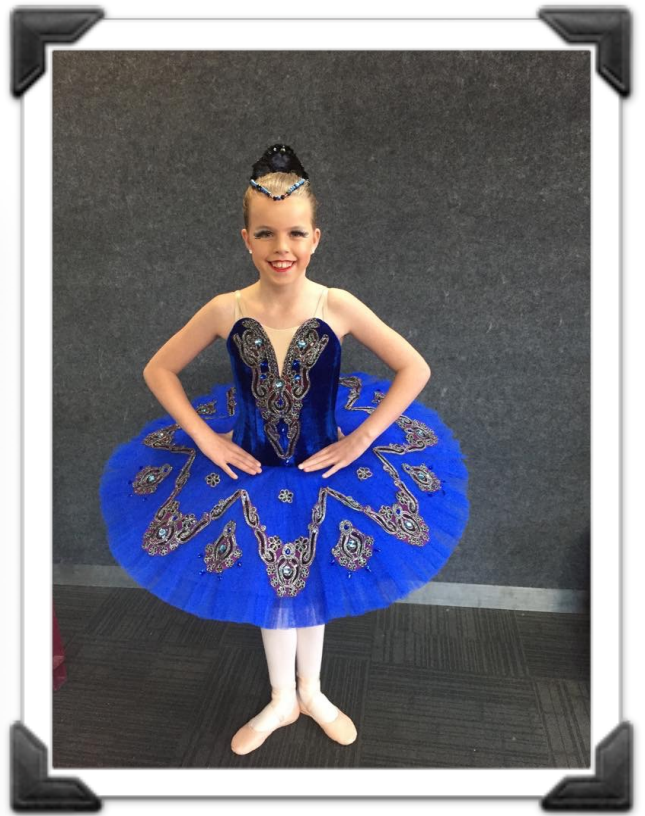
This year I want to excel in the role of Charlie and remember all the choreography. To get a good result from the ballet exam and to keep improving my ballet solo.

What do you hope to achieve in the future?

To be on Broadway

Interests:

Dance dance dance.....craft and netball.



Baby Lavery

Not long until baby Lavery arrives!... and no one is more excited than Miss Kylie!

Classes will continue to run with some fabulous instructors filling in while Kylie is away.

Thanks to Mackenzie Pinder, Laura Kors, Alyce Saunders, Jasmin Robinson, Kate Lewis, Amber Coleman and Jane Walsh.

I will be updating our staff profiles , so please swing by our website to see how clever these ladies are! Our students are in great hands and I am so pleased and grateful for this smooth transition.