

Welcome to Term 2!... We hope you are well rested & ready for another exciting term of dancing!

Please read the newsletter & put any dates of note into the diary! Don't forget to also pass this onto the students to read so they too know what is going on at the Studio this term....

During The Holidays:

- **Studio Upgrades:** We are so excited to have new Dance Floors in Studio 1 and 3, and Studio 2 to be upgraded soon also. As well as this, Studio 3 now has new barres and mirrors installed. We can't wait to see you all dancing in these fabulous updated spaces!
- **Teachers:** Although there were no classes over the break, there has still been plenty happening in the Studio! The start of this year's show are beginning to take shape, with more details coming soon that we are looking forward to sharing with you. Miss Kim attended the RNZB Professional Development course, and most exciting – we had new Harlequin dance floors laid in Studio 1 & 3 (with Studio 2 to be completed at a later stage) and barres and mirrors installed in the new Studio also. We can't wait to get dancing on the new floor and in the finished 3rd Studio finally!!
- **Phoenix Dance Weekend:** Another contingent of dancers (past & present) and parents are heading up to Palmerston North this year for Phoenix this weekend. We are excited for all the students attending but in particular the first timers to experience this awesome weekend away. Those attending don't forget to bring along your L.O.D dance gear so we can make our presence felt.

Term 2 Dates & Class Times: This term runs from Monday 30 April - Saturday 7 July. There will be no classes on Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June but there will be regular Saturday classes on that holiday weekend Saturday 2 June. Those of you affected by the Monday closure will have a make-up class scheduled or would have received a reduction on the term fees.

Studio Hire: With more availability on the timetable, we are happy to hire out the studio spaces to students wanting to practice for exams. During studio hours hireage for Studio students is \$10 per hour. Spaces are also available for hire outside of normal hours, but normal hireage will apply (\$30 per hour).

Ready, Set, Dance: Our pre-school combo class is continuing to do well with several classes on the timetable, both during the weekday & weekend mornings, and we are looking to start a mid-week pre-school pick up class too. If you know any little ones who love to move n groove, please spread the word! We have a great new referral promo currently running, where any RSD student who brings a friend to enrol for the term will get a FREE Twirl backpack © We also have flyers and posters that we would love to roll out in central locations around the city. If your workplace or somewhere you know might be happy to house some of these for us, please let us know!

Mondays at Hataitai: Our junior classes are still running in Hataitai on Monday afternoons. If you or anyone you know is interested, please get in touch. A pre-school pick up Magical Movement baby ballet class is also scheduled for 2pm. We have some Hataitai specific flyers available that we would love to include in local businesses/community noticeboards in the Hataitai, Kilbirnie, Roseneath areas – if you can help us get them seen we would love your support!

L.O.D Long Sleeved Tops for Class Wear: We have in stock long sleeved tops for the younger students that are suitable to wear in class. Youth sizes 6, 8 & 10; Price \$35.00. These can be ordered through your account, and picked up from the office.

General Studio Info:

IMPORTANT DATES...

Term 2 Dates All Venues:	Mon 30 April– Sat 7 July
Term 2 fees due:	Fri 4 May
Queens Birthday (Studio closed):	Monday 4 June
Production Studio Rehearsals:	Sun 25 Nov & Sund 2 Dec
Production '18 Theatre rehearsals:	Thurs 6 & Fri 7 December
Production '18 Shows:	Sat 8- Sun 9 December

Dates to Remember

(please retain for future reference)

2018 Term Dates:

T1: Mon 5 Feb – Sat 14 April
T2: Mon 30 April - Sat 7 July
T3: Mon 23 July - Sat 29Sept
T4: Mon 15 Oct - Sun 9 Dec

Public Holidays:

Waitangi Day: 6 Feb
Easter Weekend: 30 Mar/2 Apr

Exam Holiday Programs:

July Hols:

Jazz Exam School:

2nd week: 16- 20 July incl.

Ballet Grade Exam School:

2nd week: 16 – 20 July incl.

Tap Exam School:

2nd week: 16 - 20 July incl.

Phoenix Dance Workshop:

April 28th & 29th last weekend of the holidays)

NZSD Winter School:

9 – 13 July

Exam Dates:

Jazz Exams: Term 3

Entry Closing Date: TBC

Adv Jazz/Tap Exams: Term 3 dates & closing dates TBC

Ballet Exams:

Vocational Levels (Voc)

May Voc: 9 – 12 May approx.

Closing Date: 1 March

Sept Voc: 28 Aug - 9 Sep

Closing Date: 5 June

Graded Exams: Term 3

17 – 28 Sept 2018 approx

Closing Date: 14 June

End of Year Production:

Te Whaea Theatre

Sunday Rehearsals: 25 Nov & 2 Dec

Thursday Rehearsals: 6 Dec

Friday Dress Rehearsal: 7 Dec

Performances: 2 shows each

day Sat 8 / Sun 9 Dec

Studio Allocations	Uniform & Hair:	Student Pick-up & Parking:	Fees:	Class absences:
<p>Now that we have a full dance floor, barres and mirrors in Studio 3, we will be able to rotate all classes between all three Studios with greater ease. Tap will continue to be held in Studio 2 or 3 only, and now that we have barres in</p>	<p>WINTER LAYERS: In the winter months, please remember to layer up with an L.O.D long sleeved top, a crossover or a close fitting, plain coloured polyprop (no stripes). NO sweatshirts allowed.</p> <p>HAIR: Must be tidy for class. Either a ponytail for Jazz/Tap/Contemp or junior ballet (up to Gr 1) or a bun for all ballet levels.</p>	<p>With the darker winter months, please collect ALL students inside the Studio, rather than waiting downstairs or outside. There is limited parking on the left hand side of Broomhedge St. Please mind the business allocated parks during work hours, as they do reserve the right to tow anyone in their spaces. There are usually spaces on Adelaide Rd (check clearway times) or on adjacent streets.</p>	<p>Please check your account for any fees still outstanding. The last day for payment is: Fri 4 May. N.B Internet payments are preferred. Any payments made after this date will incur a 10% admin fee. Full details of our payment methods are available on the website.</p>	<p>Please text us if your child is going to be absent from class.</p> <p>Marina: 027 242 9319 Natalie: 021 532 216 Milvia: 027 468 0150 Fiona: 021 181 4015 Kim: 021 102 6122 Gabby: 027 321 4111 Dani: 027 275 5535 Emma: 022 047 7484 Georgia: 027 217 3340</p>

WOW Auditions: WOW are holding auditions on 20th May at 9am at Te Whaea. They are looking for male and female child models (ages 10-13yrs) and female child actors. If anyone is interested in auditioning or would like more information, please come and chat to the teachers.

Adult Classes: We are looking forward to a brand-new season of Adult classes this coming Term!

Our adult medley classes are continuing again this term, **every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm**. We are excited to be continuing our "therapeutic Thursdays" with a mix of Pilates and Yoga once again - a perfect way to wind down the week. Tuesdays kick off with lyrical Jazz with Fiona, followed by Commercial Jazz with Emma. The vote is still out on our final block - if you have anything in particular you'd really love to see back let us know!! These all look set to work up a good sweat and have you leaving warmed up and ready to beat Autumn chill. Check out the full schedule [here](#).

Our regular Adult Ballet class is still running every Monday, 8.30pm, and is a mix of Intermediate level open work, with a fun little mix of Classical repertoire to get your teeth stuck into too :)

We are still gauging interest for our Wednesday DanceFit midday lunchtime class - a complete body workout fusing ballet barre, allegro with toning and conditioning, and the perfect little lunchtime workout!! Please get in touch for more info, or express your interest by enrolling through your account.

Movitae: All students should now be signed up on Movitae and if you have not done so please complete sign-up before term starts through <https://movitae.com> (if you are unsure of the code, please check in with your teacher). We will be continuing to pass on valuable videos and other items for students to extend their dance class beyond the Studio!

Production 2017 Video Download Ready on Movitae: We would like to take a moment to thank you all for your patience in delivering the 2017 Tribute Show to you. We are hopeful this will be ready to be loaded and downloadable on Movitae soon, and will send you an email with steps on how to download in due course.

Infinite Monkey Photos: It's not too late to order photos of the production from Infinite Monkeys website <http://infinitemonkeys.co.nz/>. Don't miss out on getting this special keep sake of your child's performance.

Website, Facebook & Instagram: All Studio info can be found on the website, & it is regularly updated, so please check it out if there is anything you have a query about. Be sure to keep an eye on our website calendar: <http://www.loddance.co.nz/dates/>. All our important studio dates to remember can be found here, and there is the option to export any events straight to your google or icalendar! Equally, 'like' our Facebook page to stay informed about all Studio info, as well as shows/articles/links or anything dance related that we think will be of interest to you. We also have an Instagram account, please follow us for fun shots of the studio in action and any general studio updates.

 *Here's to a great term of Dancing!* 
Marina, Natalie & the L.O.D Staff