

Welcome to Term 4... We hope your holidays are going well. This is just a short newsletter from us with a few important updates regarding this term and some exciting news on dance opportunities coming up over the summer break and into 2018....!!!!!!

Phew, what a term!...

- **Congratulations!...** To everyone who completed exams throughout Term 3. It was a hugely busy term, kicking off with Jazz Exams, followed by Tap Exams, Vocational Ballet Exams, Graded Ballet Exams and finished off with the Advanced Jazz Exams.
- **Ready, Set Dance!...** LOD hosted the national Ready, Set Dance conference at the end of term, with some of the Australian tutors and programme directors coming along to inspire us with new choreography and ideas for the new year. Most excitingly, Ready, Set Dance is launching on Nickelodeon Jnr in Australia at the beginning of 2019, with NZ being the next country to follow suit later on in the year! This will be such a fun way for pre-schoolers to know all the RSD dance moves in class 😊
- **Teachers:** Miss Natalie completed her 200hr Yoga Teacher training and has been taking some of our seniors for some yoga for dancers' classes as part of their dance conditioning programme. Miss Dani has completed her Polestar Pilates Mat training and is now a certified Mat instructor. We look forward to her continued work with our dance conditioning programmes at all levels. Later on this term, some of our teachers who are graduating from the Te Auaha Commercial Dance Diploma will be performing in the Graduation season. This includes Miss Emma, Miss Shenna, Miss Kellie and our newest hip hop teacher, Miss Beth, who we welcomed on board during Term 3, and our previous Hip Hop teacher Miss Geo. We will let you know further details about the show times as we are sure many of you would love to be there to support them all with us 😊
- **L.O.D Live!:** Well done to Miss Dani, who many of you might have recently seen performing in WOW over the past few weeks. It was an amazing show, and such a fantastic experience. Congratulations to Patrick McCrory who successfully auditioned to perform with the RNZB as a child extra in their upcoming performance of the Nutcracker. We can't wait to see you on stage!

Some Important Information for Term 4:

- **Term 4 Invoices:** You should all have received your Term 4 Invoices via email. Please ensure that this is paid by the due date of 20 October. Many thanks to those who have already put payment through.
- **End of Year Performance:** As you all now know, the end of year show theme this year is "EARTH, WIND & FIRE". Some classes have already begun their pieces and everyone else will be joining them come the new term. All of our classes will be participating aside from Ready, Set, Dance, who will have their own showcase on the Sunday afternoon prior to the Sunday matinee performance. As per last year, our Magical Movement, Pre-Primary/Let's Dance, Primary and Grade 1, & Intro 2 levels will only be performing on **ONE DAY** as follows:
Saturday matinee & evening: Magical Movement & Primary
Sunday matinee & evening: Pre-Primary/Let's Dance & Grade 1. Intro 2

Ready Set Dancers will have their own showcase prior to the Sunday matinee performance (9 Dec)

Full information will be available on the website shortly – we will let you know when it is live!

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 29 Sept
T4: Mon 15 Oct - Sun 9 Dec

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



What's New / What's Coming Up....

- **Term 4 Timetable:** Most classes will be remaining at the same time for their rehearsals for Production. A few senior classes have been grouped together to learn big ensemble items – all students affected have already been notified and enrolled in the new time option, which makes it viewable in your portal, but if you have any questions about the Term 4 timetable, please email us.
- **LOD Merchandise:** Many of you have been asking about LOD gear for upcoming Xmas gifts – a great idea! All LOD gear can be ordered via the portal. Please feel free to pop into the staffroom to check in about sizes/options.
- **Jump Back into it Holiday Program:** We are looking to offer a Summer Holiday programme – if you are interested, please let us know! We will be doing a range of classes, including Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre and conditioning and it will be open to Grade 5 Ballet/Ele 1 Jazz/Junior
- **2018 Enrolment:** We are in the process of finalising the 2019 timetable. We will announce it when it goes live on the website via email and social media soon. Please email us your **re-enrolment by November 1st** to secure your place & you will go in the draw to win your first term's fee free!! (up to the value of \$100).
- **New Fee Structure 2019:** We will be looking to introduce a new fee structure in 2019. This will include an increase in fees, our first since 2011. Once the structure has been formalised we will let you know.

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

