



Welcome 2019!

T1 Inspirational Quote: "A dream written down with a date is a goal, a goal broken down into steps is a plan, a plan backed by action becomes reality" ~ Greg S Reid

Happy new year!... a very warm welcome to all our new students and your families, and welcome back to everyone returning to their 2019 dancing year. We are really excited about everything this year has in store for us, & can't wait to share it with you.

The L.O.D Dancing Year... For those of you who are new to the Studio, here's a brief run down for the year ahead: Our Ballet, Jazz and Tap students take exams in the 2nd half of the year whilst Contemporary students have an informal internal assessment mid-year. This is a wonderful way for students to focus and set goals, and gain a real sense of achievement from their efforts and new found skills. From there, we then turn our focus to the Production - a true highlight of the dancing year for all at the Studio! All students are expected to participate in both. Our Hip Hop & Commercial Dance classes have a more relaxed approach, where the focus is on trying different styles and learning new choreography. These classes won't have formal assessments but will of course get to join in the show.

Teachers... This year, alongside Miss Natalie and Miss Marina we continue to have Miss Milvia, Miss Fiona, Miss Emma, Miss Gabby, Miss Kim & our 2 Miss Beths! Miss Shenna will continue to assist with Miss Marina in our Senior Jazz, as well as take some of our Commercial classes. We have to say a very sad farewell to Miss Dani, who has moved to Auckland, and is currently dancing at SkyCity Casino as well as continuing with her Pilates teaching and training. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Over the holidays...

- **LOD Summer School 2019:** Our students had a wonderful time at our first full length Summer Holiday Programme. Alongside Miss Beth & Miss Fiona, we were fortunate enough to have Ellie Shea join the teaching team for this, and we wish her all the best as she joins the Classical teaching faculty at Ettingshausens in Sydney this year.
- **Studio Clean Up:** We have done our annual spring clean in preparation for the new year. Look out for some new artwork in the reception as well as in Studio 3!
- **Timetable changes...** Some of our classes have had slightly altered times from the original draft times printed last year. Please check the website for the latest updates.

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES...

Term 1 Dates All Venues:	Mon 11 Feb – Sat 13 Apr
Term 1 fees due:	Fri 15 Feb
Buy & Sell Day:	Sat 16 Feb
Footnote Masterclass:	Sat 9 March
Vocational Ballet Holiday Classes:	Mon 22 – Fri 26 Apr
Phoenix Weekend:	Last Wkend T1 Hols: 27 & 28 Apr
Production '19 Studio rehearsals:	Sun 24 Nov & Sun 1 Dec
Production '19 Theatre rehearsals:	Thurs 5 & Fri 6 Dec
Production '19 Shows:	Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec

Term Fees... As you will have seen in our previous email, we have restructured our fees this year. The new fees can be found on the website. As it is the first term of the new structure there are a small number of people for whom we need to manually load adjustments so the correct fees are charged. For some of you, this happened after you paid, so if this is the case, your updated balances will appear on your ledger. If the balance is a credit these will rollover to Term 2 fees. Balance details can be viewed in your portal via the Financial History Menu Option.

Movitae... We are really happy to be continuing our partnership with Movitae, and has been a fantastic way for students to "take their dance classes home". Every students enrolled at LOD Dance Studios should create their own account. If you haven't already done so, please go to www.movitae.com & email us or check the noticeboard for the Sign-Up code. The annual account fee has been included this year with your registration fee.

Dates to Remember

(please retain for future reference)

2019 Term Dates:

T1: Mon 11 Feb – Sat 13 April
T2: Mon 29 April - Sat 8 July
T3: Mon 22 July - Sat 28 Sept
T4: Mon 14 Oct - Sun 8 Dec

Holiday Programs:

April Hols:

Ballet Vocational Exam School:
2nd week: 22-26 April incl.

Phoenix Dance Workshop:

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

July Hols:

Jazz/Ballet/Tap Exam School:
2nd week: 16- 20 July incl.

NZSD Winter School:

9 – 13 July

Exam Dates:

Jazz Exams: Term 3
Entry Closing Date: Fri 31 May

Adv Jazz/Tap Exams: Term 3
Entry Closing dates Fri 14 June

Ballet Exams:

Vocational Levels (Voc)
May Voc: 8 – 11 May approx.
Closing Date: 28 Feb

Sept Voc: 27 Aug - 8 Sep approx
Closing Date: 13 June

Graded Exams: Term 3
16 – 27 Sept 28 approx
Closing Date: 14 June

End of Year Production:

Te Whaea Theatre
Sunday Rehearsals: 24 Nov & 1 Dec
Thursday Rehearsals: 5 Dec
Friday Dress Rehearsal: 6 Dec
Performances: 2 shows each
day Sat 7 / Sun 8 Dec

LOD Uniform... Please refer to the website to make sure all your uniform is current and correct for the new level of your child. Some levels will be going into new uniforms.

- **GRADE 1 BALLET:** students move from pink into burgundy leotard & will now also need a character skirt & shoes (low heeled).
- **GRADE 3 BALLET:** students may now wear the Cuban heeled character shoes.
- **DANCE SHORTS & LOD SINGLETs:** We keep stock of these items for tap, contemporary, commercial & hip hop, and are available for order through your portal.
- **NAVY LEOTARDS/BLACK BOOTLEGS:** Some stock is available for order through the portal, otherwise we will be doing an order, which you can do at the Buy & Sell (or email us if you can't attend).
- **LET'S DANCE COMBO CLASS:** We have some stock available through the portal, and will do another order also at the Buy and Sell. (again, please email us if you can't attend).

A reminder too, particularly in these warmer months, that students should remember to wear deodorant to class (As a rule of thumb this applies to all students 10+). Jazz Students can wear dance shorts. Bring a bottle of water to class.

Graded Ballet Exams... After the success of last year's Graded Ballet Exams at the end of Term 3, we will continue to run our Ballet year in this way. This means the Graded Ballet holiday programme will be held together with the Jazz and Tap in week 2 of the July School Holidays.

Production 2019... We have dates for the end of year show this year. It will be Friday 6, Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 Dec (end of week 8). We are in the theatre with rehearsals from Thursday 5 Dec with 2 Sunday rehearsals at the Studio preceding that Sunday 24 Nov & 1 Dec.

Production 2018... Thank you again to everyone for your help in making the 2018 Production such a success, and a big thank you as always to Infinite Monkeys & Stellar Studios for their continued support of the Studio.

Photos: You should have already received the link to order your snapshots of the show from Infinite Monkeys (please let us know if you haven't and we can re-send it). Don't miss out on getting this special keep sake of your child's performance.

Online Video Download: The online video download is now available through Movitae! To access it, login to your Movitae account, then navigate to "Programs" from your homepage, scroll to the bottom and you will see the option to download the Production video. For past students, who no longer have a Movitae subscription, please email us and we can provide a temporary Guest Login for you.

Private Lessons and Studio Hire... With a little more flexibility in the timetable, we can offer more availability for both private lessons and personal studio hire. Private lessons are \$35 per 1/2hr, \$45 per 3/4hr or \$70 per hr, with discounted rate for multiple bookings. Students can hire a Studio for \$10 per hour during studio opening times, or \$30 outside of business hours.

Allergies... In all our classes we have children who suffer from food allergies, (nuts, eggs, wheat, Kiwifruit to name a few) so please just a gentle reminder to take this into consideration when packing after school snacks.

LOD Term 1 Events:

- **2nd Hand Uniform Buy & Sell Day on Sat 16 February 9am - 11.00am.** We will continue the very successful Buy & Sell day for "near new" 2nd hand uniform. We will be collecting gear during the first week of classes so please bring anything you wish to sell to your first class. We are happy for your child to wear appropriate non-uniform gear during these weeks if you are wishing to check out the buy/sell before purchasing uniform. Apologies to the Saturday parents as you will need to bring any gear into the Studio before your first day of classes.

What To Do If You Are Selling: PLACE EACH ITEM IN A SEPARATE PLASTIC BAG WITH YOUR NAME & THE SIZE ON IT. We will price all gear, & anything that doesn't sell we will pass back to the owners after the sale. You are then welcome to list anything in the buy & sell folder in the reception area. We charge a handling fee of \$5 per item sold. Please note we will only take goods that are of good quality, and not overly worn or faded.

What To Do If You Are Buying: Come along with your child on **Sat 16 Feb (wk 1 of term) 9am – 11am PLEASE BRING CASH.** As a general guideline, prices will range from \$10 for smaller items to \$40 for larger items. We will also have some LOD gear available for purchase, and will be fitting any students who wish to order a navy leotard. The LOD gear available for purchase, includes: Singlets, dance shorts/bootlegs, long sleeve tops & hoodies.

- **Phoenix Dance Weekend...** The weekend is run by AJDA in Palmerston North & is scheduled this year for April 27th & 28th (the last weekend of the April school holidays). The weekend is a challenging but hugely inspirational time, where students are taught by international tutors in a variety of dance disciplines. We will be organising a group to travel up to attend this fantastic weekend (min age 9yrs - open to both jazz and ballet students). More info will follow soon and you will be able to enrol via the portal at that time. But if you are interested please let Miss Marina or Miss Natalie know.
- **Choreography Showcase ...** Unfortunately, we will be unable to continue our wonderful annual Choreography Showcase this year. Our usual theatre we hire, Whitireia, is out of commission now Te Auaha has moved into its final permanent location, and the hireage of other venues is cost prohibitive for the event. We will continue to look for alternative venues
- **Fringe Festival Performance: Lost Property...** Miss Gabby will be performing in a Fringe Festival work, that she has created and directed with her collaborative dance theatre team: Table Torque. We are so excited to see her creative work come to life, and know it will be a wonderful show, and especially inspiring for our senior contemporary students. If you are interested, please check out this link: <https://bats.co.nz/whats-on/lost-property/>
- **Contemporary Masterclass with Footnote Dance Company...** We are so excited to be offering a Masterclass with Footnote Dance Company, as part of their current Production, Hemispheres, which will be touring in Wellington at Te Papa Theatre the first weekend of March. The masterclasses are open to all LOD students, and there will be 2 class levels: Junior (ages 10-13 yrs) and Senior (ages 14+yrs), and will be held on March 9, 2019. The cost is \$10. We will also be organising a group booking to the show (which is free) over the first weekend of March. This is such a wonderful opportunity, so please email us if you are interested in participating.
- **RNZB Dance Education Events...** The Royal New Zealand Ballet will be offering a number of fantastic events for dance students this term. Of particular interest are the open classes, which are open to classical students from approx. Garde 3 level and above. For full details please go to: <http://rnzb.org.nz/education/for-dancers-3/open-classes/> – book quickly to avoid disappointment!

LOD in the community:

- **Giving Back...** We are really grateful to all our LOD families and the commitment they have to the studio & we are always looking at ways we can give back to our local communities and create networks with other local businesses. If you know of any way we can support your local school or business, whether it be giveaways/gifts for fundraisers, private auctions, fairs or demonstrations at your school or kindy please let us know!
- **Community Notice Board...** You will see our community noticeboard is finally up! It can be found in the hallway by the front door to reception. If you would like to promote local businesses, fairs or other events, please feel free to utilise this space but please ask us first. In return we would love to be able to have a mention in your School, Kindy, Childcare Centre newsletter or a flyer on their noticeboard, or your work noticeboard.
- **Facebook & Google Reviews/Testimonials...** We are really grateful that our greatest number of new enrolments comes from referrals and word of mouth, and thank you all for your positive feedback both to us and in the community. These testimonials speak volumes to potential new families – if anyone would feel comfortable reviewing us on Facebook or Google we would really value your contributions! As a thank you, we will be running a competition for a limited edition LOD dance bag. Anyone who posts a review on either site will automatically go in the draw!
- **Stay Up To Date:** We will regularly update the website, Facebook and Instagram with any studio info. Like or follow us to ensure you stay up to date, and 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!

General Studio Info:

Studios	Dressing Rooms & Toilets:	Parking:	Fees:	Class absences:
We have 3 studios, and classes alternate between them. Parents may view their child's class from the viewing window in Studio 1 or 3. To preserve the dance floor, all tap classes are held in Studio 2.	We have boys & girls dressing rooms off reception. Toilets are communal with the other tenants, so we ask that students refrain from changing in them. We do have some toys kept in the boys dressing room, to entertain younger ones. Please be sure to tidy them away after you leave.	There is limited parking on the left hand side of Broomhedge St. Please mind the business allocated parks, as they do reserve the right to tow anyone in their spaces. There are usually spaces on Adelaide Rd (but check the clearways) or on adjacent streets.	Invoices will be sent out via email over the last week of Jan. The last day for payment is: Fri 15 February. 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.	Please text if your child is going to be absent from class. See Portal class info for correct teacher: Marina: 027 242 9319 Natalie: 021 532 216 Milvia: 027 468 0150 Fiona: 021 181 4015 Kim: 021 102 6122 Gabby: 027 321 4111 Emma: 022 047 7484 Beth E: 027 476 4774 Beth S: 0277471728 (


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