

Welcome to Term 3.... What a busy time it has been! We have been dancing our way through the holidays and are now ready for the big term of exams ahead! 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:

- **Holiday Programme:** We were thrilled at how well the Studio Exam Holiday Programme went during the second week of the holidays. With classes running all day in three studios from Tuesday – Saturday, we had lots of dancers making wonderful progress in preparation for the upcoming Jazz, Tap & Ballet Exams. For a full run down of all the exam dates throughout the term please see further down.
- **Teachers:** This term will see a few changes across the teaching board. Miss Beth is currently on placement in Palmerston North, but she will be taking our Saturday classes instead. We wish her well in Palmy, and we are grateful she will remain part to our teaching faculty outside of her current study. Miss Milvia will be travelling for the majority of the term. As well as Miss Beth, Miss Kim & Miss Natalie will take on her other classes. We wish her all the best on her travels, and look forward to her return at the end of Term 3. Miss Gabby will also be away for 5 weeks throughout Term 3. As well as another intensive in Perth with Hofesh Shechter Company, she will be travelling to the UK for further trainings, before returning at the end of term. We wish her much luck for her dancing, and look forward to being inspired by the fruits of her trainings in classes.

Term 3 Dates: This term runs from Monday 22 July – Saturday 28 September. There are no Public Holidays this term, but there will be alterations to the timetables when Exams are being held. We will be sending out info for each rescheduling in due course. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding over these times.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Term 3 Dates All Venues:	Mon 22 July – Sat 28 September
Studio Jazz Exams:	Tues 20 & Wed 21 August
Vocational Ballet Exams:	Thurs 29 August
Adv Jazz Exams:	Wed 11 September
Production Studio Rehearsals:	Sun 25 November & Sun 2 December
Production '19 Theatre rehearsals:	Thurs 5 & Fri 6 December
Production '19 Shows:	Sat 7- Sun 8 December

T3 Dates to Remember

(please retain for future reference)

2019 Term Dates:

T1: Mon 11 Feb – Sat 13 April

T2: Mon 29 April - Sat 6 July

T3: Mon 22 July - Sat 28 Sept

T4: Mon 14 Oct - Sun 8 Dec

Exam Dates:

Jazz Exams: Aug 20/21.

Vocational Ballet Exams: Aug 29

Adv Jazz Exams: Sept 11

Tap Exams: Sept. Date TBC

**Graded Ballet Exams: Sept.
Date: TBC**

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**

Private Lessons: Due to increasing demand for Private lessons, we will be streamlining private lesson scheduling & availability.

- **No private lessons Week 1 of July Holidays:** With such a busy holiday programme, and a huge workload for our teachers, both that week and then ongoing through Term 3 (& then Term 4!) we will be unable to take private lessons in the first week of the holidays. We need to allow our teachers time to rest & prepare and ensure their wellbeing over the busy period. As such, the Studio will be **fully** closed the first week of the winter break.
- **Private lesson scheduling & availability:** We have asked the teachers to provide us with days / times that they are available for private lessons during the term. These timeslots can be booked in advance. Please contact us to find out when these are.
- **Priority booking:** If we are unable to meet the demand for private lessons, then preference will be given to students who have full term attendance first. Please note for next year If students are looking to have private lessons because they cannot attend the holiday programme, these will only be done during the teacher slots (as mentioned above) and must be booked during Term 2.
- **No private lessons the week prior to exams:** because of the increased number of classes and mock exams, coupled with the general preparation required for exams sessions, we will be unable to offer private lessons the week prior to any exam session. So please get in early to request privates if you want them.

Studio Hire: The Studios are still open for hire, and this is a great opportunity to do some self-study in the Studio in the lead up to exams. If you are interested, please email us to secure a spot. Please note extra lessons and privates take priority so bookings may be subject to change. 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).

Exams: This term is busy with exams! Jazz exams are confirmed for **Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 August**. There will be some alterations to classes over this period, and those of you affected will receive an email soon. Vocational Ballet Exams are 29 August, and Advanced Jazz Exams are set to be Wednesday 11 September. Tap and Ballet exams will be later in the term, and once dates have been confirmed you will be notified.

Production 2019: Let the Games Begin! We are so excited about our 2019 Production: "Games". We are well underway in the planning stages, and it is shaping up to be another interesting and imaginative show. As always, we would love any offers for help with costumes and sewing of any kind. If you think you might be able to help in some way, please either see us in the staffroom, or send us an email.

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:

Studio Allocations	Uniform & Hair:	Student Pick-up & Parking:	Fees:	Class absences:
<p>In the lead up to the Jazz Exams, Jazz classes will be held in Studio 1.</p> <p>Tap classes will primarily be in Studio 2, as this is their exam studio.</p> <p>Ballet classes will be primarily in Studio 2 after Jazz exams in the lead up to their exams.</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>There are usually spaces on Adelaide Rd (check clearway times) or on adjacent streets.</p>	<p>Fees were due on July 12.</p> <p>Thank-you to everyone who has paid the fees, and we appreciate your support with the new payment terms.</p> <p>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 Emma: 022 047 7484 Beth E: 027 476 4774 Beth S: 027 747 1728 Shenna: 022 025 7116</p>

Adult Classes: This term along we have on offer the Young Adult Class and an Open Adult Jazz class; Monday evenings 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Our Adult Ballet class is still continuing on Monday evenings 8.30-9.30pm. Also a 3 week Pilates block on Thursdays 7.30 – 8.30pm weeks 1-3. If you are interested in any of these please email us.

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 a selection of what's been covered in class for reference when practising at home. If you have issues with your password or login details, please use the "forgot my password" function on the site, or contact Movitae directly – they are really helpful, and unfortunately, we do not hold any account information for anyone's login. If you need the sign up code, please check the noticeboard in reception.

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