

Welcome to Term 2!... We hope you have had a relaxing break and are excited as we are to get back into the Studio. This newsletter should contain everything you need to know to get started in this new Term. Please put the **Dates to Remember** 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:

- **Vocational Holiday Programme:** During week 2 of the holidays our Vocational students continue to work hard in preparation for their upcoming exams in Week 2 of Term. Good luck to everyone sitting!

Term 2 Dates & Class Times:

- **Term Dates are:** Monday 3 May - Saturday 10 July. There will be no classes on Queen's Birthday Monday 7 June but there will be regular Saturday classes on that holiday weekend Saturday 5 June. Those of you affected by the Monday closure will have a make-up class scheduled or will note a credit on your portal.

Holiday Programmes, Studio Hire & Private Lessons:

- **July Holiday Programme:** We will be running our July Holiday Programme as usual in the second week of the July holidays. As well as Exam Ballet, Jazz and Tap classes, our Commercial performance students will also have classes to rehearse for their upcoming competition. A full timetable will be out soon to make sure you can organise your holidays accordingly.
- **Studio Hire:** Hiring the Studio is a wonderful way for students to reinforce their learning. WE offer a special rate for current students who wish to hire within Studio opening hours of \$10 p/h. Spaces are also available for hire outside of normal hours, but normal hireage will apply (\$30 per hour).
- **Private Lessons:** Please note we are unable to offer Private lessons during week 1 of the July holidays. If anyone is interested in booking a private lesson, please get in touch via email as soon as possible.
- **October Holiday Programme:** We are considering offering a performance-based holiday programme for our primary school students in week 2 of the October break? We can only go ahead with enough numbers, so if you would be interested, please let us know A.S.A.P. We will confirm by week 4 of Term, with more details of what the programme will entail.

L.O.D Uniform:

- **L.O.D Regulation Uniform:** Please take a moment to check the uniform requirements for your child's classes on the [website](http://www.loddance.co.nz). It is part of dance etiquette to be correctly attired in class, and we feel strongly that this then helps to reiterate the same pride in their dancing. This also includes hair being tied back appropriately, and jewellery to be taken off before coming into the Studio. We have recently sourced new LOD Singlets and Racerbacks and will be placing an order early in Term 2 for those that do not have one or wish to have the new style. Teachers will size students in the relevant classes, and we will contact you before we place the order.
- **L.O.D Winter Gear Order:** In anticipation of the cooler months, we will be placing an order for L.O.D Long-sleeved tops, which can be worn in class, and L.O.D Hoodies, which are the perfect warm layer to come to and from the Studio in. We will be placing the order on **Sunday 9 May** (end of week 1). If you wish to try on a size, please ask a teacher before your class. If you wish to order, please email us with your choices before 9 May.
- **READY, SET DANCE Official Uniform:** We are really excited to be offering the official uniform for our Ready, Set Dance pre-school programme. Some of you will have already ordered your gear. For those of you new to the programme we will be in touch when we place our next order.

Dates to Remember:

(please retain for future reference)

2021 Term Dates:

T1: Tues 9 Feb – Sat 17 April
T2: Tues 3 May - Sat 10 July
T3: Mon 26 July - Sat 2 Oct
T4: Mon 18 Oct - Sun 5 Dec

Holiday Programmes:

July Hols:
Jazz/Ballet/Tap Exam School:
2nd week: 19- 23 July

NZSD Winter School:
12 – 16 July

Exam Dates:

Jazz Exams: Term 3
Entry Closing Date: Mon 27 May

Adv Jazz/Tap Exams: Term 3 Entry
Closing Date: Fri 25 June

Ballet Exams:

Sept Voc: 28 Aug – 5 Sept approx.
Closing Date: 11 July

Graded Exams: Term 3
6 Sep – 1 Oct (approx. TBC)
Closing Date: 3 June

End of Year Production: Te Whaea Theatre - Dates Update

Studio Rehearsals
Costume Fitting Day: date tbc
Sunday Rehearsals: 21 & 28 Nov

Theatre Dates
Thursday Rehearsals: 2 Dec
Friday Dress Rehearsal: 3 Dec
Performances: Sat 4 & Sun 5 Dec

Welcome to Term 2 2021!

T2 Inspirational Quote:

"To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful. This is power, it is glory on earth & it is yours for the taking" ~ Agnes de Mille

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE...

Term 2 Dates All Venues:	Monday 3 May – Saturday 10 July
Term 2 fees due:	Friday 23 April
Queens' Birthday (Studio closed):	Monday 7 June
Production Studio Rehearsals:	Costume Fitting Day (date tbc); Sunday 21 & 28 November
Production '21 Theatre rehearsals:	Thursday 2 & Friday 3 December
Production '21 Shows:	Sat 4 December Matinee 2pm (Evening 6pm tbc) Sun 5 December Matinee 2pm & Evening 6pm

All things Studio Term 2:

- **Commercial Performance Troupe:** This year we are so excited to have created our senior commercial performance troupe. The students first performance was at the Charity Auction Fundraiser event for Youthline Wellington, and we were so proud of their efforts. The students are now rehearsing for their first Competition in Term 3.
- **Exams 2021:** With Term 3 being our primary exam season, exam entries will be coming out during Term 2. Kicking off exam season are our AJDA Jazz Exams, and entries forms will be coming out early Term 2. It is expected that all students learning exam work will sit the exam. If you do have a question or concern about your child, please discuss with Miss Marina or Miss Natalie as soon as possible and before exam entries are due. Although our contemporary & hip-hop students do not have external examinations, they will also have informal assessments in Term 3. Our commercial students will be working towards their performances in-house and/or competitions instead of examinations.
- **Parking on Broomhedge St:** A reminder that during business hours (9am – 5pm), the allocated parking must not be used to drop off or pick up children, or to park in. Please either park on Adelaide Rd (being mindful of the clearways), on an adjacent side street or on the left side of the street if there is free unallocated parking space only. Outside of business hours, parking is free for anyone to use.
- **Pre-School Classes:** Our pre-school programmes are continuing to be popular, with 3 RSD classes currently running & 2 Magical Movement options. We are also running a **Term 2 special: Free Trial for any pre-school class!** If you know of anyone who might be interested in giving one of our pre-school classes a try, please get them to email us at info@loddance.co.nz
- **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. We have a Magical Movement class scheduled 2.15pm, which finishes just in time for school pick up! As well as this, we have junior level Ballet and Jazz classes running. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please tell them to get in touch, or email us.
- **Production 2020 Video:** Thanks so much for your patience in getting this out to you. It always takes a little longer with the editing process, as well as getting it formatted & uploaded for your free access via Movitae. However we are happy that it is now live. To access, please login to your Movitae account, go to the Programs menu & then scroll to the bottom – Enjoy!
- **Production 2021:** Planning is underway for our End of Year Production – if you are able to help with costumes and sewing we would love to hear from you! **Please note the weekend of the Production has changed - see above 'Important Dates at a Glance' & 'Dates to Remember' for Updated Production Dates.**
- **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!
- **Website, Social Media Channels & Testimonials:** All general 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. Equally, 'like' our Social Media channels to stay informed about all things Studio related. One of the primary ways new families hear about us is through word of mouth & we are really grateful for your ongoing positive support of the Studio in this way. We would love you to leave a Google or Facebook review of our Studio as this is also really valuable. To say thanks – anyone who does this will go into the draw to win an L.O.D Sports Bag! (To be drawn May 30)

Giving Back in the Community:

- **Local performances:** We so enjoyed being able to support the Youthline charity event and would love to be able to continue to give back to our local communities. If anyone is looking for a performance for a fair or fundraiser please get in touch.
- **Dance Demos at your Kindy or School:** We love sharing our Love of Dance with local centres, and this year already we have really enjoyed meeting some of the tamariki at Newtown Kindy & Miramar North Kindy and, are soon to share our dancing with Piko Piko Clyde Quay Kindergarten, Hataitai Kindergarten as well as Barnados Wellington. If your centre, Kindergarten or school would like us to give a free dance demo, please get in touch!
- **Flyers and Posters:** we have some posters and flyers that we would love to spread throughout local communities – if you know of anywhere that might be able to house some if these for us, please let us know.

General Studio Info:

Studio Allocations	Uniform & Hair:	Student Pick-up & Parking:	Fees:	Class absences:
Classes will rotate between all three studios, with the exception of Tap & Hip Hop, which will continue to be held in Studio 2 or 3 only.	<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. 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 23 April</p> <p>N.B Internet payments are preferred.</p> <p>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 if your child is going to be absent from class. See Portal class info for correct teacher:</p> <p>Marina: 027 242 9319 Natalie: 021 532 216 Milvia: 027 468 0150 Kim: 021 102 6122 Beth S: 027 747 1728 Tayla: 027 845 1649 Dani: 027 275 5535 Megan: 021 104 4014 Stella: 021 071 2468</p>



*Here's to a great term
of Dancing!*

Marina, Natalie & the L.O.D Staff

