



Diary 2009	<p>☆ Dear parents and students Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting last week. I think everyone was very impressed with the lovely costumes for the concert. We greatly appreciate the coordination of Karryn McFadyen and the costume making skills of Brenda Alley, April Moylan, Lynette Lyall, Michelle Power, Crystal Meyers, Jenny Coburn & Jenny Webster. Please carefully read all the information compiled for you. It has all been carefully put together by Miss Walton-Mahon, Tracey Kelty and Karryn McFadyen for your benefit. If anything is not clear to you please phone the office.</p>
Term 4 19 Oct. – 11 Dec.	
9 – 12 November Assessments	<p>☆ Costumes You will receive and invoice shortly from the Rose Walton Memorial Fund for your concert costumes. All costumes must be paid for prior to the dress rehearsal, payments to be made into the 'pink box' in the foyer by cheque or cash.</p>
13 – 15 November Mid Term Break	
Sunday 6 December Full Dress Rehearsal & Photo Day	<p>☆ Dress Rehearsal & Photo Days – Sunday 6th & Wednesday 9th December Light street make up only is required for these rehearsals with students from Grade 5 upwards wearing false eyelashes. Full stage make-up will be required for all theatre rehearsals.</p>
Monday 7th December No Classes	<p>☆ Concert Tickets Tickets for the concert went on sale on 31st October. I suggest that you get your tickets before the publicity commences soon. Anyone who would like a large poster to place up at a business, school etc can collect one from our office. We also have postcard size to be handed out. Please see Christine or Jenna if you would like some of these.</p>
Tuesday 8th December 'Alice in Wonderland' Rehearsal - studio	<p>☆ Backstage Pass Apart from staff, only Grade Reps will be permitted backstage at both the theatre rehearsals and performance. All have had 'working with children' checks and will be wearing badges.</p>
Wednesday 9th Dec 'Seven Deadly Sins' Concert Photos	
Thursday 10th Dec. 'Alice in Wonderland' Rehearsal – studio	<p>☆ Concert DVDs The DVD for the concert will be available early next year. Diploma students are to phone and check availability late February 2010.</p>
11 December Dress Rehearsal – Civic Theatre	<p>☆ Rehearsal Attendance I cannot stress enough how important attendance and punctuality are at concert rehearsals. Every time a student comes in late or is missing it sets the choreography back.</p>
12 December End of Year Concert Civic Theatre	<p>☆ Youth America Grand Prix – New York Congratulations to Henrietta Ellice-Flint, Daniel Roberge, Melanie Smith, Olivia Heyworth, Simon Jones and Rhys Kosakowski who have been invited to perform at the YAGP competition 2010. The Youth America Grand Prix is an annual international competition held in New York for young dancers. In previous years we have had students in the final and made several valuable contacts from the experience.</p>
13 December NCD Graduation	
14 & 15 December RAD Bursary	<p>☆ Donations of Chairs Needed Any donations of wooden chairs to be painted and used in the concert for 'Elite Syncopations' would be greatly appreciated.</p>
18 – 22 January Summer School	<p>☆ Mid Term Break <i>Reminder:</i> Monday 16th November is your Mid-Term break. Classes will conclude at 2.30pm on Friday 13th November – all students are to stay for this Friday afternoon rehearsal. Important: all students return on Tuesday 17th November with motivation to finish all concert work. Remember to check the timetable.</p>
<i>All information is correct, to our knowledge, at time of printing. Please check the studio timetable & notice boards regularly.</i>	

★Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the NCD raffle:

Hamper winner – Jane Evans

Mixed Lolly Jar – Hannah Humphris

Jelly Beans Jar – Jamie Anderson

Prizes can be collected from the office.

★Summer School

Enrolments for the Summer School will close on 23rd November. This workshop is a wonderful way to prepare your body and mind for a new year of dance after the long Summer break. This year's guest teacher is Lisa Bolte, former principal dancer with the Australian Ballet Company. An interview with Miss Bolte can be seen in the latest copy of 'Dance Train' magazine.

★Prix de Lausanne

Congratulations to NCD student, Danielle Muir who is the only student training in Australia to be invited to attend this year's Prix de Lausanne. However, due to her acceptance into the Royal Ballet School for 2010, she has decided to decline the offer.

★Jasmin Dwyer recently sent me this email on her experiences with Washington Ballet:

"... We have just finished a run of Don Quixote, staged by Anna-Marie Holmes. It was a lot of fun, such an exciting ballet. We had a guest from the National Ballet of Cuba, Viengsay Valdes performing with us. Her balances were incredible! Rather than repeating the attitude section in the pas deux several times along the diagonal, she did it once and then balanced for the rest of the music in attitude. Of course there's always a little drama; unfortunately one of our Kitri's was injured at the last minute. Jade had learned Kitri originally as an understudy, but due to the numerous other parts that she was actually performing she hadn't rehearsed Kitri for weeks. A few hours of rehearsal with a new partner and she was onstage performing amazingly. Meanwhile, the girl who then had to fill in as the role of Kitri's friend that Jade was originally performing, was reversing all of the choreography because she was usually the opposite friend. It reminded me of the many times you encouraged us to always pay close attention to every part, because you never know when you'll be thrown on.", Jasmin xx

★Mao's Last Dancer

The wonderful movie based on Li Cunxin's autobiography is showing at the Greater Union Cinema for a short time. I highly recommend this amazing film experience. Don't miss it!

★'Surf Ache'

MWM parent, Gerry Bobsien has written a teenage novel, 'Teen Ache' which is for sale through Walker Books. The book focuses on the worlds of Dance and Surf with perhaps one or two familiar characters! Gerry would like to invite any interested parents or students to the book's launch on Thursday 12th November @ 6pm-6.30pm, Maclean's Booksellers, 69 Beaumont Street Hamilton. RSVP to 49692525 or 49532550 or email: sales@macleansbooks.com.au

There are no classes on MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER – Studio closed!

With Fond Wishes,
Marie Walton-Mahon

