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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to term 4 at dancing. Lessons commence Tuesday 6th October and conclude after the final class on Saturday 12th December.

SPRINGING IN TO TERM 4

Term 4 sees us commence new grade work for most students. Our annual dance exams were held towards the end of term 3 and the conclusion of exams sees the conclusion of the grade. This means most students will approach term 4 with brand new work in brand new levels.

If you are uncertain as to which grade your child is in, please ask me or check your invoice, which states the relevant grades.

In 2016 some of the times per class will change to accommodate the increased volume of work to be covered. For example, Grade 3 tap will need to extend to one hour per week rather than forty-five minutes. If you would like to know the duration of your child's lessons next year please don't hesitate to ask.

EXAM RESULTS

We received our ISTD modern and tap results during the holidays and earned a fantastic 26 distinctions from 28 candidates! Congratulations to all exam candidates!

CONCERT 2016

It was very difficult to hire the Civic Theatre for our 2016 concert! Unfortunately there were no weekend availabilities towards the end of term 1 so our concert (plus the relevant rehearsals) will be mid-week. The concert date for 2016 is Thursday March 31. The stage rehearsal and dress rehearsal will be on the preceding days - March 29 and 30. All rehearsals will be after school and I will endeavour to keep them as painless as possible... I know this is terribly inconvenient and I do apologise.

COSTUME MEETING - OR 'HOW MUCH FUN CAN YOU FIT INTO A COUPLE OF HOURS?'

In the usual practise of trying to be prepared (as much as feasibly possible) I will tentatively schedule a costume meeting for Saturday 5th December at 2.00pm. This meeting is open to anyone who is able to help with the organising and making of concert costumes. As yet, I don't have a concert theme in mind but hopefully I'll be inspired by then!

Our aim in regard to costumes is for them to be effective, age appropriate and for the dancer to feel great in them, while costing the least amount possible.

(SUCH LOVELY) COSTUME COORDINATORS

We would love to see some new faces at the costume meeting so, if you've ever considered giving it a go; we'd love to see you on Dec 5!

Some mums have indicated that they are happy to help out but do not feel they have the sewing skills to be the coordinator. If this is you, bear in mind that we have often effectively costumed dancers with clothing purchased from variety stores in town and on-line, so sewing isn't always required - just a little imagination can do.

A WORD ABOUT OUR COSTUME COORDINATORS

I know that organising our dance costumes in the way we do it is quite a pain. However, I have persevered with our system, and you have persevered right along with me, for one simple reason – the cost effectiveness of making our costumes is hard to beat.

The average costume cost this concert was \$32.54! Were we to outsource our costumes via costume companies the starting price is \$100 per costume! It is for this reason that we should be ever so grateful to the busy mums who worked so hard to organise your child's costume.

We often have the same mothers volunteer for costume coordinating year after year. I know that some would appreciate a year off as they have consistently been coordinating for many concerts now, but as volunteers are scarce, they find themselves in this role repeatedly – with the understanding that if they don't do it, then who will, and hence \$100 costumes. In order to give some of these ladies a year off, please consider being a co-ordinator for the next concert.

RE-ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

All students will receive a re-enrolment form for 2016 shortly. I understand it is difficult to know what you may be doing next year but by returning your re-enrolment form, I will be able to schedule a more effective timetable and your child is guaranteed a place before the intake of new students next year. Please return this to me as soon as possible as I will endeavour to have a 2016 timetable finalised by the end of term.

YOGA @ DTO

Did you know that Miss Hanna is a qualified yoga teacher? During term 4 she will be running a weekly yoga class at DTO. The course will run on Fridays from 5.30-6.45pm with the first lesson on 16th of October and finishing on the 18th of December. It will be a mixed level yoga course where both beginners and experienced yoga students are welcome. All equipment will be provided so you do not need to have your own mat.

Family members of DTO students will be able to participate at the discounted price of \$120 for the 10 weeks. A senior dance student that attends the course with a parent will receive a 50% discount - bringing it down to \$60. Casual visits may be available depending on the number of participants.

Please contact Hanna on 0467 488 058 or nilsson.hanna@hotmail.com for reservations and inquiries.

Looking forward to warmer weather and a rewarding term 4,
Marianne.