

# AMMA NEWS

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## Message from the Principal

### End of Term 1

I think everyone would agree that Term 1 has just flashed by! All the children (and teachers!) have settled into their new classes and are enjoying themselves.

A very big thank you to all students and parents who have gone to the effort to follow our new "dress code". It is very much appreciated. At this stage, I would like to apologise for the delay in the delivery of the leotards. We have had a lot of trouble with our supplier and thank everyone for their patience in this regard. Hopefully we have ironed out all the problems in this regard.

### Carpark Supervision

As discussed in the earlier newsletter, we are still continuing to have problems with children playing in the carpark. Please note that AMMA staff will be responsible for students while they are taking a class. After class they are the parent or guardian's responsibility. I request that you make your child wait inside the building while waiting to be picked up. The car park is not a suitable place to wait.



### Housekeeping

If you have lost any property recently, please have a look in the lost property box (located outside the toilets) as soon as possible. Any items still remaining in the box at the end of April will be sent to charity.

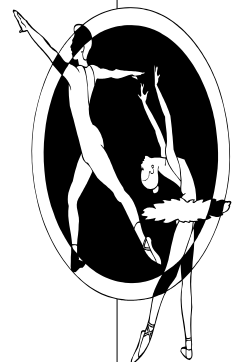
### Website

Hopefully by the end of Term 2, AMMA will have its own website. You will be able to check timetables, special dates and many other things. This is just another way to help keep our customers in touch.

Anita Swigon

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2002 Concert—RNA Ground—7th December
- Rehearsal—5th December (also



## Performance Groups 2002

Performance group practice started in early February and is going along well.

Our first eisteddfod (Wynnum—Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, 241 Tingal Road) will be held on the

4th, 5th and 6th May. If you would like to come along and support our teams, feel free. Hopefully we will get some good early results to keep everyone's motivation going.

Everyone is enjoying having Darryl back and is singing better than ever!

Good luck to all our eisteddfod teams, especially our first time performers.



# DRESSING FOR DANCE

## SHOES:

Students must have the correct dance shoes for each discipline of dance. This is for the dancers safety. The following is required:

### JAZZ /FUNK — Demi-Jazz style

- Camel: Grades 1 to 3  
Funk Levels 1 & 2
- Black: Grades 4 & above  
Boys  
Funk Levels 3 & up

### TAP — Any brand.

- Camel: All grades
- Black: Boys

### BALLET — Any brand

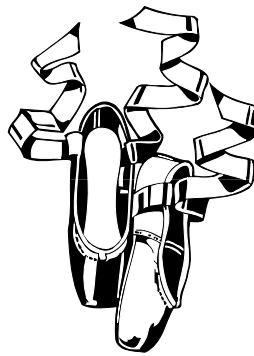
- Pink: Girls (white /pink socks)
- Black: Boys (White socks)

## HAIR:

- Ballet: Bun
- Jazz: Bun
- Tap: Bun or Pony
- Funk: Bun or Pony

## CLOTHES:

- Ballet: Leotard only. Skirts optional.
- Jazz/Funk: Leotard, Bike Pants, Dance Pants.
- Tap: Leotard, Dance pants, Bike Pants or Skirt.



AMMA dancewear is preferred

If you would like to order any clothing, we have enclosed an order form which can be filled out and returned to the office.

Please note students are not to wear board shorts or other tight non flexible clothing. These restrict students movements and could end up being torn. Dance Shorts are available.

Remember no jewellery should be worn to classes.

## BEHAVIOUR

At the end of last term a few behaviour problems were becoming apparent, in both younger and older students.

We would just like to remind everyone that a high standard of behaviour is expected. Students are expected to respect both their fellow students and teachers.

If a student is being unco-

operative they will be spoken to by the teacher initially and if the problem persists the principal will intervene as necessary. If required, parents will be contacted.

**NOISE:** It is important that students waiting for their classes do so quietly. This is to help with the smooth running of classes and to minimise the distractions to the children dancing. **Please also note**

**that for everyone's safety, there is to be no running on the carpeted areas.**

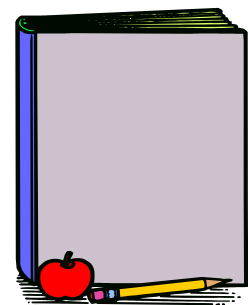
**RUBBISH:** We would appreciate it if children would eat only in the kitchen and all rubbish to be disposed of in the bins provided. Please ensure that your child takes all their belongings with them at the conclusion of their lessons.

## FOR ALL STUDENTS — IMPORTANT

As previously advised, we would like all students to purchase an **A4 display folder**. (They can be purchased from the office for \$1.50). This will be for the students to take home any notices and accounts. It is also for exam and singing students to collect information sheets. Any reports or personal notes from teachers will be placed in these folders.

**NOTES:** Will be placed in the note holders in each studio. Teachers will remind students to collect them. Parents, please ensure that you check this folder regularly as it will occasionally contain messages from the teachers.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER IS CLEARLY NAMED.**



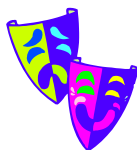


# Congratulations!



Congratulations are extended to three of our students.

Firstly, **Elizabeth Harvey** began with the Brisbane Amateur Theatre Company at the beginning of the year and successfully auditioned for a role in their latest production "The Emperor's New Clothes". Elizabeth has one of only two child roles in the play and has been enjoying it very much.



Many of the children and parents from the studio have been to see Elizabeth perform and all agree she's a "natural". We all wish Elizabeth the very best in her future auditions.

Secondly, **Tiffany Allen** auditioned for the Queensland Youth Ballet Company in February and was successful in being accepted into their program. Tiffany will be practicing with the Company every Sunday and at the end of the year they will be putting on a pro-

duction of

I am sure many of you would be interested in going along to encourage Tiffany in these performances.

Lastly, **Peita Halter** has done a photographic session with Thies and Queensland Arts Council for a series of advertisements that will appear in the Courier Mail.

Well done to all the girls!



## NEW BILLING SYSTEM

Most of you will have by now noticed that there has been a slight change in the way fees are charged this year.

Instead of charging on a "per lesson" basis we have decided to charge a flat fee "per term".

You may notice that some terms are longer than others. However, there are 40 school weeks in the year, which divided by 4 averages out to 10 weeks per term. This means that re-

gardless of whether you pay by the lesson or by the term, at the end of the year you will have paid exactly the same amount.

However, should your child be sick, away on camp etc., there will be no refund for these missed classes. If you are able to do a make-up lesson, you can do so at another stage. (All classes on Saturdays are repeated at some stage during the week).

If you do not pay by the term, you are required to pay casual rates.

Unfortunately due to the rising costs of stationery and other supplies, we have had to introduce a \$5.00 per term administration fee to cover the costs of photocopying, printing etc. This fee will commence from Term 3.

If you have any account enquiries, please speak to either Anita or Stacy.

## AMMA SHOP

We have a lot of new stock in our shop if you would like to come in and have a look. We received our "new design" tracksuits for winter. They are very reasonably priced at \$20.00 per piece or \$40.00 per set. There is a sample in the shop if you would like to have a look and place an order.

We have had a huge turnover in our secondhand shoes this year. If you

would like to sell any secondhand dancewear or shoes, please let Stacy know. In this regard, we are happy to sell your shoes etc. but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to these items.



If you have recently placed second-hand shoes etc. in the office for sale, please come and check if there is money waiting to be collected. In this regard, I would like to remind everyone that there is a \$2.00 handling fee payable on all sales. This amount will be deducted from the sale proceeds.

## Newsletter items

If you and/or your child would like to write an article for the newsletter we would love to hear from you. We would be interested in hearing about what your class might be doing at the moment or any funny or interesting stories that come out of your class.

Also commencing this month we will do a photographic feature of what is happening in class. This month we feature Tuesday afternoon classes. Each newsletter will feature a different group of children so keep an eye out for a photo of yourself.