

CWDA NEWS AUG/SEPT.

All exams are now over for 2015. Well done to all students for the hard work put into your preparation.

Congratulations to Miss Emilie, Miss Cassie and our fantastic tap students on their outstanding exam results. Twelve Gold Awards (98% and above) - were awarded from amongst 24 students; 11 High Distinctions, and 1 Distinction. A special mention to Olivia Farrelly who received a score of 100%. Magnificent results everyone!

Results for the ballet exams will take approximately 6 weeks to come back.

Costume deposits: Costume deposits are due by Saturday 29th August.

All students will now be required to pay a costume deposit of \$40.00 per dance. The deposits need to be paid in cash only. This money will be used to start ordering costumes and to purchase fabric etc. We pass all savings on to students and put no mark up onto costumes.

Please pay in a separate envelope to dance fees and label with name, style of dance and age group, plus the total enclosed. eg. 8yrs/u Jazz, 6/u tap, 10/u classical or 12/u modern, at \$40.00 per dance.

No direct deposits available for any costume money

Please note everyone is still required to pay the costume deposit regardless of how many boxes of chocolates sold. We need to start costumes now and can't wait for fundraising to finish for these deposits.

Important Dates:

Dress Rehearsal - 15th November at Gosford High School Hall

Technical Rehearsal - 17th November 8.00am to 3.00pm at Laycock Street Theatre

Concert - 22nd November - 11.00am AND 3.30pm at Laycock Street Theatre. (All children will perform in both concerts).

Last day of classes for 2015 - Saturday 5th December.

School holidays: The school holidays in Sept/Oct. are fast approaching. All classes will be as normal - except there will be no classes on the public holiday, 5th October. Please note that this is our earliest concert we've ever had, so please ensure your children attend all classes when possible. With the concert only about 9 weeks from the start of the holidays, we need children to attend all lessons to be able to finish dances in time. When children are absent it does make it much harder for students and their teachers to prepare properly.

Fees: Many people have fallen behind in fees, please pay these promptly. If paying by term please remember to include the holidays as some people are forgetting these. All fees are payable even if absent. All fees in arrears and for the full year will need to be paid in full before costumes will be handed out at the end of the year.

Every student's class fees for the entire year - up to 5th December 2015 and costumes balances must be finalised in full by 7th November.

To take the financial pressure off all payments becoming due by 7th November parents are welcome to start making small extra payments in advance on either fees or costumes. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labelled explaining your wish to do this and remember to keep all costume and class fees separated. **No costume or chocolate money to be paid by direct deposit please.**

Chocolate Fundraising: - Many thanks to Kim Miller, Jenny Fuller, and Kate Lowe who have kindly offered to take on this huge fundraising task again this year. The first box of chocolates sold goes towards trophies for the concert. Every box sold after this goes towards your child's own costumes. The money raised per box sold is \$20.00. Please remember it costs us \$30 to purchase the chocolates from Cadbury. Excess money raised towards costumes will not be refunded or transferred, but will go towards fundraising for headpieces, props etc. If anyone has not taken home their first box of chocolates or a note with more detailed information regarding chocolates, please let your child's teacher know. We will finish selling chocolates on 10th October.

Regards,
Cheryl