

C.W.D.A. News December

This will be our final newsletter for 2010, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and friends of our school for all the wonderful support given to make it another successful year. It's hard to believe this is our 25th Anniversary. This year we again received some excellent exam, and eisteddfod results and had a great year all round. Thankyou to all our wonderful teachers, who've again worked so hard to help students achieve these results. We are very fortunate to have such talented teachers, and all will be returning in 2011.

Please make sure you check the website for the new timetable for next year. There may be a few changes to class schedules; however most will remain the same.

Classes Resume: Saturday 29th January, 2011.

My new home phone number is 43 561999. You can't reach me on my mobile when I'm home as there is no mobile coverage and it will say my mobile is turned off. You can send me a text which I will receive when I head in closer to a mobile coverage area (which I normally do each afternoon). I'll respond to texts as soon as I can. Please keep all phone calls to my home within normal business hours.

You can also email me through the website.

Concert

There are still many mothers who have not indicated which concert they will be helping with dressing backstage. All mothers are required to help with dressing (except for seniors). It is essential for the smooth running of the concert that we have enough dressers. Please write your name on the list no later than Monday 29th November. The same with the list for backstage access. There can be no access backstage without first writing your name on this list. This is a condition of hire by the theatre.

We are responsible for looking after stage door access/security this year. This is such a slow process, as many of you will remember. If any mothers, fathers, or grandparents can help signing in, please call Cheryl. The more people who can help with this process the faster we can get everyone inside. We need enough helpers to sign in at the Stage Door and the Don Craig Room, for both concerts. If there is a parent willing to take on the organization of this process please call Cheryl - Phone: 43 561999. **The stage door will be closed for the duration of the concert.**

Please arrive at the concert one hour early, with makeup already completed.

****ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY, GLITTER, OR NAIL POLISH****

Concerts:- Saturday 4th December, 2010 - 2.00pm. **AND** 7.00pm.

All students will perform in both concerts.

Please leave parking in the theatre complex vacant for teachers, who will be unloading heavy props, trophies, etc. Parking is available for students in the parking lot across the road. Thankyou for your co-operation in this matter.

Please don't let your child eat or drink in their costumes. No students will be allowed in the foyer at Laycock St. Theatre in their costumes, including at interval.

There is to be absolutely no access through the door that connects the backstage and foyer. You must use the backstage door and walk around outside the theatre to the entrance. This is a strict requirement of hire with the theatre.

There will be one exception for access from the foyer. I have hired the use of the Don Craig room for extra dressing room space. The children using this space will be the 12yrs. to 14yrs. age groups. These students will be allowed to use the foyer door for stage access only. Please do not run through the foyer -walk quietly.

I need one person to open this access door for students trying to get from the Don Craig Room to the stage. This person will need to stay at the door with the key and listen for students knocking. If you can help with this, for either concert, please let me know. Students using the Don Craig Room are asked to enter/exit this door as a whole group only. Please wait for all group members before knocking. There is to be no makeup applied in the Don Craig Room.

Senior students are to use their normal dressing room on stage right. Students 10yrs. and under are to dress in their usual space on stage left (near the stage door). The 12 - 14 yrs. students are to dress in the Don Craig Room as stated above. If you have children in more than one age group, please take the elder child with you to the younger child's dressing room. Definitely no younger children are allowed in the Don Craig Room. Please speak to Cheryl if you have any concerns.

Please remember it is a tight fit for all in the dressing rooms, so don't section off your own area- allow access for everyone. Also if you see someone struggling to dress in time please offer to help.

It would be helpful if those students in only one or two groups, especially babies, could move towards the rear dressing room. This would then allow students in more dances easier access to the stage, instead of trying to squeeze past others waiting. For younger students, please try to organise one or two mothers to line them up in the downstairs holding area- two dances before their own. They need to be very quiet whilst there.

There will be no watching from side stage allowed at all except for the

awards presentation (parents can watch the awards presentation from the senior dressing room side only. We need to keep access clear on my side for trophies etc). At all other times the only people allowed side stage at any time are backstage crew and the performers who are about to dance next. This is very important as many dancers need to exit and re-enter throughout their routine and it becomes too congested, as well as noisy if people are watching from the wings.

Please remember to keep your dressing rooms tidy at all times. We must tidy our own mess after the concert, as a condition of hire. It would be very helpful if each age group could tidy their own dressing area. Last year a few people stayed behind with the teachers to help tidy up. This made the task so much easier for us all and I thank those people. If everyone could help out a little that would make it even easier.

I will still take DVD orders up until the start of the concert. Please don't leave orders at the studio after Thursday the 2nd Dec. as they will not be collected in time for the concert. After this date hand directly to Cheryl at the concert. DVDs will not be available for collection until classes resume next year. Please don't call me asking for them in the holidays as I won't have them until classes resume anyway.

Photos should be available for collection at the concert, if not earlier. Please ask Cheryl for your order at the concert if you don't receive it earlier.

Thankyou to the parents who have been helping with concert preparations. Thankyou especially to Millete and Duckies for our lovely costumes and all the hard work you put into them. All students will look fabulous. They are all very excited and can't wait to show the results of their hard work. Good luck to all!

Please refer to the last newsletter for further details on the dress rehearsal and the technical rehearsal. It is on the website.

All class fees, chocolate fundraising and costume payments need to be finalized before collecting costumes.

USA Trip please check the USA link on the website for more information about this. Deposits are now due.

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Merry Christmas to everyone and have a safe and restful holiday,

Cheryl.

