



2025 Newsletter #1

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I hope you are enjoying term one so far. It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through the term already! It has been wonderful to see our students back in classes and we welcome new students and families to the school and dance family.

Updating Student Details

It is very important you let us know if your email address, phone number or postal address changes. We also need to know if the primary caregiver / emergency contact changes.

We are looking into a new way to send our newsletters as Mailchimp is proving to be unsuccessful in reaching all our families. At this stage you won't be able to subscribe to the newsletters as we will be sending them manually. Our emails and phone messages will be sent to the primary caregiver as stated on the enrolment forms. If you require anyone else to be on our bulk email list, to receive general class emails or txt messages please let us know. Extra family members who had subscribed to the previous newsletters, but are not the primary caregiver, will need to make contact to be added to the new list. Please can you let them know.

End of Year Recital – Save the Date!

The Aurora Centre, Burnside High School - Saturday December 13

More details will be given about the recital and the rehearsals during the year.

Term Dates

Term One: Monday February 10 – Saturday April 12

Term Two: Monday April 28 - Saturday June 28

We are working out the best options for the start and finish dates for term 3 and the start date of term 4. This will be confirmed ASAP.

Our dance year will end after the recital on Saturday December 13. Regular classes will finish after classes on Saturday December 6. During the last week of our dance year, December 8 – 12, we will have Recital Rehearsals at the theatre. On the days we are not at the theatre, we will hold classes with a modified timetable.

Term Fees Due Dates

Please help us get your term fee invoice correct. If you are wishing to add or drop any classes for next term, can you please let us know ASAP so Mandy can prepare the correct term 2 invoice for you. Please can you email office@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz and please cc mandy@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz

Term 2 Friday April 25

Term 3 Friday July 11

Term 4 Friday October 3

Uniform and Grooming

Just a wee reminder about grooming for dance classes.

It is a proven fact that students dance better when dressed correctly and hair is tidy.

Hair: Please can the children with long hair make sure they have their hair tied back at all lessons. Please can all students make sure their hair is tidy, and ponytails redone after school to tidy the straggly hair falling around the face. We do not expect ballet students rushing from school to 3.30 or 3.45 classes to have their hair in a bun but students in classes on Saturdays and weekdays from 4pm onwards should have their hair in a bun please.

Uniform: Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Musical Theatre have a uniform. We ask that these dancers do not wear sports attire to classes but the correct dance clothing please.

We do not mind tops being worn over leotards for warmth, but we ask that the tops blend or match the colour of the uniform with no patterns or big logos and that they are not too long and baggie. Anna Lee School of Dance T-shirts can be worn – a more fitted top is preferred for ballet classes.

Hip Hop students can wear mufti to class. I would be ideal if the children can change out of school uniforms, but we understand if time does not permit this if you are rushing from school pick-ups.

It is not advisable to wear dance shoes outside as they will get dirty and wear out faster. We ask that dance shoes being worn at the Papanui studio are not worn outside. The dirt and little stones that shoes pick up can ruin our expensive dance floor. Students need to change into their dance shoes once they are inside the building, please or wear slides / street shoes over the top when outside. Students wearing Hip Hop shoes to dance classes or outside of dance will need to clean the sole before wearing them in the studio please.

Socks can be worn in contemporary classes, but we ask that the students purchase nonslip/grip dance socks. Wearing normal socks (especially sweaty socks) on the wooden floors in our halls or on the studio floor is not hygienic as well as making the floor slippery and harder for other dancers who are dancing in shoes.

Loose fashion jewellery shouldn't be worn to class. Teachers may ask students to remove jewellery, so it is better to leave it at home. Stud earrings are acceptable. This is normal practice for sports and dance classes.

Second-hand Uniforms

Second-hand Uniform Sale

We would like to hold a second-hand sale but at this stage we do not have much in our boxes. If you would like us to try and sell anything on your behalf, please can you get your items to us as soon as possible. All items need to be placed in a resealable bag. It is a good idea to pin or stick a name tag to each item in case it becomes separated from the bag. On the bag, please state your name and phone number and how much you would like for the item. You can also put your bank account details if you would like the payment this way rather than cash.

ALSD Buy/Sell Facebook Page

We are looking into setting up a buy sell page. Once this is set up, we will let you know.

Photoshoot Opportunity

We hope to hold a photoshoot at the studio on Sunday in May 18. Attached to this email is example photos. We will need 12 bookings to proceed with this. If you are interested in booking a slot, please let us know. I can send you more information about pricing. This is not a fundraiser - all payments would be paid directly to Inspired Images.

I will also be getting some promotional photos taken. If any students are keen to be included in these photos please let me know ASAP so they don't miss out (numbers will be limited)

School Hoodies and T-Shirts

Once we have the 2025 prices for our school hoodies and t-shirts we will start taking orders.

We can also organise to have the logo added to your own clothing items that we do not supply. E.g. track pants / puffer vests.

Lost Property

We had a lot of clothing items left behind at the studio last year. Next week I will be leaving the boxes of lost property outside the studio (weather permitting) for everyone to look through. After this, anything left in the boxes will be donated to charity. Please understand that we do not have the storage space to keep hold of so much lost property.

Any items that have been left at the studio this year are on the bottom shelves in the waiting room. We will hold on to these items until the boxes are full. Please have a look through these boxes if your child is missing any personal clothes or dance uniforms and shoes.

Reminders - especially for our pre-teens and teens 😊

We need parents to support us with the following and have a chat at home please.

- We ask that phones, tablets and iPad etc are not brought out of bags during classes.
- Students need to bring their drink bottles into the dance rooms, so they are not leaving class every time they need to have a drink as they tend to be taking longer and longer to come back into class.
- We ask that students do not leave the dance room unless needing the toilet or if feeling unwell.
- Students should always be respectful to their teachers and classmates. Social chat should be kept for before and after class

Exams and Medal Awards

Exams, Assessments and Medal Awards will be held in Term 3. These are not compulsory but give the students something to work towards.

NZAMD Medal Awards

- Tentative dates are Sunday August 3 and Monday August 4.
Please understand that these dates may change once all the Christchurch entries have been submitted.
- Entries for NZMAD Medals close May 18.
- Information and Entry forms will be emailed to eligible students before the end of this term.

ALSD Internal Medal Awards

- These will be offered to our younger dancers to help prepare them for external medal awards and future exams
- We do not have a date set yet but will have this confirmed as soon as we have more information about our external exam dates.

APDA Assessments and Exams

- These will be held in September.
We will be given our actual dates once our entries have been submitted and processed by APDA
- Entries close May 18.
- Information and Entry forms will be emailed to eligible students before the end of this term.

RAD Class Awards and Exams

- Between September 8 – 11
- Entries close June 17
- We will contact those eligible with more information and the entry forms during term 2.

If any of our families, with a small business, is needing a part time administrator or knows of anyone needing help in this area, please get in touch as we have a teacher seeking some daytime employment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Anna