

Well it's that exciting time of year again! We will try not to bombard you with too much information; however it is important that you read through all of the concert news as we have made some changes and there is a lot for both new and previous families to know. We please ask parents to be as organised and informed as possible to ensure that everything runs smoothly and we can all have an enjoyable day!

CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 12th October and will be available online and over the phone. More details will be released soon. We have a big theatre this year and we'd love to sell out so please invite your families and friends to come along and enjoy the show! We will also create a facebook event with a link to the booking site, and we encourage you to invite all of your family and friends along!

DRESS REHEARSAL

The full dress rehearsal is on Friday 6th November at the Hopgood Theatre, Ramsay Place Noarlunga Centre. **It is compulsory for all students who are in the concert to attend the dress rehearsal.** The theatre will be open from 4pm onwards and all students in the finale and Act 1 will need to be dressed in their first costume ready to start the rehearsals at **5.00pm sharp**. You don't need to do any make-up or hair, and you can wear practice tights instead of your good performance tights - you must however bring all of your costumes, shoes, accessories & props.

When you arrive please sign in to be allowed access to the change rooms. Mums you can then accompany younger children to their assigned dressing room & change them into their first costume. We then ask parents who are not official backstage helpers to exit the dressing rooms. You are welcome to either wait in the foyer or leave & come back at the allotted time. Your children will be well supervised, we will have all of their medical & emergency contact information on hand & we will call you if there are any problems.

No parents are allowed side stage or in the auditorium. Students will not be allowed to leave the theatre unless they are signed out by you. You will need to take home all of your costumes & personal belongings after the dress rehearsal & bring them back on the concert day.

If your child has any special medication like asthma inhalers or an epi-pen please relay this info to parent helpers in your dressing room. Parent helpers can also look after labelled medication for younger students if necessary. There will be a trained Senior First Aid Officer present at all times during the rehearsal & performances.

DRESS REHEARSAL - Friday 6th November

We ask that you please arrive on time so that we can finish on time!

TIME	
4.00pm	Theatre opens for students to start arriving
5.00pm	All students in Act 1 & finale must be dressed in their first costume & ready to go
6.30pm approx	Pre-School, Tinies, Pre-Primary & Primary students can leave
7.00pm	Students only in Act 2 & NOT doing finale must arrive
7.30pm approx	Students who are only in Act 1 can leave
9.30pm approx	Students in Act 2 can leave

CONCERT

The concert is on Sunday 8th November at the Hopgood Theatre Noarlunga. You must arrive at the theatre for the matinee by 11.00am for a 12.00pm start with all of your hair and make-up done. The matinee will finish at approx 3.00-3.15pm and you will have a dinner break until 4.45pm at which time you need to be back at the theatre for the evening session. The evening performance starts at 5.30pm and will finish at approximately 9.00-9.15pm. It's a good idea to book a table at a local restaurant and pre-order your meals to make sure you have enough time to eat during the dinner break as most people usually end up at the same restaurants nearby.

TIME	
11.00am	Students in Act 1 must arrive with hair & make-up done
12.00pm	Matinee performance starts
1.00pm	Students only in Act 2 must arrive with hair & make-up done
1.15pm approx	INTERVAL - Students only in Act 1 may leave or go into the audience to watch (They will not be able to participate in the finale)
3.15pm approx	Matinee performance ends
3.00-4.45pm	DINNER BREAK
4.45pm	Students in Act 1 must arrive back at the theatre
5.30pm	Evening performance starts
6.30pm	Students only in Act 2 must arrive back at the theatre
6.45pm	INTERVAL – Students only in Act 1 may leave or go into the audience to watch. (They will not be able to participate in the finale.)
9.15pm approx	Evening performance ends

PRESENTATIONS

At the end of the evening session after the finale, there will be a short presentation of awards and students who are in the audience watching the 2nd act will be invited to join everyone on stage.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bring all of your costumes and shoes **labelled in separate costume bags**
- Please abide by our 'no-nut policy' when packing your food.
- Tidy your dressing room before you leave.
- Send smart food & drinks - no coloured liquids or sticky foods that can easily wreck costumes
- No crayons, textas or messy activities allowed backstage.
- Please do not wear your costumes to the theatre, wear street clothes & get changed there
- No aerosol deodorant allowed backstage, roll on deodorant only
- It is your responsibility to do your child's hair & make up for the concert, not the parent helpers
- Students must perform in both the matinee and evening concert
- No jewellery or nail polish is allowed on stage at the dress rehearsal or concert

FINALE

At the end of each performance the students will come back on stage to perform a finale routine including curtain call/bows. Participating in the finale is optional and you are welcome to leave at the interval after your child has performed - if they are only in Act 1. Those who wish to be a part of the finale will need to stay backstage for the whole concert and will not be able to watch from the audience.

The second option for performers only in Act 1 who don't want to stay backstage and do the finale is to purchase a performers ticket for a reduced price to watch Act 2 from the audience. Students of all ages who want to watch from the audience **MUST** have a performer's ticket.

The finale routine will be learnt during normal lessons however you are required to attend extra rehearsals at Edwardstown Primary School on Sat 10th & 24th Oct (details attached). Please note that only the evening performance is being filmed & students will receive their participation medals and class awards after the evening performance. Attached is a finale participation form, if your child is only in Act 1 you will need to return your form indicating your choice by Sun 20th Sep. We will assume all students in Act 2 will participate in the finale as they are already backstage. If not please advise us of this via email.

PARENT HELPERS

DRESSING ROOM – You must provide a copy of your current police check beforehand. You will be supervising the dressing rooms and helping the students change their costumes and hair if necessary. You must stay for the duration of the rehearsal/performance even after your own child/ren have finished. This year we are trialling a new system backstage which means you may not be stationed in your own child's dressing room. We will be placing volunteers where we feel it will be of most benefit for all students involved in the performance. If you are not willing to help in any area/age group please do not apply. The only exceptions will be made for students with specific medical needs. **Please note another new policy this year is that all dressing room helpers must attend the full dress rehearsal on Fri 6th Nov as this will be a practice run for the actual day.**

BACKSTAGE DOOR – we need a volunteer to man the backstage door and sign in sheets for the dress rehearsal, one parent for the matinee performance and one for the evening. You must stay the whole time as there will be students coming and going throughout, and to ensure that only authorised people are admitted backstage.

PROGRAMS – we need two volunteers to sell programs before the matinee session and two for the evening session.

RAFFLE TICKETS – we need someone to sell raffle tickets while people are arriving and during the interval for both the matinee and evening performance.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER – Please write your name down on the sign-up sheet in the foyer (preferred method) or send me an email at info@vitalmovementstudios.com.au by 26th September to let me know in which role(s) you are willing to volunteer for and for which performance.

HAIR AND MAKE UP

Attached is information and pictures of how to do concert make-up and you will soon receive a list of the different hairstyles required for each dance. You need to provide all of your own make-up and hair equipment such as brushes, bobby pins, hair nets and hairspray. A video tutorial of the hair and make-up is available via the VMS Facebook group. If you would like to be added to the group search Vanessa Maree Schar and add me as a friend.

COSTUME CHECK

The costume check for the concert is from 19th-24th October. You must wear normal dance attire to class and bring your costumes with you. When you arrive at the studio you will need to change into your first costume **before your class starts** (you do not need to wear your good tights for costume check; you just need to have them!)

CONCERT DVD

Attached is a concert DVD and photo order form, which need to be returned with payment by 24th October. We are lucky enough to have secured our favourite videographer from 2008/09 to film our concert this year. It will be filmed with HD equipment and they will have two cameras for more angle options and close-ups. We will be playing our concert DVD's from 08/09 filmed by this production company in the foyer at the studio for those parents wishing to see the quality before purchasing. We can assure you that it will be a lot better quality than the 2014 DVD!

COSTUMES

All costumes must be in separate costume bags **labelled** with the student's name, and an itemised list of everything in the costume bag. Please label all costumes, shoes and personal belongings on the inside as we had students going home with the wrong costumes last year! Parents and students need to organise the correct underwear for their costumes. All underwear must be a tan/skintone colour including knickers and bras. **NO** underwear is allowed to show from underneath the costumes. Especially **NO** coloured bra straps or pink spotty undies! You can purchase a bodysuit, which is a flesh coloured leotard designed for wearing underneath costumes, from most dance stores. This also ensures modesty for older students getting changed quickly.



BODY SUIT/STOCKING

PROGRAM SPONSORS

We are again looking for local businesses who would like the opportunity to sponsor our 2015 production in return for advertising space in the concert program. You can get a half page ad for \$15 or a full page for \$30. All money raised will go towards covering concert costs, including theatre hire, trophies, sets and props. Please email Vanessa at info@vitalmovementstudios.com.au as soon as possible if you are interested. Your support is greatly appreciated!

RAFFLE

This year we are asking families to generously donate to our Christmas raffle, to be drawn at the concert. Profits from the raffle will go towards the cost of trophies and medals. It would be fantastic if every family could contribute at least one item no matter how big or small! If you can give your donation to your teacher before Sat 24th Oct it would be greatly appreciated. Some donation ideas are books, wine, chocolates, candles, toys, glassware, alcohol, home wares, non-perishable food items, body lotions/beauty products, lollies, vouchers, perfume. If any businesses are willing to donate goods/services we would be very grateful! Each family will also receive a raffle ticket book to sell before the concert; information about cost etc will be handed out with the tickets.

CONCERT INFORMATION SESSION

The concert information session is being held at the studio on Sunday 20th September from 12.30 – 1.30pm. We will cover the logistics of the dress rehearsal and the concert as well as giving a hair and make-up tutorial. All of your questions in regard to costumes, purchasing tickets, supervision, and everything to do with the concert weekend will be answered so we implore you to come along if you are unsure about anything. New parents should definitely do their best to attend so that you don't miss any important information. If you need to bring your children with you there will be activities organised in the other studio during the info session.

CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The choreography competition is in Week 9 and it will be held at the studio on Sunday 20th September at 1.30pm. To enter please write your name down on the list in the foyer. The competition allows students to create their own dance routine in any style to music of their choice. There can only be 2 choreographers per routine but as many performers in the routine as you like. The winning routine will be performed at the concert. Students will not need to have a costume unless they perform at the concert.

FEES

All accounts must be paid prior to the concert (including term fees and costumes) or students will not be permitted to perform. **We are unable to accept any payments at the dress rehearsal or on the day of the concert.**

PARKING

The quickest way to the Hopgood (Noarlunga) theatre is to travel via the southern expressway and take the Noarlunga exit, turning right onto beach road. The map below shows the three best car parks and how to get to the theatre entrance. The food court at Colonnades shopping centre is a 30 sec walk away from the theatre and will be open during our dinner break on Sunday.

