

Welcome back for 2018! It was great to see so many familiar faces join us again this year and to also welcome a lot of new ones to the VMS family 😊 Included in this newsletter is some important information for the year so thank you for taking the time to read through.

HOUSEKEEPING

CONTACT

For any queries related to invoices or payments please contact Donna on 0417 876 406 or at our new email address; vmsdancestudio@gmail.com

You will also see a new (maybe familiar) face working behind the desk this year, as Molly Vidau has joined the team for 2018.

PAYMENT PLANS

To save any embarrassment please contact Donna prior to the due date of your invoice to organise a payment plan or payment extension.

FORMS & PAYMENTS

All forms and cash payments can be slipped into the locked mail box in our front desk. Please place your labelled envelope in the slot and rest assured it is locked behind the counter and cleared every night. Do not leave forms or payment with your class teacher/s.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The best method of payment is still via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If you choose to pay via credit card, just complete and return the remittance form at the bottom of your invoice (see Forms & Payments) or see either Molly or Donna if they are at the front desk. A 2% surcharge will be applied.

SECURITY

The safety of our students is extremely important to us, so please remind underage students that they are not to leave the studio unless accompanied by their parent or carer. It is important to remind them not to wait downstairs or on the street for you. We do our best to ensure all students leave safely but it is not always possible if we are still teaching classes. We also ask adult students who leave class after dark to look out for each other and walk together safely to your cars.

GATE

We have provided a gate at the top of the stairs for security reasons. The original gate broke and needed to be replaced, due to students standing on the bottom rail and hanging off it. Our teaching staff reminds students they are not allowed to stand or swing on the gate, but we are unable to police it in the foyer at all times. We ask that parents please keep an eye on their little ones around the gate and stairs for their safety also.

NO TAP SHOES

No tap shoes are to be worn in the foyer or hallways. Students can bring their tap shoes in to the studio with them before putting them on and will need to take them off before they leave the class.

WEBSITE

Check out our updated website at www.vmstudios.com.au where you will find all the information you need to know about 2018 Classes. We have an 'Enrolments and Latest Info' page where you can download enrolment and merchandise forms as well as 2018 newsletters and concert info later in the year.

UNIFORM

DRESS CODE

You will find a list of our dress code requirements in the 2018 Information Pack and on our website. Please ensure students are arriving in correct uniform for all their classes, with hair neatly pulled away from the face for all lessons and in a bun for Ballet classes.

WE NOW SELL DANCEWEAR!!

Tutu & Twirl who were our local suppliers for dancewear has now closed down and we are currently in the process of negotiating with a number of suppliers in order to stock dancewear at the studio for your convenience. We already have some ballet and jazz shoes available for purchase, so please feel free to contact Donna to organise a fitting or see her at the front desk if she is there.

Below is the link to the Ballet & Jazz shoes so you can see the workmanship and quality that has gone into providing one of the leading shoes in the market:

<https://www.mdmdance.com/products.php>

Leotards, skirts, tights and tap shoes are also on the way, so please keep an eye out for the flyer coming soon! 😊



VMS MERCHANDISE

Don't miss out on the chance to get your own VMS t-shirt, jacket, crop top or dance bag. (and yes we have t-shirts and jackets for boys too) Attached you will find a copy of our 2018 Merchandise order form. Please return your form along with payment by 12th March. You can pay in cash or indicate on the form if you would like to pay by direct debit. No orders will be placed until we receive payment in full. In the hallway you will find sample sizes of the merchandise to try on for size, with some items in stock and available for immediate sale.

SECOND HAND DANCEWEAR AND SHOES

In the hallway you will find a cupboard containing second-hand dancewear and shoes. Please feel free to try these on and if you wish to purchase any just place the cash in the bag and slip it into the locked mail box in our front desk. Alternatively, if you would like to sell anything second-hand, please put it in a clear zip lock bag labelled with your name, phone number, item details and the price. You will be placing dancewear and shoes here at your own risk as this is an honesty system amongst our families.

TERM 1 INFO

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Classes are held on **EVERY** public holiday during school terms except for;

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday 30th March

EASTER SATURDAY – Saturday 31st March

EASTER MONDAY – Monday 2nd April

CRAZY HAIR WEEK

On the last week of Term 1, which is also watching week (9th – 14th April) we are having another crazy hair fundraiser! It is a gold coin donation per student to participate and we will be giving a prize to the winner of the craziest hair throughout the week. We can't wait to see what creative, crazy ideas you come up with 😊

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

It's been 2 YEARS!! VMS has always strived to have high quality facilities and equipment. To this end we are doing a yummy Cadbury Fundraiser. We hate to mention the 'E' word, but Easter is just around the corner! And for those of you who were asking, 'where are the choccies' last year – THEY'RE BACK! – TAKE 2 BOXES (one for last year and one for this year). They will be available from the front desk the week of 1st – 8th March so please see Molly or Donna. Please feel free to take and sell as many boxes as you can as every bit helps.

ABSENCES

It is vital that all students regularly attend their classes. If students are injured, we ask that they attend class to watch and learn so they do not fall behind. If they are unable to attend due to serious illness, please send a message to your class teacher as soon as possible. Please text only, as we cannot answer our phones during teaching hours.

Miss Vanessa 0404 976 366	Miss Natalie 0423 592 280	Miss Murphy 0451 058 716	Miss Grace 0426 569 517
Miss Jess 0468 627 563	Miss Keira 0425 294 767	Miss Alexis 0457 571 545	Miss Sarah 0408 074 501

2018 CLASSES

It is very helpful to us if you can encourage your child/ren to talk about their dance classes at home and ask them to show you what they have been learning. This is a great way to practice between lessons which becomes very important as they get older. Part of our teaching goal at VMS is to teach commitment and perseverance, and we suggest that students complete the years lessons for their benefit and trust that parents support us with this goal. If your child is losing interest in their classes we ask that you speak to your teacher, as more often than not we can find a solution. Communication in these circumstances is very important in making sure they get the most out of their time with us 😊

FIND US

Check out the Vital Movement Studios Facebook page for the latest info and updates. Please like, comment or share to help our content reach as many people as possible!

Our online community is a great place to keep up to date with studio information and to have access to class music and the class choreography that is uploaded each week. If you would like to be added to the private VMS Facebook groups, just search 'Vanessa Schar' & add me as a friend.



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