

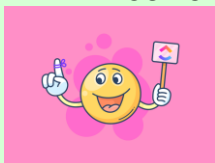


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### WELCOME TO 2024

We would like to welcome all new students and families, and welcome back all returning students. After a bit of a bumpy start thanks to Cyclone Kirrily, we are looking forward to another busy and exciting year of dance. No doubt it will fly by, but we will try to keep you up to date with our newsletters and regular notifications via email. We would also like to invite all families to join our private Facebook group – Ann Roberts In the Loop – as we will often use this as a secondary form of communication.

### A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER....



- Our preferred form of communication is email, as it ensures we have a written record of any information sent or received.
- **Term 1 fees should now have been paid as they were due by the end of week 4. If you are experiencing any problem in paying, please contact our office. We are happy to help you set up a direct-debit payment plan. If you have not yet received your Term 1 fees invoice, please contact us as soon as possible.**
- If at any time you have a concern about your child, please contact our office. Any concerns or complaints will be treated with discretion and respect, and we will try to find resolution quickly.
- **All notifications of student withdrawal or class changes must be advised in writing by emailing our office. If your child is unhappy in their class for any reason, please let us know. We are happy to try to find a solution or an alternative.**
- We have Lost Property baskets at both Pirani Hall (waiting area outside Studio 1) and Flinders Street (seating area outside bathrooms near Studio 4). To avoid losing items forever, please ensure your child's clothing, shoes, bags etc are marked with their name.

### CALENDAR DATES

**Term 1: 27/01/2024- 12/04/2024**

**Term 2: 13/04/2024 – 28/06/2024**

**Term 3: 29/06/2024 – 13/09/2024**

**Term 4: 14/09/2024 – 07/12/2024**

Most classes will run throughout the school holidays in Terms 1 and 2, with the exception of the Easter long weekend. No classes during Sept/Oct school holidays due to the Townsville Eisteddfod. On public holidays such as Anzac Day and May Day, there will be no morning classes – Teenies, Tiny Tots, Silver Swans etc, but afternoon classes will run as usual.

#### **A.D.A Jazz & Tap Vacation School – Gr 5 & above - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Preprimary to Grade 4 Jazz & Tap exam students will have extra lessons in on selected Sundays in May – Dates & times TBA

Information & registration forms will be sent out as soon as the ADA confirm exam fees.

Exams – mid-June



#### **R.A.D. Ballet Vacation Schools**

InterFound to Adv 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June

Primary to Gr 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July

Exams – mid-late July

**Vacation schools are compulsory for all exam students.**

#### **Townsville Eisteddfod**

*Entries open 15<sup>th</sup> April and close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.*

*Dance week – 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024*

#### **Ann Roberts Annual Recital – Townsville Civic Theatre**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

### UNIFORMS AND GROOMING

We understand that not all students will have had a chance to get their new uniforms for classes just yet. That is not a problem! We just ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately and neatly when coming to class. It is also important that hair is secured back of the face, and up off the neck for all classes. For most students, a neat bun is the best way to ensure hair stays tidy during their lessons.

We have a limited stock of second-hand dance-wear and shoes available from the Pirani Hall office. Please don't hesitate to call in and check if we have anything suitable for your child. All items have been donated, and we are happy to pay it forward on behalf of our generous families.

### OFFICE HOURS

Usual office hours are:

Flinders Street – Mon to Fri: 9am -12.30pm

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am – 12.30pm

Pirani Hall – Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday

12.30pm-4.30pm

Wed and Sat CLOSED

Office hours may vary occasionally due to staff illness or leave. Any changes will be advised on Facebook "In the Loop".

### DANCE APPRENTICE TEACHER TRAINING

This year Miss Jane and Miss Debbie are working with a group of 15 of our student teachers in a special training and development program called The Dance Apprentice.

Our aspiring teachers – Charli, Layla, Sophie, Denby, Lucinda, Tahlia, Margot, Elizabeth, Sienna C, Seanna M, Hadley, Lizzy, Isla, Meg, and Rachel – will work with Miss Jane and Miss Debbie on a variety of training modules including Rules and Responsibilities, Lesson Planning, Teaching and Behaviour Management and Anatomy. This will help them develop the knowledge and skills they need to become our teachers of the future. We are excited to watch them progress through the program, and to use all they have learned in the studios!

### ANN ROBERTS UNIFORM ORDERS

We have a range of uniform pieces available including polo shirt, jacket, track pants, singlet, bike shorts and crop top. You will find some samples at both studios. These are optional but are a great way to show some school spirit. Our first round of uniform orders is now open and will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

Please click on the link below to submit your order.

<https://www.ev2sportswear.com.au/collecti-ons/ann-roberts-school-of-dance>

### PROGRESSING BALLET TECHNIQUE

Ballet students in Intermediate Foundation and up are encouraged to attend our new Progressing Ballet Technique class on Tuesdays at 4.15pm in Studio 4.

This class is an innovative body-conditioning and strengthening program that has been designed to enhance students' technique by focussing on training the muscle memory required in each exercise in all forms of dance.

It is a unique training system using ballet-technique specific exercises to train skill acquisition.



### ULYSSES DANCERS 2024 PRODUCTION – “LIFT OFF”

Work has begun on our 2024 Ulysses production with 42 dancers and 9 choreographers already in rehearsal in preparation for their season at the Civic Theatre in June.

“Lift Off” will explore travel in all its iterations and will be dedicated to our dear friend and Ulysses member, Les Brown. Les sadly passed away last year aged only 38 after a brave battle with cancer. He had performed in ten Ulysses productions and choreographed for the last two years and was a much-loved member of the Ann Roberts Family.

Our talented choreographers - Mr Dane, Cassie, Miss Kylie, Miss Suzie, Miss Nikki, Katie, Miss Melissa and Miss Jarrah, will work with our equally talented dancers to create new and exciting works exploring the theme of ‘lifting off’. Miss Jane will be remounting a work originally created in 1992 for Extensions Youth Dance Company - “Disorient Express”, based in the idea of taking a leap of faith into the unknown.

Performance dates are 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Civic Theatre.

