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Over the past few weeks we have held demonstrations of each of the CSTD exam syllabi in Tap, Classical & Modern Jazz. These have been well received and have encouraged many students to consider extra classes. The response has been phenomenal with several new classes being scheduled to accommodate the influx of new exam students. If your child is interested in taking extra classes in any of the above mentioned styles it is not too late to start! They are welcome to come along and try a few lessons before you make a final decision. Simply fill out the tear-off slip on the relevant handout and give it to someone behind the counter, or feel free to contact Lynda to discuss any queries you may have. We look forward to another successful year for all our exam students.

Exam Results Presentation

For the past 12 months over 50% of the students at Eastern Districts Academy of Dance have been working hard in preparation for their annual examinations. Everyone tried their very best and all students came out with a smile on their face. Some students were lucky enough to receive some useful tips from our cheerful examiner, Mrs Richards. Thanks go to all the parents, teachers and of course to Amanda, for all their efforts in preparing the students to look and feel their best for their exams. In recognition of their efforts we will hold a presentation ceremony on **Saturday 11th September at 4.30pm**. At this time students will receive their much anticipated results! Feel free to stay and mingle afterwards and teaching staff will also be available to discuss results or any queries you may have. Light snacks and drinks supplied.

Concert Information Night

An important meeting is being held for all parents of children involved in the end of year performance, on **Sunday 19th September - 4.00pm at EDAD studio**. As the performance is fast approaching and there are so many things to organise, now is the time to host such an event. It is imperative that a representative from each family attend this meeting to enable the performance weekend to be smooth running and enjoyable for all concerned! Please make every effort to attend, to ensure that we give all students the opportunity to showcase their talents in a safe, secure and fun-filled environment. Tea & Coffee will be served at the conclusion of this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Important Diary Dates to Remember:

4th September
CSTD Convention
(Norwood Concert Hall)

11th September
Exam Results Presentation

19th September
Concert Information
Meeting - 4pm

15th October
Tickets go on sale

31st October
1st Rehearsal ~ End of
Year Performance (Scout
Hall)

7th November
2nd Rehearsal ~ End of
Year Performance (Scout
Hall)

**12th, 13th, & 14th
November**
End of Year Performance
- Golden Grove Arts
Centre

Make Sure Your Child Sparkles on Stage!

What would a dance performance be without lots of beautiful, sparkling costumes? Our teachers and dressmakers put a lot of time and effort into the designing and construction of your child's costumes.

With this in mind, **no costumes will be distributed until all fees and costume monies have been paid.**

Most people do the right thing

so please make sure your fees are paid so your child sparkles like the rest of their group. If you have any queries regarding your costumes do not hesitate to contact the dress maker

relevant to your group: Debbie Dolman (Babies, Tinies B & A, Junior C1, C2, Junior B) ph:

8391 2739 or Amanda Sebastiani (Junior A, Inters, Snr (M), Snr (F) ph: 8364 2794.

Please note that costumes are to be hung in a safe, dry place and **they are NOT to be used for dress-ups!** Costumes need to be transported home carefully as it is your responsibility to ensure they stay in the same state that they were given to you in.

CSTD Cabaret - 4th September 7.00pm

Congratulations to Isabella Riosa, Assunta Lepore & Lauren Sebastiani who successfully auditioned for a place in the 2010 CSTD State Dancers performing in the opening and finale choreographed by Gerry Symonds (Choreographer/Dancer involved with Billy Elliot, Chicago, Miss Saigon & many more).

The CSTD Cabaret is a celebration to mark the end of another successful exam session and to thank our examiners for their hard work and dedication examining all of the students involved from across South Australia.

A lot of time and effort goes into rehearsals to ensure a successful evening. Our very own Miss Lynda (CSTD SA Organiser) has been hard at work organizing every last detail to ensure that it's a great night for all. Several families have expressed their interest in putting a table together and as a result Eastern Districts Academy of Dance will be well represented on the night.

New Look Website

Over the coming weeks the EDAD website will be undergoing a bit of a make-over. Our very own Amy Richards has volunteered her technological skills to undertake the redevelopment of the website, and in consultation with Miss Lynda, is well on the way to giving our website some

much needed TLC. One of the features of the new website will be an 'EDAD Community' page which will feature advertisements for businesses run by families from within the EDAD Community. If you run your own business and would be interested in having a **FREE** advertisement

on the new EDAD website, please forward all contact details regarding your business (including website) to info@edad.com.au Watch this space for further information regarding the release date for the new website!!

First in, Best Seated

Tickets for our 2010 End of Year Performance will be on sale from Friday 15th October.

Parents of Babies, Tinies B & Tinies A, students please note that these groups will finish at the end of the 2nd Act and may watch the 3rd Act of the performance for free as long as they sit on someone's lap !!

Tickets CANNOT be pre-booked

Tickets will only be supplied with FULL PAYMENT.

EFTPOS facilities will be available for ticket purchases however this will attract the usual \$2 surcharge.

Ticket prices:

ADULTS \$22.00 CHILDREN/
STUDENTS (ID required) \$15.00

*** prices GST inclusive ***

**** SORRY NO CONCESSIONS ****

Tickets will be sold at the Studio on Friday 15th October 7pm-9pm, Saturday 16th October 9am-1pm, Friday 22nd October 7pm-9pm & Saturday 23rd October 9am-1pm.

Tickets will also be sold at the Performances *if there are any left !!!* Saturday 13th November 6.00pm & Sunday 14th November 1.00pm.

Please note tickets will not be available for sale during rehearsals at the Scout Hall.

Concert Lessons Continue...

As the concert is only 10 weeks away, concert classes will resume in the second week of the Term 3 school holidays! (ie 1 Saturday off & 1 Senior class off only!!) Classes will continue right up to the end of Term 3, including Saturday 25th September. It is vital that students attend all scheduled classes and rehearsals between now and November to ensure they receive the necessary preparation to produce a successful performance. If you are planning to go away during this break, please make every effort to work around your child's classes as it is not only the individual, but the entire group that is disadvantaged by absenteeism.

Backstage Helpers Called to Arms

To ensure that our performances run as smoothly and efficiently as possible we rely on the assistance of parents backstage to help dress the students. Due to space limitations it is impossible to have every parent backstage, so dressers will be allocated to each group. Miss Lynda will contact the relevant parents and make arrangements with them as to what night they will be available to assist. This will be done before tickets go on sale so that parents can arrange to watch 1 performance with family/friends and be backstage dressing for the other. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Students...

Eastern Districts Academy of Dance is pleased to welcome so many new families. Many of the junior classes are close to capacity, and the studio just seems to keep welcoming new families each week. A special welcome to the following new students and their families:

Babies: Mia Nottage, Celena, Aaliya Ghamrawi,
Tinies B: Ella Turnbull, Lucy Camp, Amelia Webb,
Tinies A: Jorja Mediaty, Junior C2: Jessica Taylor,
Junior B: Carla Russo, Daniella Praela, Junior A:
Scarlett Ferdinands

As you settle in please feel free to ask any member of the teaching or management staff about any queries you may have, or alternatively, feel free to contact Lynda at any time.

Uniform Production Comes to a Halt

As we are so close to our end of year performance our dress makers are working hard to ensure all students receive their costumes in time, this includes Amanda Sebastiani, who also makes our fabulous uniform items. For this reason, any uniform orders placed after the 11th of September will not be distributed until after the concert. As you can appreciate there is a lot of work involved with producing costumes for the end of year performance and Amanda simply doesn't have the time to do both. So please support her with your patience during this incredibly busy time.



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A Step in the Right Direction...

Communication

Notices etc are handed out to students at the completion of their class. If there is something that you need to discuss with any of the teachers or assistants at the Academy but it is too hectic at class time (which is most often the case), PLEASE either make an appointment at reception or please do not hesitate in contacting Lynda at home during the week.

Fees:

Please pay fees by the due date as specified on your account. New students please ensure that you have completed your student information form to have your enrolment finalised. If you are having difficulties in making payments, please speak to Lynda A.S.A.P. to make arrangements.

Did You Know??

We have...

6.00pm Tuesday Adult Tap

8.15pm Tuesday Beginner/Intermediate Hip Hop

SECOND HAND SHOES - SAVE \$\$\$\$

Second hand shoes are available to be purchased at the Academy. Please see Debbie or someone at the counter in the waiting room for assistance. Please ensure shoes are clean, painted and deodorised, with your name attached before handing them in for sale.

Razzle Dazzle at Resthaven

There was hairspray a plenty and sequins galore as the Academy, once again, put on a mini concert for the residents of Resthaven on Sunday 4th July. For many of our new students this was their first performance, and judging by the smiles, they had a ball! It wasn't just the dancers with smiles on their faces, the residents and staff of Resthaven were having a pretty good time too! A few of their toes were even tapping along with our little ones. Whilst it was a little squeezy, we managed, and it was good to see so many mums and dads helping each other and sharing hints for the all important performance in November. At the completion, students mingled with the residents, who complemented them on their performance. Special thanks to all the mums and dads who put in the effort to get their children there, to all the teachers who helped with the children and especially to Miss Lynda for all the hard work and planning she put in to make this year's Resthaven Performance such a success!