

IMPORTANT INFO

Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 1st Feb – Sat 3rd Apr

Term 2

Mon 26th Apr – Sat 25th Jun

Term 3

Mon 19th July – Sat 18th Sep

Term 4

Mon 4th Oct – Sat 4th Dec

Phoenix Registration Date

Closes Monday 8th March

IMPORTANT

No refunds after week 3.

A quick reminder that there are no refunds after week 3 of term. Please make sure that you are happy in all your classes so you enjoy the rest of term.

Term Fees

Term 1 Fees are now overdue. Please make sure that you are up to date with your payments. Thank you!



Staff after yoga at Langs beach staff training 2010

15th February 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to L'Academie de Danse for 2010. If you have only just joined us, welcome, we hope you are enjoying your first few lessons. I'm sure you all had a well deserved relaxing break away with your families and you are now ready to get back into the dance year.

We have a few new staff members working with the L.d.D team this year. They are: Shenal (Hip Hop), Shannon (Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop), Kayla (Jazz and Hip Hop), and Ben (Jazz and contemporary). We hope that you welcome them to the L.d.D family with open arms. We are sure you will gain amazing skills from these talented people. Make the most of them and work hard in your classes. We also have Lauren who is part of our admin staff. She will be working alongside myself and Ashleigh in the office. Please welcome her to L.d.D.

There are so many exciting things happening at L.d.D this year. The Dance Excellence trip to Los Angeles, the annual trip to Hamilton to the renowned Phoenix Dance Workshop, the mid-year L.d.D Holiday Course, genre exams, and the greatly anticipated L.d.D end of year show. We hope to bring you more experiences throughout the year, so keep up to date with your L.d.D newsletter emails.

Phoenix

Attached with this newsletter is your Phoenix Dance Workshop pack. This includes information, fees breakdown, timetable, and registration form. For those of you that have never been to Phoenix before, it is a weekend down in Hamilton where students have the chance to experience many genres of dance taught by highly regarded dancers and choreographers from Australia and American. The weekend is an entire package that allows our students to make new friends, learn and grow as dancers and experience a part of the New Zealand dance industry. Please take the time to read through this pack. **Phoenix registrations close: Monday 8th March**

No invoices at the beginning of term

Please be aware that no invoices were sent out at the beginning of the year as many class changes are made in this time. Invoices will be sent out via email for upcoming terms so please update your details in the office to make sure you receive these. We ask that you please come into the office to settle your term 1 fees as these are now 3 weeks overdue.

Valentines dance

As most of you know, on the 28th of March, we are taking a group of 23 L.d.D dancers to Los Angeles to a dance festival called Dance Excellence. As you can imagine this trip is expensive and therefore we have been fundraising to make this trip more affordable. Our biggest and most profitable fundraiser by far as been the Valentines Dance which was held at Neil Waters Building at Massey University on the 6th of February. This event included performances by the dancers and Tina Cross, the chance to win a diamond necklace and an auction that altogether raised \$17,000. This was well beyond anything that the dancers and organizers could have ever hoped for and we are so thankful to all those that donated goods and their time to this amazing event.

Thank you again to all those that bid on auction items, that donated auction items and helped out to put together a great night of dance and fundraising. Fundraising Easter eggs will be available to purchase in the office.



L.A Team Dancers eating ice blocks at summer holiday rehearsals.

Ballet exam student selections

To all those taking ballet, please make sure that you are in every single one of your classes, as your teachers are already looking out for those who they feel are ready to sit ballet examinations. These students are chosen at the end of term 1 so keep up the hard work and watch it pay off. Please note that it is a requirement to attend 2 classes per week if you wish to be considered for exams from grade 1 – grade 5 and 3 for higher levels. However this does not mean that you will necessarily be selected for an exam.

Attitude Dancewear

We would like to apologise about the lack of stock in some areas of the attitude store in particular the pink leotards. Our supplier sent us the incorrect styles of leotards and we are in the process of rectifying this issue. There have been new additions to the attitude store that will make the L.d.D uniform more functional, more stylish and more cost effective.

Toilets

Foot prints have been found on top of the girl's toilets. Please DO NOT stand on top of the toilets as they have started to pull away from the wall. The bathrooms are not a play area. We ask that parents take care to ensure their children are behaving respectfully while in the studio. Any damage caused to equipment will be charged to the family if it was caused by irresponsible behaviour.

Thank you again for another amazing beginning of the year. Classes are pumping and everyone is having a great time.

Kind Regards,
Alley Williams



2010 PHOENIX DANCE WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 10th and SUNDAY 11th April 2010

We are very excited to announce that Phoenix International Dance Workshop is here again! For those of you who are new to L'Academie de Danse, the Phoenix Dance Workshop is an amazing opportunity for students to take classes from international dancers and choreographers in a fabulous weekend of dancing!

As well as a weekend of inspirational dance classes, there are a number of awards available including monetary scholarships, convention scholarships, overseas travel to both America and Australia and the 'Dance with the Stars' performance.

The Phoenix Dance Workshop is a huge inspiration to students and we highly encourage all students over 9 years of age to attend. (9 years is the lower age limit as set by the Phoenix Workshop organisers).

The course takes place in Hamilton and L'Academie de Danse offers a package deal whereby we organise transport, registration, accommodation and food for the weekend for one fee.

Please note: The Phoenix workshop fees have increased this year, however, we realise that the weekend can be expensive so we have worked hard to save costs by negotiating deals with motels and bus services.

COST OF THE FULL WEEKEND

\$360.00 PER STUDENT

**Please be aware – there are only 54 places available for this workshop package.
Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.**

The above price includes transport, accommodation, meals and entry to the workshop.

Meals provided:

- Lunch on Saturday & Sunday
- Dinner on Saturday night
- Breakfast on Sunday morning

Items not included:

- Water and extra food & drink during the day (Please bring snacks for the bus rides and in between meals)
- Phoenix merchandise (shoes and clothing are usually available).

Important note: this package deal is only available as an entire package – no discounts are given for part attendance, separate accommodation, meals etc. Any parents (or students) who wish to make their own separate arrangements are welcome to do so.

We would like to take staff and parent help on a 1 to 5 ratio and depending on numbers would be interested in finding out which parents would be prepared to come with us. Please indicate on the form below whether or not you are available to attend. Parent helpers are required to pay for all their food, accommodation and transport and their admission as an observer to the course. The entire fee for the weekend is **\$150.00** (including an observer pass to the workshop). As we have **8** staff members coming with us we only require a few parents so if you are keen – get in quick.

Any recipients of Phoenix Dance Workshop scholarships need to attach a photocopy of their scholarship to their entry form and speak to Alley or Lauren in the office.

**Completed Entry Forms (including fees) are required by Monday 8th March 2010.
Late payments will not be accepted because of motel and transport bookings.**

PHOENIX WEEKEND DETAILS / TIMETABLE

Date: Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th April

Location: Fraser High School
72 Ellicott Road
Dindsdale, Hamilton

Price: \$360.00 per student

Timetable:

Saturday 10th April
6:30am – Students to arrive at L'Academie de Danse
6:45am – Bus leaves from L'Academie de Danse for Hamilton
9:00am – 5:00pm Dance Workshop (lunch provided)
5:00pm – Bus to Motel (Shower and Change)
6:30pm – Dinner (Pizzas at Motel)

Sunday 11th April
7:30am – 8:00 – Continental Breakfast at the Motel
8:30am – Check out of Motel and bus to Dance Workshop
9:00am – 3:00pm Dance workshop (lunch provided)
3:00pm – Auditions
4:00pm - Dance with the Stars & prize giving
5.30/5:45pm – Bus leaves Dance Workshop
7:45pm – Approximate time of arrival back at L'Academie de Danse Parents to collect their children from the studio

Important Notes:

- There will be a canteen at the workshop so additional food can be purchased if needed.
- NO STUDENTS will be allowed to leave the venue
- Tap shoes are not allowed at the workshop so you don't need to bring them
- You must be in full LdD uniform (including jacket/hooded sweatshirt) while travelling to the workshop and for your arrival at the workshop. Those purchasing uniform items for the Phoenix workshop are entitled to a 10% discount at Attitude Dancewear. The 10% discount also applies to LdD dance bags.
- All students will be automatically enrolled for the audition so please bring a different top for the audition on Sunday (this does not have to be uniform).

The weekend is always a lot of fun, it is a wonderful way for our students to develop new friendships as well as extend their dancing skills. The workshop provides the opportunity for our students to experience a weekend focused on dance, they will be extended and challenged in Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Funk, Hip Hop and more. Students will be very well supervised by our staff, interns and parent helpers.

If you have any questions regarding the weekend please contact Alley or Lauren at the office on 4799 321.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Alley Williams

PHOENIX DANCE WORKSHOP 2010
Entry & Payment Form
Must be submitted to office by Monday 8th March

NAME:.....

AGE: DOB:

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR FOOD ALLERGIES?

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IS YOUR CHILD A VEGETARIAN: YES / NO (please circle)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR PARENT HELP?:

Please note: Do not pay for your attendance as a parent helper until we confirm that you are required to help.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS:

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DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU WOULD WANT TO SHARE A ROOM WITH AT PHONEIX?

IF SO, LIST UP TO 4 FRIENDS NAMES HERE:

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| 1) | 3) |
| 2) | 4) |

(NB: We will try our hardest to get you and your friends sharing a room however sometimes this is not possible)

I understand that L'Academie de Danse may decide to cancel the Phoenix Dance Workshop Package described within this newsletter at any stage.

I understand that refunds for the Phoenix workshop package cannot be given as Phoenix registration money, motel bookings and transport bookings cannot be refunded.

(In the event of cancellation L.d.D will attempt to recover and refund as much of the fee as possible).

SIGNED (Parent/Guardian).....

(Student to sign if 18 years or over)

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cost of weekend = \$ 360.00 per student.

Name..... \$

Name..... \$

Name..... \$

Total payment \$

Method of payment

- Cash
- Cheque
- Eft-pos
- VISA / MASTERCARD

Name:

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date:

- Internet Banking

Account Number: 02-0278-0216586-010

Reference: Dancers Name

Subject: Phoenix

****NB Please ensure that you call the office and book your space prior to paying, as spaces are limited****