

MAXIMUM

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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2024

What wonderful weather we have been treated too over the holiday period! I hope that you have all managed to have a restful break. ☺ A very warm welcome to all of our new families! Please do like us on facebook as we use our page to communicate regularly.

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in our 2023 beautiful recital of the 'UNDER THE SEA' It was fabulous to see all of our dancers performing magically on stage. Thank you to all of the helpers and students who were involved in this fabulous show. DVD's can still be ordered until March from the website. It is so rewarding seeing the standard of dance continue to improve and we are lucky to work with such amazing students☺

Our exam results in 2023 were marvelous! Huge congratulations to everyone whom sat an exam last year. I am so proud of the standards we continue to perform at. I am excited to see what we can accomplish together this year.

MATILDA Congratulations to Archie James, Mabel Henderson, Emily Rule and Lily MacDonald who will be performing in this fun show in April.

LA DANCERS: In 12 weeks time 28 MDZ students/family members will be travelling to LA together to dance at Disneyland, train at some of the top schools and experience the trip of a lifetime! On March the 28th we are holding a variety concert where you can see our dancers perform.

Teachers: Miss Maxene attended an online Ballet & Pointe training course during the holidays. Miss Eileen is now on the RAD teachers training course ☺

Renovations: During the holidays Miss Maxene and her brother Mark, painted the toilet at Cuba. Thank you for looking after our studios ☺

2023 AWARDS

ENCOURAGEMENT- Emily Rule, Sarah Coutts, Daisy Sun, Sophie Simpson, Isobel O'Brien, Nesha Nadungoda, Anna Boyes, Lilly Hayes, Grace Johnson **SMILEY AWARD** Amelia O'Brien

MOST OUTSTANDING:

ACRO – Runner up – Holly Hudson, Overall: Ashlyn Rowland **TAP** – Runner Up: Elaine Stichbury Overall: Danica Ward **HIP HOP** – Runner Up: Azaziah BatachEl, Overall: Elsa Phillips **JAZZ** – Runner Up: Emily Sutherland Overall: Lily McDonald **CONTEMPORARY** – Runner Up: Ying Ying Yong Overall: Alysha Smith **BALLET** – Runner up: Amelia Sowerby Overall: Devon Zhou

OVERALL –

JUNIOR: MERCEDES BROOKS

SENIOR: IVY YANG

EXAM TOP MARKS 2023

BALLET – G- Devon Zhou
V: Azaziah BatachEl

TAP – Aimee Hodson & Danica Ward

MODERN/JAZZ Ivy Yang

HIP HOP – Ying Ying Yong

CONTEMPORARY Ying Ying Yong, Ivy Yang

SOLO AWARDS

CONTEMPORARY

Alysha Smith



If you have any **second hand gear** that YOU would like to sell please drop this off on the 27th between 9am and 9.30. Please name your items clearly and put your phone number and the price you would like on a slip in a plastic bag with your gear. If it does not sell you can collect it during term one, otherwise you will receive payment once classes have started back.

ENROLMENTS 2024: Existing students are automatically re-enrolled for 2023 once payment has been received. We have a lot of **new classes** on offer which are described over the page. *Students training in more than one form of dance benefit greatly.*

It is suggested that from at least **Grade 3 level two forms** of dance are attended to help strengthen training. This really shows in the exam results also. As classes are filling up quickly please ensure you let Miss Maxene know your intentions for the year.

Term 1 dates: Vocationals (Seniors L4 hip hop/contemporary+, Inter Found/Grade 6 Ballet, Tap & Modern+) will start the week of the **29th of January.**

All other classes will begin the timetable on the website from **MONDAY THE 5TH FEBRUARY** No classes Waitangi day, Good Friday or Easter Monday. Term one ends Saturday 13th of April.

2023 New Classes/Uniform Requirements

All items are available from **ENCORE on George St.** Some items available from **ASHLEY ELLEN** on Cuba. **Hair must be up** for all classes except Contemporary at times. **Hair must be in a bun for Ballet from Grade 3 upwards please.** Crossover wraps are optional.

ENROLMENT DAY/FREE DANCE CLASSES – **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE- FREE DANCE** **DISPLAYS: SATURDAY THE 27th January** **STUDIO 1- 46 VICTORIA AVENUE.**

FREE WORKSHOPS/ TRY OUT A DANCE STYLE DAY – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

SATURDAY THE 27th JANUARY : 46 VICTORIA AVE

9AM PRE SCHOOLERS FREE CLASS 3 & 4 year olds

10.30 FREE CLASSES 5-7 year olds

12 NOON FREE CLASSES 8 year's and upwards

It's FREE! *Bring your friends!*

Beginners to experienced - You will get to try out different forms of dance such as Ballet, Acro, tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary & see some great dance displays...

ALL WELCOME

TWINKLE TOES/FANCY FEET/DANCING DOTS– **Beginners 3-5 year old** classes. Fun imaginative dance including the basics of Ballet, Tap and Jazz. Using exciting props such as wands, scarves etc. Choose Monday, Friday or Saturday class. Uniform: Own leotard and skirt or fairy dress. Ballet shoes are needed.

PRE PRIMARY/PRIMARY BALLET– **For Pre Primary must be age 5 before April 2024**). More structured Ballet training with the opportunity to sit 1st assessment/exams later in the year. **Ballet is the basis to all dance forms – and the best place to start.** Choose from Monday or Saturday class. **PRE PRIMARY /PRIMARY BALLET**- Pink capped sleeved leotard (Chloe) and pink chiffon short wrap skirt with socks/ballet stockings and ballet shoes with elastic.

BEGINNERS ROSETTE JAZZ/HIP HOP– **From the age of 5**, fun groovy class with funky moves. Opportunity to sit exams later in year. Monday or Saturday class. Unitard available from Encore.

HIP HOP–**From the age of 9** a more focused Hip Hop class. As seen in music videos. Opportunity to sit exams. Wednesday class. Easy to move in clothes (no jeans)

BEGINNERS TAP–**From the age of 5**. Learn to make awesome beats with your feet. Opportunity for exams. Tuesday class. Own choice leotard and skirt – tap shoes.

PREPARATORY CONTEMPORARY- **9years+** Flexibility, relaxation and control are some of the bonuses of this beautiful dance form. Friday class. Black Leotard & Leggings – no shoes needed.

ACRO – **From age 5** Flexibility & strength training. Learning tricks to enhance your dancing. Juniors Friday, 11+ Saturday class.

ADULT BALLET - No experience necessary! Mondays 9.15am (or Thursday's 7.30pm) -this will be a fun class where you can progress at your own rate. Followed by coffee

😊 A great way to start the week. Wear something comfortable and easy to move in. Bring your water bottle.

ADULT CONTEMPORARY - No experience necessary! Thursday's 8.30-9.15. A great way to relieve stress, get fit and learn new skills. Wear something comfortable and easy to move in. Bring your water bottle.

ADULT HIP HOP - No experience necessary! Thursday's 7.15-8.15pm. A great way to relieve stress, get fit and learn new skills. Wear something comfortable and easy to move in. Bring your water bottle.

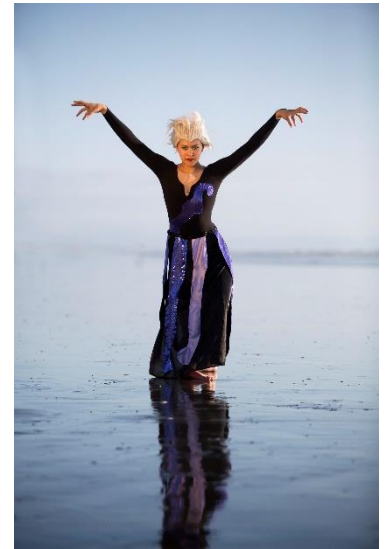
Further Uniforms:

* **GRADE 1 AND 2 BALLET**- Pale blue leotard (Aimee) with ballet stockings and ballet shoes with elastic. Character skirt (3 blue ribbons preferred) and low heeled character shoes.

***GRADE 3 & 4 BALLET** – MAUVE LEOTARD with ballet stockings and ballet shoes with ribbons. Character skirt and Cuban heeled Character shoes.

***GRADE 5 BALLET**- Navy leotard (Faith) with ballet stockings and ballet shoes with ribbons. Character skirt and Cuban heeled Character shoes.

***HIGHER GRADES/ VOCATIONAL BALLET**- Navy/black shoestring strapped leotard.



Ballet flats and pointe shoes (you will be instructed on when to get your pointe shoes). Character gear for higher grades. Demi-pointes as Miss Maxene tells you.

MODERN JAZZ—Rosette levels – Unitards. No shoes required.

Grade 2 - 6 New strappy backed leotard (purple, turquoise, royal blue or red—own choice) Black leggings & TAN Jazz shoes needed from Grade 3+

* **Boys only** – Personalised singlets can be purchased later in the year. Black shorts. Jazz shoes from Grade 3+ . Long black sport pants higher levels.

* **VOCATIONAL MODERN JAZZ**— Leotard any style. Black nylon lycra leggings and TAN Jazz shoes.

***BEGINNERS-**

GRADE 2 TAP—Own leotard and skirt. Socks and Tap shoes.

***GRADE 3 TAP UPWARDS**- Black leggings with own leotard/singlet top. Tap shoes—Oxford style from Grade 5 upwards.

***CONTEMPORARY**– Black leotard and leggings

***HIP HOP 9+ CLASSES**– Clothes that are easy to move in. Singlets can be purchased later in the year. **No Jeans**. Sneakers for Hip Hop.



PLEASE REMEMBER FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT www.maximumdance.co.nz and Like us on fb for regular updates.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024:

NB: dates are subject to change.

Holiday Dance workshops – Age 7 years plus.
Thursday 25th & Friday 26th January 8.45am-

3pm. A great way to start the year (and a good chance for busy parents to have some child free time!!)

***Free dance classes/ Enrolment day/Second hand uniform sale:
Saturday 27th January 9- 1.30– Studio 1: 46 Victoria Ave.**

Early Bird fee due – 27th January.

**29th January – All Vocational classes start this week
(Intermediate Foundation/Grade 6/Level 4 upwards)**

Monday 5th of February – ALL classes start

Friday 9th February – Full term fees due

* Feb 16th- 18th PNDA Tap comps

*Sunday 3rd March- Esplanade open day.

* 15th-17th March - PNDA Ballet comps *

Thursday 28th March VARIETY CONCERT At PNBHS.

Fundraiser for students dancing in LA. All crews involved, More information to come.

* Thursday 28th March - NZAMD exam entries due

* LA dancers 14th – 28th April.

* RAD Ballet exam entries due

* Manawatu, Taranaki, Wanganui & Rotorua competitions - April

* NZAMD Contemporary and hip hop exam students extra practices during the holidays TBC some will be held in term 3.

Term two starts: 29th April

* ISTD exam fees closing date: (TBC)

* NZAMD Contemporary and Hip hop exams: 23 June- 5th July

** RAD Vocational Ballet students Winter school in Wellington 8th -12th July

**** Examination students compulsory RAD grades, ISTD Tap and Modern examination coaching week/s: 15th- 20th July. TBC**

Term three starts: 22nd July

** RAD Ballet Vocational & Grade exams: August/September

* ISTD Modern and Tap exams – TBC

End of term -28th September. Manawatu & Wanganui comps during holidays.



Term four starts: 14th of October *PACANZ – October



*NZAMD scholarship weekend TBC

*Recital November 21st – 23rd

Please check the website for the new timetable & fees for 2024.

Early bird fees are only due till the 27th of January.

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Looking forward to helping you reach for the stars!

Maxene Jeffares-Greer B.ED, DIP TCHG. Registered teacher Royal Academy of Dancing, Imperial Society and NZAMD. AISTD Dip Modern, AISTD Dip Tap (Dist). Teaching Certificate RAD, Teaching Diploma RAD (Dist). Former International Professional dancer, National adjudicator.

and staff – **Emma Jane Skinner** RAD registered teacher. **Kristina Beddis** Associate ISTD Tap-Dist **Emma Carey** NZAMD teachers exam (Dist), NZAMD Solo Contemporary G8 RAD Ballet, Adv 1 ISTD Mod, Adv 1 RAD Ballet **Rebecca Pugmire** AJDA Adv 2 & Solo Seal. **Eileen Skipp** RAD Ballet trained, Adv ISTD Modern, L6 Contemporary. **Jasmine Zhou** Inter RAD Ballet, Grade 8 RAD Ballet(Dist), Inter Foundation ISTD Modern Jazz (Dist), Level 5 NZAMD Contemporary **Alysha Smith** Qualified Acro teacher, Inter RAD Ballet, Grade 8 RAD Ballet, Solo NZAMD contemp, Intermediate ISTD Modern (Dist). **Chanel Saunders** AISTD Modern & Tap, **Lily McDonald**, Intermediate Istd Modern (Dist), L6 Contemporary (Dist), Adv Found RAD Ballet, Grade 8 RAD Ballet (Dist) **Danica Ward** Inter Found RAD Ballet, Grade 7 RAD Ballet (Dist), Inter Found ISTD Modern (Dist), Adv 1 ISTD Tap. Level 8 NZAMD Tap (Dist). **Elaine Stichbury** Adv 2 ISTD Tap, L9 NZMAD Tap

Assistant and relieving Teachers: **Kate Coutts** Inter & Grade 8 RAD Ballet **Chantelle Christensen** Adv 2 RAD Ballet. **Ying Ying Yong** Hip Hop 5, Grade 6 & Inter RAD Ballet, L5 Contemporary(Dist), Inter Foundation Jazz (Dist), **Ivy Yang** Adv 1 & Grade 8 RAD Dist, L5 Contemporary(Dist), Int Jazz (Dist), **Emily Sutherland** Adv Found & Grade 7 RAD Dist, L5 Contemporary(Dist), Inter Jazz (Dist), **Amelia Sowerby** Adv Found & Grade 8 RAD Ballet (Dist), Intermediate ISTD Modern (Dist).

Thanks to Faith Sutherland for her beautiful photography of our students in 'Under the Sea'.

