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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2025

Welcome to 2025! What a great year we have planned for you! I do hope that you have had a restful holiday period. A special welcome to the new families joining us. We look forward to getting to know you!

BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO OUR

ENROLMENT DAY /2ND HAND DANCE WEAR SALE

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY



CHECK OUT OUR ENROLMENT DAY!

Saturday 1st February 
46 Victoria Ave, Palmerston North

3-4 year olds - 9am until 10.30am

Fun imaginative class and opportunity to see some of our current students in action, chat with teachers.

5-8 year olds - 10.30am until 12noon

Try out ballet, tap, acro and modern jazz dancing. See current students perform. Chat with Teachers.

9 year olds and over - 12noon until 1pm

Try out contemporary, ballet, hip hop, tap, modern jazz and acro (as requested). See free dance display. Chat with teachers.

No need to register - just come along on the day. You can check out our timetable etc on our website www.maximumdance.co.nz

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st FEBRUARY ENROLMENT DAY
- 3RD FEB ALL CLASSES START
- 6th FEB Waitangi Day- no classes
- 14-16th FEB PNDA TAP COMPS
- 23RD FEB – All crew members Picnic 11.30-1pm
- 2ND MARCH ESPLANADE DAY
- 21-23rd MARCH PNDA BALLET/JAZZ COMPS
- 4TH APRIL SHOW – TBC
- 11th APRIL -NZAMD entries due
- 12-16th APRIL MPACS COMPS
- 12th- 16th APRIL ISTD COURSE PN
- 18th-21st APRIL WANGANUI COMPS
- 22nd – 27th April NZAMD EXAM STUDENTS COACHING LESSONS
- 9th May ISTD JAZZ & TAP ENTRIES DUE
- 16th May RAD BALLET EXAM ENTRIES CLOSING DATE
- 30th May – 2nd June- Central Fusion Comps
- 20th June Matariki – no classes
- 20th May Hip Hop unite
- JUNE-NZAMD HIP HOP & CONTEMPORARY & other genres EXAMS
- 4th-6th July- Titans of Tap comp
- 30th June – 5th JULY WINTER SCHOOL – VOCATIONAL BALLET STUDENTS

If you would like to sell second hand gear at enrolment day, please drop it off to the waiting area at Victoria ave by 9.30am Saturday, in a named plastic zip lock bag with your phone number and the price you would like to get for it. This is based on TRUST – MDZ takes no responsibility for second hand sales.

SLEEPING BEAUTY 2024

What a beautiful show this was! I am so proud of all of our dancers. Thank you so much to all who helped in making this show such a special time. If you would still like to get a recording of the show these will be available to order till April.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Our school holiday programme was SO much fun! It is amazing to see how much can be accomplished over a couple of days 😊

Congratulations to **EMILY SUTHERLAND & KIARA WICKJAYARAMA** who have been chosen to be in the PNGHS school production of 'NEWSIES'.

Congratulations to **TRISHA DUTTA, HRIDAANSH CHETTRI AND CHARLOTTE BUSUTTIN** who are in the **SCHOOL OF ROCK** at the Regent in April. Be sure to get your tickets!

PAST STUDENT'S SUCCESSES

We wish **DEVON SHOU** all the very best as he starts training at Chilton Ballet Academy in Lower Hutt this year. We are so excited for you!

LILY MCDONALD will start her fulltime training for a Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre). We are lucky enough to have her still teaching for us throughout the year.

MIKAH BATAHEL Starts her second year of fulltime training in Contemporary dance in Auckland this year.

AYLIN ATALAY Has completed her Contemporary training at NZSOD in Wellington. She is looking for dance work 😊

NEW TEACHERS

It is exciting to have **MISS PORSHA (De Cleene), MISS ELSA (Phillips), MISS EMILY (Sutherland), MISS AMELIA (Sowerby) and MISS MAIA (SMITH)** joining our amazing faculty this year.

You will also see **LAURA** helping out with the admin side of things.

MISS SOPHIE (Simpson) will be joining us as an assistant teacher also.

Thank you to my staff! You are such a super team 😊

7th-12th JULY COACHING WEEK FOR ALL EXAM STUDENTS

9th-12th JULY WANGANUI COMPS

20TH AUGUST- 10TH SEPT RAD BALLET EXAMS

21ST AUGUST- 21ST SEPT ISTD EXAM PERIOD

19TH-25TH SEPTEMBER PNDA comps

Wanganui comps

23RD – 27TH OCTOBER PACANZ NATIONALS

27TH OCTOBER LABOUR DAY – NO CLASSES

NZAMD Scholarship Awards AUCKLAND tbc

20TH-22ND RECITAL

Crew Auditions November 26th

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

NEW CLASSES

For 3-4 year olds- the basics of dance:

TWINKLE TOES (Mondays 3.30) DANCING DOTS (Saturday's 9am)

For 5-6 year olds - **PRE PRIMARY BALLET (Thursday or Sat)**

For 5-8 year olds **Rosette 1 or 2 JAZZ. (Friday or Sat)**

For 5 years plus – **ACRO DANCE – On Saturdays.**

For 5 years plus – **PRE PRIMARY TAP – Friday's**

For 9 years plus- **Introductory Contemporary – Fridays.**

For 9 years plus **HIP HOP – Wednesday's.**

ADULT CLASSES;

Ballet – Mondays or Thursdays.

Hip Hop – Monday's

Contemporary – Thursday's

MUSICAL THEATRE CREW – Mondays- By audition only.

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.

PRE SCHOOLERS – TWINKLE TOES/FANCY FEET Own leotard and skirt or fairy dress. Ballet shoes are needed.

PRE PRIMARY /PRIMARY BALLET- Pink capped sleeved leotard (Chloe) and pink chiffon short wrap skirt with socks/ballet stockings and ballet shoes with elastic.

***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 JAZZ 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.

***MUSICAL THEATRE CREW -** Clothes that are easy to move in. Singlets can be purchased later in the year. No Jeans.

ADULT CLASSES – Easy to move in gear. Ballet shoes for Ballet class. Sneakers for hip hop.

ENROLMENTS 2025: Existing students are automatically re-enrolled for 2025 once payment has been received. We have a lot of new classes on offer. 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.

Parents, please remember to keep up to date each term with the information posted on our website www.maximumdance.co.nz you can also find us on **facebook & Instagram** which is regularly updated. **At the end of each term the next term's information is posted on the website with early bird fees available also.**

We look forward to seeing you back at dancing for term 1 from **Monday the 3rd of February**. Please note **NO** classes on **Waitangi Day** Thursday the 6th of February.

Kind regards,

Miss Maxene (B.Ed, Dip Tchg, AISTD DIP, RAD Dip Dance, NZAMD registered).& the teaching team at MDZ 😊

Miss Kristina (HO Tap), Miss Emma (HO contemporary),

Miss Eileen, Becs, Miss Alysha, Miss Porsha, Miss Jasmine, Miss Emily, Miss Amelia, Miss Danica, Miss Elsa, Miss Maia and Laura

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 WINNERS...

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS: Isabelle Nijman, Emma-Louise Jacobs, MacKenzie Linton, Sylvie Henderson, Lucy Bedford, Kiara Wickjayarama, Lucy Lock, Jiamin Huang, Emilie Haycock, Ina Zhou, Karys Wilkin, Emily Parlato. Sophie Simpson

ELEVATION AWARD (Donated by Devon Zhou) – Greer Robinson

THE JOY OF DANCE (Donated by Kate Coutts) – Annika Corkran

RISING STAR (Donated by Ying Ying Yong) – Neela Ansley

VERSATILITY IN DANCE (Donated by Aimee Hodson) – Mabel Henderson

TIDY TECHNIQUE (Donated by Lily McDonald) – Maddy Dunbar

BEX'S BACKSTAGE AWARD: Kara Puklowski

SMILEY AWARD: Maddie Baillie

MOST OUTSTANDING

	<u>RUNNER UP</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
ACRO:	Clara Reina	AIMEE HODSON
HIP HOP:	Azaziah BatachEl	YING YING YONG
TAP:	Caitlyn Turner	DANICA WARD
JAZZ:	Maia Smith	EMILY SUTHERLAND
CONTEMPORARY:	Amanda Hayward	LILY MCDONALD
BALLET:	Amelia Sowerby	DEVON ZHOU

MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR: MERCEDES BROOKS

MOST OUTSTANDING SENIOR: IVY YANG