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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to 2026! What a great year we have planned for you! We 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 31ST JANUARY**

MAXIMUM DANCE zone

OPEN DAY

Thinking about dancing in 2026? Come along to our open day.

- ✓ Meet our amazing teachers
- ✓ Try our different dance styles
- ✓ Free dance performances

Saturday 31st January
Sessions starting from 9am
46 Victoria Ave, Palmerston North

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR ENROLMENTS ON THE DAY

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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

22nd / 23rd SUMMER SCHOOL
26th SENIORS START
31st ENROLMENT DAY

FEBRUARY

2nd ALL CLASSES START
6th Waitangi Day- no classes
13th - 15th PNDA TAP COMPS
15th All crew members Picnic
11.30-1pm

MARCH

1st ESPLANADE DAY
27th - 29th PNDA BALLET/JAZZ COMPS

APRIL

1st NY revue & SHOW – TBC
2nd NZAMD entries due
10th - 13th MPACS COMPS
13th - 17th NZAMD EXAM
STUDENTS COACHING LESSONS
25th - 26th Whanganui comps
24th ISTD JAZZ & TAP ENTRIES DUE

MAY

15th RAD BALLET EXAM ENTRIES CLOSING DATE
23rd Whanganui troupe comps
23rd - 24th Hip Hop unite
28th - 1st June - Central Fusion Comps

JUNE

JUNE-NZAMD HIP HOP & CONTEMPORARY & other genres EXAMS

JULY

5th WINTER SCHOOL – VOCATIONAL BALLET STUDENTS- WLGTN

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.

HANSEL & GRETEL 2025

This was such a joyful show & came together fantastically! 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.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Our school holiday programme will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of January 8.45-3pm both days. This is the BEST way to start your year off and we have amazing tutors ready to help you shine for the day 2 performance. Sign up through the shopcart on the website. 7 years plus beginners to advanced 😊

Congratulations to **ASHLYN ROWLAND** who have been chosen to be in the PNGHS school production of '**42ND STREET**'.

COUNTDOWN TO NEW YORK DANCE TRIP

Our group of 35 (17 dancers plus family members) are very excited for our trip to New York and Orlando in April. We have been busy rehearsing throughout the holidays and can not wait to show you our performance on the **1st of April at our SHOWCASE at PNBHS Speirs centre**. Please note that all crew dancers will be performing at this show also. Thank you all for your help in supporting us to make this trip become a reality.

THE AUS PRIX

4 of our talented dancers have made it through to the semi finals of the AUS Prix which will be held in Melbourne in April. Massive congratulations to **AZAZIAH BATACHEL & LILLY HAYES** who have made it into the Intermediate section and **MABEL HENDERSON & MERCEDES BROOKS** who have made it into the Junior section.

We are so proud of you and excited for this experience.

PAST STUDENT'S SUCCESSES

DEVON ZHOU enters his second year training at Chilton in Lower Hutt. He is doing amazingly and is attending the Alberta Ballet School summer intensive in Calgary in June this year.

LILY MCDONALD will start her second year 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 BATACHEL Starts her third year of fulltime training in Contemporary dance in Auckland this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

13th-18th COACHING WEEK FOR ALL EXAM STUDENTS
16th - 18th TITANS comps

AUGUST

20th - 10th SEPTEMBER RAD BALLET EXAMS
AUGUST- SEPT ISTD EXAM PERIOD

SEPTEMBER

18th-19th SPRING SHOWCASE
25th - 1st PNDA comps

OCTOBER

22nd – 26th PACANZ NATIONALS
27th LABOUR DAY – NO CLASSES
NZAMD Scholarship Awards
AUCKLAND tbc

NOVEMBER

26th-28th RECITAL

DECEMBER

27th Crew Auditions

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 - **ROSETTE BALLET** (Thursday or Saturday's)

For 5-8 year olds - **Rosette 1 or 2 JAZZ** (Tuesday's or Saturday's)

For 5 years plus – **ACRO DANCE** (Saturday's)

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

For 7 years plus - **MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS** (Wednesday's)

For 9 years plus - **PREPARATORY CONTEMPORARY** (Wednesday's)

For 9 years plus **JUNIOR HIP HOP** (Wednesday's)

ADULT BALLET (Monday Morning's OR Thursday Evening's)

NEW TEACHERS

It is exciting to have **TORI** (Hip hop), **MISS ASHLEY** (Acro), **MISS ASHLYN** (Acro), **MISS AMELIA** (pre schoolers) joining our amazing faculty this year. A massive welcome back to RAD teacher **MISS EMMA JANE** also 😊 Check out more about these great teachers via the MDZ website. You will also see **LAURA** helping out with the admin side of things. Thank you to my staff! You are such a super team 😊



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

All items are available from ENCORE or 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.

MODERN JAZZ – Grade 1 - 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.

MODERN JAZZ – VOCATIONAL - Leotard any style. Black nylon lycra leggings and TAN Jazz shoes.

TAP - BEGINNERS - GRADE 2 TAP - Own leotard and skirt. Socks and Tap shoes.

TAP - GRADE 3 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.

ENROLMENTS 2026

Existing students are automatically re-enrolled for 2026 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
Seniors: Monday 26th January, Everyone else: Monday the 2nd of February.
Please note NO classes on Waitangi Day Friday the 6th of February.

Kind regards,

Miss Maxene (NZAMD examiner, ISTD International teaching team, 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, Miss Emma Jane, Tori, Miss Porsha, Miss Jasmine, Miss Emily, Miss Amelia, Miss Danica, Miss Elsa, Miss Ashley, Miss Ashlyn and Laura

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 WINNERS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS:

Sapphire Webby, Charlotte Lambretch, Lena McCorkindale, Ellie Baillie, Annika Corkran, Emma Thomas, Isabelle Nijman, Ella Busuttin, Peyton McClenaghan, Zoe Baker, Ava Mordaunt, Anna Poingdestre

PROMISING BOY (Donated by Devon Zhou):

Oscar James

THE JOY OF DANCE (Donated by Kate Coutts):

Clara Reina

RISING STAR (Donated by Ying Ying Yong):

Sylvie Henderson

RISING STAR (Donated by Lily McDonald):

Ruby Robertson

VERSATILITY IN DANCE (Donated by Aimee Hodson):

Emily Rule

PROMISING STAR (Donated by Amelia S):

Ruby Smith

BEX'S BACKSTAGE AWARD: Amelia O'Brien

SMILEY AWARD: Jemima George

MUSICAL THEATRE: Scarlett Lees-Galloway

MOST OUTSTANDING AWARDS:

ACRO

Runner up: Brooke Williams
Most outstanding: Holly Hudson

TAP

Runner up: Lilly Hayes
Most outstanding: Callie Turner

CONTEMPORARY

Runner up: Amanda Hayward
Most outstanding: Emily Sutherland

HIP HOP

Runner up: Elsa Phillips
Most outstanding: Ashlyn Rowland

JAZZ

Runner up: Mabel Henderson
Most outstanding: Azaziah BatachEl

BALLET

Runner up: Sophie Simpson
Most outstanding: Amelia Sowerby

MOST OUTSTANDING OVERALL

(must be training in atleast 3 forms of dance at MDZ)

JUNIOR:

Mercedes Brooks

SENIOR:

Maia Smith