

Hi everyone, I can hardly believe we are currently over half way through the term already, the holiday's are fast approaching and I am feeling a little unprepared for it all, I must admit!

TERM 4: SPRING FEVER

I have had the pleasure to watch some wonderful progress with the students this term. The mixture of 'old' and new students in some of the classes is a great recipe for fun!

The **Preschool classes** have been busy with their marching skills and most of the students are very eager now to take the 'queen' leader role (not sure if it's the sparkly crown that helps there?) whatever the case it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow. We have also had some very busy bees performing a dance and a great display of footwork, arm movements & listening skills. It has been fabulous to see this dance develop. Our opening dance has really come along and the dancers are really getting into the 'swing' of it, those hip movements are great. We are now working on the skipping rhythm and will incorporate that skill into our final dance this term, "At the bottom of the garden".



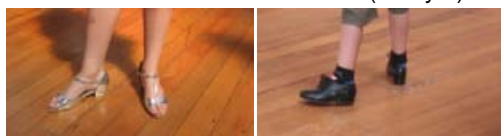
Preschool student performing the bee dance – great footwork Libby



Preschool Class – practicing their marching skills, lead my their queen ant, Nanaia

The **Petite classes** have been working on some basics and are making great progress there. We have also been having some fun being kangaroos, cheeky mice, stomping dinosaurs and soaring butterflies. We have also been working on some floor skills that we will be able to put to good use in our 'egg to a butterfly' dance before the term ends.

The 'Have a Ball' dance class (6-12yrs)



This class is only in its 2nd term and already the children have learnt a mixture of dances. This term, they have been concentrating on 2 dances in particular. Some of the students will have an upcoming

social badge exam in December and they will perform the Rhythm Foxtrot (a ballroom dance) and a Paso Doble (a latin dance) before an examiner. I am very proud of them, they have shown great maturity for such young dancers and I wish them all the very best with their first exam.



Students revising the steps and counts of the Paso Doble

DANZ-U-FIT CLASSES for adults

As the brochure says, if you dislike exercising then you'll love thisit's a latin workout. I started this class really because I love latin music both modern and traditional and I love dancing and wanted to share that with others as an exercise option. Latin dancing is such a great form of exercise, it works out your mind, waist, hips, thighs and its fitness fun and leaves you feeling energised!. Traditionally, Latin dancing requires a partner so take that element away and you have a latin dance workout called, "Danz-U-Fit". Whether you've danced before or never danced, if you can march to a rhythm you can dance....or I can show you how. This term everyone that has attended this class can dance the basic elements of many of the latin dances; forward, back, twisting, turning, triple steps etc and have grasped the cha cha cha, meringue, mambo, samba and rumba rhythms. Watch out though, we are about to liven up the pace with the energetic jive.....don't panic, we'll work our way up to full speed.

To everyone that has joined in this class this term – Thank you, it has been great and I really enjoy your energy.

The Danz-U-Fit workouts will resume in the New Year. First class back, Saturday 17th January 2009. You will have the option to join an Improvers level class (for those feeling confident to tackle some more moves) or a basics class (for those starting out or in need of revision). If anyone is interested in joining either of these classes next year, do let me know as soon as you can as classes will only run with sufficient registration numbers.

Preschool and Petite Classes; your last class for Term 4 is Tuesday 9th December 2008 or Saturday 13th December

"Have a Ball" class your final class for the term will be Saturday 20th December 2008 – I have arranged an alternative location for this class which has been given to you. Your exams are on Sunday 21st December 2008.

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DANCEWEAR SPECIALISTS

Many of our new students to dancing may be interested in knowing where to purchase shoes and accessories.

-Dance Pacific (formerly known as SPRATZ) has moved to:

Cnr Colombo St & Stanley Streets Sydenham,
Phone: 366 4238

-Gannaway Ltd

Stockist of Shoes only 289 Selwyn Street Sydenham
Phone: 365 0381

-Away with the fairy's

A children's wonderland in Cust. Fairy dresses, skirts, dress ups, I highly recommend a trip out to the fairy grotto and enchanted forest.

-Dance Essentials

11 Bernard Street, Addington
Stockist for Ballroom and Latin dance shoes

FOR SALE:

Second hand Ballet Flats

I have a pair of used black Paul Wright ballet flats size 11^{1/2}B for sale \$15.

If anyone is interested in the following, please see me in class or if you have any dancewear items you would like to sell, I will happily advertise them in our next newsletter.

Finally, Thank you for all your support and patronage throughout the year. Your children truly inspire me, they are full of energy, enthusiasm and talent. I wish you all a fun, safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to dancing with you next year.

Bronze Medal Latin Class your final class for the term will be Saturday 20th December 2008 – I have arranged an alternative location for this class, details of this have been given to you. Your exams are on Sunday 21st December 2008.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2009

Pre-Registration Forms for Term 1 2009 are now available in class. Please complete this form to secure your child's placement in your preferred class. A parent's signature is now required on this form to accept or decline your child's photo being taken in class/concerts, as appropriate. By accepting, you will then agree to Rhythm in your shoes using a dance class photo from time to time in the 1/4ly newsletter, which will now be made available for access on the Rhythm in your shoes website. If you decline, your child's photo will not be used under any circumstances. Please ensure you do complete this returned portion of the registration form.

END OF YEAR PARTY



SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Livingstone Street, Linwood
4:30pm – 6:00pm

All students, family & relatives are welcome to join in the fun, games and dancing as we celebrate the end of another great dancing season

Special preschool dance demonstration you, won't want to miss!

Please 'bring a plate'
BYO drinks

Tea, Coffee & Fruit Drink supplied

RSVP by placing your name on the list on the notice board
Thank you

Karen 