

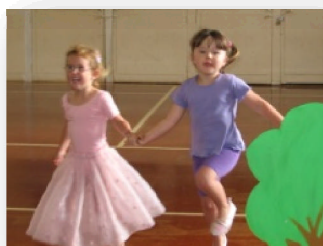
Hi everyone,

What a great start to the dancing year it has been. A warm welcome to all the new families that have been introduced into the fun of dance and welcome back to all the returning families. Your referrals mean a lot to me, so I would like to take some time out to say a big THANK YOU! To those of you spreading the word amongst your friends, I greatly appreciate your kind words.

TERM 1: COLOURS

WOW! There has been an influx of new talent into both the Preschool and Petites dance programmes this term. I have had the pleasure to watch some wonderful progress, with lots of new students. The students started out being very quiet - lots of observing and some of the students at times a little hesitant to join in but.....look at them now, their confidence has grown, lots of smiles and energy – that's dancin'!

The **Preschool classes** have mastered their "Black and White" dance and had fun using their pom pom props, with some of the students making their own – so they can continue the fun at home. We are currently working on the "Daisy Chain" dance that involves one of the basic dance skills of skipping combined with an introduction into formation movements.



As we head into the final weeks of classes most of the students have begun to work on our "Unicorn" dance which, not only works on another of the basic movements in dance but manages to incorporate a creative section, allowing the students to use arm movements in a creative way to the music.

The **Petites** have been busy being graceful as they learn to perform their Swan Dance. We have been working on their soft arm movements and light feet, it is coming along well.



The students have nearly mastered their Waltz time step, lots of smiles and a great accomplishment on a difficult step & rhythm – well done! This step will form part of one of the dances to be performed in our next dance recital.



We have continued improving on dance basic movements and rhythms. Take a look at these smiles!

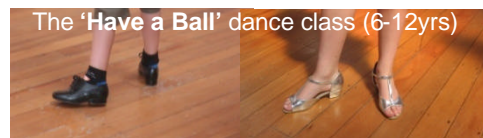
BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN STUDENT EXAMINATION RESULTS FROM DEC 2008

I am delighted to say that the Juvenile graded students who completed their 2 dance Social Badge examination in December 2008 received a Highly Commended Honours Pass (the top pass). They performed 2 dances in front of an examiner; Rhythm Foxtrot and Paso Doble.

Congratulations to: Tyler, Lauren, Freyja, Alisha and Sage for doing so well in your first exam – a great result.

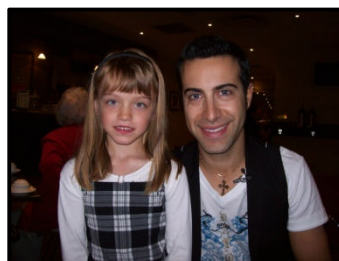
More great results, the Junior & Adult graded students were examined in their Bronze Latin Medal and all received Highly Commended Honours Pass. Congratulations Christina, Rosanna, Josie and Marian, a terrific effort.

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



We have started the New Year with a lot of enthusiastic young talent. The students have worked their way through the basic movements in the Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Jive, Rhythm Foxtrot, Waltz and Quickstep. They have all worked really well and some of the students are going to take part in a fun and friendly points score competition in a couple of weeks.

Alisha from the "Have a Ball" class, got up close and personal recently with Stefano Olivieri and Geraldine Brophy in Christchurch. In this season of "Dancing with the Stars" Geraldine Brophy, partnered by Stefano Olivieri are raising money for Arthritis New Zealand. For Alisha, being able to dance benefits her both physically, mentally and emotionally - it is a great enjoyment for her.



ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 2 2009

Pre-Registration Forms for Term 2 2009 are now available in class or you can enroll via email or the website; www.rhythminyourschools.co.nz.

Please ensure you re-enroll to secure your child's placement in your preferred class, some of the classes fill up quickly.

DANCE SHOWCASE UPDATE.....

I have decided our annual dance recital will be held in September, at the end of Term 3. This has come about due to an increase in new students this term. I feel it would be of more benefit to the students to have some time to adjust to the class format and become comfortable with the dances before attempting our dance recital. If your child will be transitioning from preschool to petites within the next 2 terms and they are interested in doing the show, please discuss this with your instructor.

HELPFUL HINTS for shoes.....

If you are wondering how to keep your children's Ballet Flats looking like new, try this product.....Chux magic eraser, available from most supermarkets.

DANCEWEAR SPECIALISTS

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

- **Dance Essentials** are the stockist of Ballroom/Latin/Salsa dance shoes and apparel.



Owner/operator Grace, is friendly, helpful, experienced and dedicated to finding the right footwear solution for each individual.

Take a look at her dancewear store at 11 Bernard Street, Addington. Shop Hours: Mon

– Thurs 4:30 – 8:30pm & Saturday 10am – 2pm .

-**Dance Pacific** (formerly known as SPRATZ) are able to assist you with Ballet Flats and accessories, a difficult shop to leave empty handed! Cnr Colombo St & Stanley Streets Sydenham,

*****FOR SALE:*****

Second hand Ballet Flats 3 pairs currently available ranging from very small, 10C and 11B Price \$20.

Adult Size 7 Ballroom/Latin Practise Shoe (near new condition) \$55

If anyone is interested, 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.

2008 END OF YEAR PARTY



Lots of smiles, laughter and party food as we celebrated the end of 2008.

A very big "Thank you" to all those parents that offered their help in setting up, keeping everyone refreshed and tidying up afterwards.



Preschool and Petite Classes: your last class for Term 1 is Tuesday 31st March 2009 or Saturday 4th April 2009.

Enrolments for Term 2 will close on **15th April 2009**

- **Term 2 classes** will resume on Tuesday 28th April 2009

"Have a Ball" your final class for the term will be Saturday 4th April 2009.

Every effort will be made to group students of similar abilities into a class. It is essential to re-enroll for Term 2, enrolments close on **15th April 2009.**

- **Term 2 classes** will resume on Saturday 25th April 2009

Please Note: Classes are subject to demand, times may change or classes amalgamated, added or deleted due to registration numbers.

DANZ-U-FIT CLASS - for Adults

Simple steps to improve your fitness... don't let winter slow you down. As the cooler weather approaches, it's so easy to want to hibernate away indoors until spring comes around again. Take care of yourself, stay fit during winter and join our Latin fitness class. Just watch your fitness improve have some fun while you learn to dance. As the brochure says, if you dislike exercising then you'll love this ...dancing is such a great form of exercise, it works out your mind, waist, hips, thighs and leaves you feeling energised!

Whether you've danced before or never danced, if you can march to a rhythm you can dance...or I can show you how. We have covered many combinations this term in the Cha Cha Cha, Meringue, Mambo, Samba, Rumba and that energetic Jive. Don't wait for someone to take you dancing, get fit and make new friends with DANZ-U-FIT.

Classes are currently held Thursday 10am – Addington and Saturday 1:30pm – Linwood.

If the class times don't seem to fit into your schedule, gather up some friends and give me a call.

Danz-U-Fit your final classes for the term will be Saturday 4th April 2009 and Thursday 9th April 2009. Please ensure you enroll for Term 2 by either indicating to your instructor in class or via the website.

- **Term 2 classes** will resume on Saturday 25th April 2009 and Thursday 30th April 2009

