# BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ
# NOVEMBER 2026



## If you have any questions about the end of year show, rehearsals or tickets, then please contact Tor at endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com

**TERM FEES**

All Term 4 fees should now have been paid. Please ensure that any outstanding fees are paid by Monday 23 November. For internet banking the account # is 06 0901 0416601 00
(Please make sure that you include your child's surname and their first name or initial and the Account Number.)

**DANCE CLASSES FOR 2027 & HOW TO RE-ENROL**

Please let Mrs Bennett know (bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz) by **Tuesday 1 December 2026** if your child is returning to the Dance School in 2027 so that a place for them will be guaranteed. If you have not contacted Mrs Bennett by 1 December, your child's place may be given to another student and then if your child does want to return they may need to go on a waiting list.

**Please do not simply turn up to class next year without enrolling your child as you may discover that the class is full and your child cannot be accommodated.**

Any seniors who would like to discuss their dance programme for next year, please contact Mrs Bennett after the show.

The full timetable for 2027 classes has been emailed to everyone as a separate attachment along with this notice, as well as the 2027 BSBJ Handbook which includes the fees for 2027, as well as lots of other important information about the dance school and dance classes.

In addition, there's a table on the following page that lists the classes (Grade 5 and below) that were offered this year and shows which class each of these leads to next year. Please note the following:

- Ballet classes from Primary upwards and Jazz classes from Grade 1 upwards are 1 hour long (rather than 45 minutes).
- Students in Ballet classes from Grade 2 upwards must attend 2 classes per week if they intend to sit exams. Once children reach certain levels in dance, the amount of work and technicality increases. Consequently, attendance at more classes is required to further develop technique and strength so that female students can eventually work in pointe shoes and male students have the strength and stamina needed for boys'/men's work. However, students may choose to attend only 1 class per week if they do not want to sit exams but would like to continue with their dancing simply for enjoyment.
- Students in Jazz classes from Grade 6 upwards must attend 2 classes per week if they intend to sit exams.

Mrs Bennett will talk with students in Grade 5 and above regarding their class options for next year.

In 2027 classes will start on Monday 25 January. There will not be classes on Saturday 6 February 2027 as the dance school will be observing the Waitangi Day public holiday on this day.

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**2027 CLASS SCHEDULE**

**(Tiny Tots to Ballet Grade 6/Jazz Grade 5 – see separate attachment for full timetable)**

| Class Level in 2026<br>(Note: For Jazz students the 2026 class refers to your exam level for this year) | Class Options for 2027 |
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| Tiny Tots 1 (Mon 4pm or Sat 10am) | Tiny Tots 2 (Wed 4pm or Sat 10.45am) |
| Tiny Tots 2 (Wed 4pm or Sat 10.45am) | Ballet Pre-Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 11.30am)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Junior (Thurs 4pm) |
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| Ballet Pre-Primary (Tues 4pm or Sat 11.30am) | Ballet Primary (Tues 4pm or Sat 12.30pm)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Junior (Thurs 4pm) |
| Ballet Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 12.30pm) | Ballet Grade 1 (Wed 5pm or Sat 1.30pm)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Junior (Thurs 4pm) |
| Ballet Grade 1 (Tues 5pm or Sat 1.30pm) | Ballet Grade 2 (Tues 5pm & Sat 1.30pm) |
| Ballet Grade 2 (Wed 5pm & Sat 10am) | Ballet Grade 3 (Wed 4pm & Sat 10am) |
| Ballet Grade 3 (Thurs 5pm & Sat 11am) | Ballet Grade 4 (Thurs 5pm & Sat 11am) |
| Ballet Grade 4 (Tues 6pm & Sat 12.30pm) | Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 6pm & Sat 12.30pm) |
| Ballet Grade 5 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm) | Ballet Grade 6 (Mon 4pm & Thurs 6pm)<br>AND<br>Ballet Open Class (Sat 2.30pm-3.45pm) |
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| Jazz Pre-Junior/Junior (Thurs 4pm) | Jazz Junior (Thurs 4pm) |
| Jazz Grade 1 (Wed 5pm) | Jazz Grade 2 (Mon 5pm) |
| Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 4pm) | Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 4pm) |
| Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 5pm) | Jazz Grade 4 (Thurs 5pm) |
| Jazz Grade 4 (Tues 4pm) | Jazz Grade 5 (Tues 4pm) |

**ADDITIONAL DANCE CLASSES**

The dance school offers a number of dance classes in addition to ballet and jazz.

***Musical Theatre***

Senior Class (for students turning 13 years old and above) – Saturdays 1pm-1.45pm
Junior Class (for students turning 8 years old to 12 years old) – Saturdays 2.30pm-3.15pm

***Contemporary***

Fridays 5pm-6pm – for students aged 11 years old and above

***Tap***

Junior Class – Saturdays 11.15am-12pm
Intermediate Class – Saturdays 10.30am-11.15am
Senior Class – Saturdays 9.45am-10.30am
Platinum Class – Thursdays 7pm-7.45pm
Adults – Mondays 8pm-8.45pm

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***Stretch/Conditioning Class***
Saturdays 12.15pm-1pm and Saturdays 1.45pm-2.30pm – for students aged 10 years old and above

***Group Competition Class***
Fridays 4pm-5pm for students aged 13 years old and above who would like to get some more stage experience and compete in local competitions as a troupe.

Along with the performance experience that comes with competing, students learn many new skills being part of a troupe, including working together as a team, improved timing and musicality and better spatial awareness.

If you're interested in your child attending this class, there are a few standards your child must meet:

- Your child must learn ballet and jazz with us at the Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz.
- This class costs $190.00 per term over and above your child's other term fees at the dance school. Please note that this fee does not include the cost of costumes – see below.
- Costumes will be an additional cost (approximately $120.00 per costume to purchase – maybe more or less depending on what is available, exchange rates and custom/tax duties – or $10 per costume hired from BSBJ per year).

**SECONDHAND CLOTHES & SHOES TO SELL**
At the beginning of next year, please feel free to bring in any secondhand dance clothes or shoes that you would like to sell as these are always in great demand particularly at the start of the year. Put each piece of clothing or pair of shoes into a plastic bag with your name and the price on the outside and then put them on the sale table in the Dressing Room. Mrs Bennett will let you know when an item has sold. If you are selling shoes, please just put one shoe on the table and give the other shoe (labelled with your name) to Mrs Bennett for safe keeping in the office.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2027.

Shona Bennett & the BSBJ Team
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**REMINDER**

Tickets for "Aladdin" can be purchased from the dance school between 10am and 12.30pm on Saturday 21 November and in the foyer of the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium during rehearsals on Monday 23 November, Wednesday 25 November, and Thursday 26 November.

Please note that there are no eftpos facilities available either at the dance school or at the theatre, so tickets can be purchased with cash only.