

# BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

## NOVEMBER 2023

If you have any questions about the end of year show, rehearsals or tickets, then please contact Tor at [endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com](mailto:endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com)

### **BALLET EXAMS**

Congratulations to those who participated in the ballet exams in September. Miss Meredith, Miss Emma and Mrs Bennett are very happy with the reports and the results.

### **BALLET EXAM PHOTOS**

Ballet exam photos can now be viewed on Photobucket at [www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com)  
User name: bennettballetandjazz Password:bennettballet

### **TERM FEES**

All Term 4 fees should now have been paid. Please ensure that any outstanding fees are paid by Monday 27 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 2024 & HOW TO RE-ENROL**

Please let Mrs Bennett know ([bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bennettballetandjazz@xtra.co.nz)) by **Monday 11 December 2023** if your child is returning to the Dance School in 2024 so that a place for them will be guaranteed. If you have not contacted Mrs Bennett by 11 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. Places are often particularly tight in the Tiny Tots classes, as well as Stretch and Musical Theatre.

**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 2024 classes has been emailed to everyone as a separate attachment along with this notice, as well as the 2024 BSBJ Handbook which includes the fees for 2024, 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 2024 classes will start on Monday 29 January. There will not be classes on Tuesday 6 February 2024 as the dance school will be observing the Waitangi Day public holiday on this day.



## **2024 CLASS SCHEDULE**

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

| <b>Class Level in 2023<br/>(Note: For Jazz students the 2023 class refers to your exam level for this year)</b> | <b>Class Options for 2024</b>  |
|---|--|
| Tiny Tots 1 (Wed 4pm or Sat 10am)   | Tiny Tots 2 (Wed 4pm, Thurs 4pm or Sat 10.45am)  |
| Tiny Tots 2 (Tues 4pm or Sat 10.45am)   | Ballet Pre-Primary (Tues 4pm, Thurs 4pm or Sat 11.30am)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4pm) |
| Ballet Pre-Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 11.30am)   | Ballet Primary (Wed 4pm or Sat 12.30pm)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)                  |
| Ballet Primary (Mon 4pm or Sat 12.30pm)   | Ballet Grade 1 (Wed 5pm or Sat 1.30pm)<br>AND/OR<br>Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 5.30pm)                  |
| Ballet Grade 1 (Thurs 4pm or Sat 1.30pm)  | Ballet Grade 2 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)  |
| Ballet Grade 2 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)   | Ballet Grade 3 (Mon 4pm & Sat 1.30pm)  |
| Ballet Grade 3 (Mon 5pm & Sat 10am)   | Ballet Grade 4 (Mon 5pm & Sat 10am)  |
| Ballet Grade 4 (Tues 4pm & Sat 11am)  | Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 4pm & Sat 11am)   |
| Ballet Grade 5 (Tues 5pm & Sat 12.30pm)   | Ballet Grade 6 (Mon 5pm & Tues 5pm)<br>AND<br>Ballet Open Class (Sat 2.30pm-3.45pm)              |
| Jazz Pre-Junior (Thurs 4pm)   | Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)   |
| Jazz Junior (Thurs 4.45pm)  | Jazz Grade 1 (Thurs 5.30pm)  |
| Jazz Grade 1 (Tues 4pm)   | Jazz Grade 2 (Tues 4pm)  |
| Jazz Grade 2 (Thurs 5pm)  | Jazz Grade 3 (Thurs 4.45pm)  |
| Jazz Grade 3 (Tues 5pm)   | Jazz Grade 4 (Tues 5pm)  |
| Jazz Grade 4 (Mon 4pm)  | Jazz Grade 5 (Mon 4pm)   |

### **ADDITIONAL DANCE CLASSES**

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

#### ***Musical Theatre***

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Senior Class (for students turning 13 years old and above) – Saturdays 12.30pm-1.30pm

Junior Class (for students turning 8 years old to 12 years old) – Saturdays 2.30pm-3.30pm

#### ***Contemporary***

Taught by Kilda Northcott

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

#### ***Stretch/Conditioning Class***

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Saturdays 11.30am-12.15pm and Saturdays 1.30pm-2.15pm – for students aged 10 years old and above

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## **Tap**

Taught by Emma Donaldson

Junior Class – Saturdays 10.45am-11.30am

Intermediate Class – Saturdays 10am-10.45am

Senior Class – Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.15pm

Advanced Class – Thursdays 5.45pm-6.30pm

Adults – Mondays 8pm-8.45pm

## **Group Competition Class**

Taught by Emma Donaldson

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 \$165.00 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 \$15 per costume hired from BSBJ).

## **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 2024.

Shona Bennett & the BSBJ Team

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### **REMINDER+**

Tickets for "Cinderella" can be purchased from the dance school between 10am and 12.30pm on Saturday 25 November and in the foyer of the Trinity Catholic College Auditorium during rehearsals on Monday 27 November, Wednesday 29 November, and Thursday 30 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.