



## AVANT BALLET STUDIO

FEB 2024

Welcome back!

The teachers and I look forward to an **EXCITING** year of dance as we enter **our 41st year!**

**Please remember 2024 timetable is temporary until class numbers are determined.**

THESE DATES ARE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AT SHEDLEY THEATRE ELIZABETH

**THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH 7.00PM**

**FRIDAY AUG 9TH - 7.00P.M. SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH- 2.00 P.M**

The very young students will do 2 of the 3 performances!

**COMPULSORY stage rehearsals SUNDAY 28th JULY AND TUESDAY 6th AUGUST.**

**ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED**

Please let teacher know immediately if your child will **not** be available for **ALL** dates, as we will be commencing routines soon. (Tinies will not be involved in August concert)

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN PLACE A POSTER ON A COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD FOR US! EG SCHOOL, KINDY BUSINESS. We are also happy to support local business and happy for you to place a poster on our community noticeboard!**

COSTUME COORDINATORS will once again be required to organize costumes. We need at least 1 rep. for each class. Please see notice on window at entrance door and add your name to the list or email me if you can help.

A meeting will be held on **THURS 14 th March at 7.00p.m.Junior, 7.30 Senior** at Tea Tree Gully Primary School to discuss costumes with all the people who have volunteered to help.

For classes that do not have a volunteer coordinator then we will hire a coordinator for that class and the students of that class will share the cost (added to next terms account) Please pay the deposit by no later than **March 2nd** (Please note costumes will only be distributed to those who have **paid** their deposit. Costumes purchased on line may require a top up payment before they can be purchased).

(In most cases costume deposit covers most of the costume cost with just a small balance to pay after the concert).

Many thanks to Christie who will directing us with this challenge!

AVANT TAKES ON SCHOOLS CHALLENGE FOR 2024! CALLING ALL 8+ YEAR OLDS

What is it?

The School's Challenge is Australia's newest performing arts event for schools to create and participate in. Schools develop and create a 6–8-minute stage-ready item, incorporating dance, theatre and vocals, to tell a story. Storytelling with powerful messages is an empowering way to inspire others.

Who can be involved? We would love you to be involved!

Students ages **8+ years enrolled at Avant Ballet Studio and/or Tea Tree Gully Primary School**

(Open to ALL AGES & would love to see students from ALL grades involved, that includes you seniors! 🥳)

Is there a cost involved?

Yes, there is a fee to participate however the more students we have keen to join in, the cheaper it will be, + the help of fundraising throughout the year!

Please let us know if this is something you or your child would be keen to participate in.

I'd love students at Avant and TTG primary school to have the chance to showcase their skills.

I'd love to give the students the opportunity to help with the whole creative process, including storyline, choreography & everything in between! I believe it'll be a great chance for everyone to bond & be a part of something inclusive of everybody! I got to watch & help backstage at the first Schools Challenge event in 2023 & it truly was inspiring event to be a part of!

As I said, the more the merrier so spread the word!

Here is the link to the website if you'd like to have a look/read about what it's all about!

<https://www.schoolschallenge.com.au>

Would love to see as many hands up as possible!

Please let me know if you have any questions 🥳 ChristieJordan@live.com.au

We have 2 facegroup pages you are welcome to join Avant Ballet Studio and Avant Ballet Studio-Concert photos. These groups provide lots of information and support/reminders to parents.

Please be aware that we are in an area that may be part of closure on catastrophic fire days. We try to give advance warning and also use our facegroup pages to let families know if we are affected.

To ensure the safe and efficient running of classes your cooperation with the following is appreciated.

- 1) Parents please organize for students to be picked up promptly at the end of each class
- 2) Parents please do not wait in the studio area, as students require the whole room to work in and are distracted by people waiting.
- 3) Please contact me ( text, email) if your child will be absent from class so lesson plans can be adjusted.
- 4) Please **write** any messages in the 'day book' or email any information to me that we need to be aware of.
- 5) Please let me know if your address or phone number has changed to enable you to receive all information.
- 6) We now have a specific 'Medical action' form for students who have medical conditions that teachers need to be made aware of and where actions may need to be taken to assist the student. Copies can also be found on the website and from the teacher.

Students can do unlimited classes for a 'bundled' term fee! This represents excellent value on an already reasonable fee. (some specialized classes are not included in the unlimited bundle)

Junior students (Level 1 –level5) fee will be \$462

Senior students (level 6 onwards) fee will be \$478

**IMPORTANT REMINDER-** All students eligible to study and perform pointe work must do a minimum of 2 ballet classes per week and a pointe class.

Regular private lessons for examination training, competitions or technique development are highly recommended for Level 1 and up. Schedules will be out soon. Private lessons are \$27 per half hour. Competition lessons also incur added fees and we have very limited spaces.

**HOT PINK LEOTARD** Students moving into Ballet 4, can wear a hot pink leotard as soon as they need one! Any style is fine and can be purchased from your preferred dance wear shop!

**Cecchetti Ballet exams-** Ballet students from 5 ½ years onwards may be eligible to participate in examinations.

Please let us know if your child is interested.

The teachers and I will also be sending invitations to the parents of students we believe will be ready both technically and emotionally to participate.

We will be running additional exam only classes a couple of times per term for students who we believe will be ready to participate in the official examinations.

Pre-Primary to Grade 1 students must attend class regularly once per week and additional exam only lessons.

Grade 2 onwards- students must attend a minimum of 2 classes per week and additional exam only classes.

We also encourage private/duo lessons – a couple per term for students participating in exam from Grade 1 onwards

Grade Pre-primary to Grade 4 are examined in October/November.

Our current level 5 students (doing grade 4 examination will be in June)



Contact Kellie to join!  
kelwhitehead80@gmail.com

**FEES** – Fees are based on a 9 week term and so students attending the full term will receive **bonus** weeks in some terms. Term 1 fees are due **FEBRUARY 24th** for continuing students and must be paid by this date to be eligible for the discount. New students please check the due date on your account. After this the full amount will be due (this year the discount date will be strictly adhered to). Please **contact me** or **leave a note in the "day book"** with the class teacher **before** the due date if you wish to make part payments or an alternative due date.

Please forward your plan to me for approval.

Fees can be paid by **cash**, or **direct credit** through your bank and **credit card**.

My **BSB** number is **633-000** and **account number** is **149124588** and use **the reference number on your account and your name (if possible) for identification**.

Please place any monies **in a named envelope and hand it to the teacher** and **sign the "day book"**

All fees must be **finalized** by the end of term to avoid added charges.

\$100 SPORTS VOUCHERS FOR CHILDREN 5-15 (Reception to year 9) can be accepted. Forms available on website!

Check out our web site! It's [www.avantballet.com.au](http://www.avantballet.com.au) Copy of newsletter and photos can be found there!