

2007

mini-MATES CONCERT

INFORMATION SHEET

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Attention: Pre-Schooler/Kindy Dance Classes ONLY

This newsletter contains loads of information relating to this year's mini-Mates Concert-Dates, Tickets, Videos, Make-up, etc. Please take an extra moment to read it to answer many of your questions regarding what will happen with events leading up to the big day.

👉 CONCERT FEE

The Concert Fee, which is only **\$11.00** per student, helps cover the extra costs incurred with operating all of the Concert-related events.

Every Participant in this year's Concert is responsible for paying this Concert Fee. You should pay this Concert Fee to the Fees Box at class as soon as possible to ensure delays at rehearsals are minimized.

👉 DRESS REHEARSAL

The Dress Rehearsal for this year's mini-Mates Concert will be on Saturday, 17th November (the same day as the Concert) from 11:00am - approximately 12:00pm at the Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy Senior Campus Auditorium (the Concert Venue). Please be there ready to dance at this time with hair and facial make-up completed and in full costume. The hall will be open from 10:30am with supervision from 11:00am.

NO food or drink is to be taken whilst in costume. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet and has had sufficient food before the Dress Rehearsal.

Wear something to cover up your costume as under no circumstances are any performers to be seen outside the auditorium in costume.

All personal belongings must be clearly labeled.

At the Dress Rehearsal all the students are to be seated in the auditorium & watch the rest of the show when they are not dancing. This is compulsory as well as a wonderful chance to see your fellow students dancing. This is not open to the parents or public because we hope the concert to be a surprise for you & them.

We require that a parent of each Pre-School/Kindy child needs to remain somewhere on school grounds during their rehearsal time. The children will be available to be collected at approximately 12:00pm, from their dance routine area in the hall.

If any parents are available to help at the Dress Rehearsal, please leave your name with Miss Bronwyn, or ring Mr Robert during morning office hours.

👉 THE CONCERT

The Concert on Saturday, November 17th will begin at 2:00pm in the Auditorium of the Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy Senior Campus. Performers are required to be in the hall at 1:45pm. We estimate it to end at 4:00pm. with a short intermission. If you have little children, please do not allow them to run around in the Auditorium. If they are very restless, please take them outside for a few minutes.

All performers are asked to follow strict instructions on how & where to remain sitting quietly until the cue for the End Finale. Any student found misbehaving during the concert will not be permitted to take part in next year's events.

NO food or drink is to be taken whilst in costume. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet and has had sufficient food before the Concert.

Only PERFORMERS and Designated Backstage Helpers will be permitted backstage during the show.

Remember that the use of Flash Photography is not permitted at this or any Dancin' Mates Concert, so we ask you kindly to either leave the cameras at home or use a high speed film setting to avoid flash. This is for the safety of the performers. Also, NO taking of personal video footage is permitted.

TICKETS

Tickets for the mini-Mates Concert will be available for purchase at the beginning of Term 4 at Dancin' Mates reception, and will be General Admission ONLY. These General Admission Tickets will pre-sell at \$10.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Retired Pensioners, and \$6.00 for children (all incl. 10% GST). The seating arrangement for these tickets will be "First Come, First Served".

Tickets may also be for sale due to availability at the venue door on the day of the Concert for \$12.00, \$10.00, and \$8.00 respectively.

All performers need a seat, and are provided with one free of charge.

Families with one Pre-Schooler/Kindy child dancing in the mini-Mates Concert, and another older child dancing in the December Annual Concert will receive one complimentary Children's ticket for their older child to this mini-Mates Concert.

Tickets can be purchased during the Dress Rehearsal, however - the seating arrangement for the Concert will not be set until after the Dress Rehearsal - so reserving your seat for the Concert in the morning is not an option.

The Door will open officially at 1.15pm on the Concert Day. If any unauthorized reserve signs are left on any seats during the Dress Rehearsal or prior to 1.15pm, they will be removed with no questions asked. After 1.15pm, you may hold a General Admission seat ONLY by sitting in it. Everyone's co-operation with these procedures will make it a fun day for ALL, especially the wonderful performers who have worked so hard for their bright moment in lights!

GENERAL MAKE-UP

All students performing in the concert are to wear some facial make-up:

- A skin foundation or powder put all over the face to prevent the face from shining on stage.
- A blush (rouge) on the cheeks to add colour.
- Blue toned or light brown eye shadow for girls. Glitter gel and hairspray is OK to use.
- Darken the eyebrows with a brown eyeliner pencil if they are too fair and hardly visible.
- Red lipstick is necessary for the girls.
- No nail polish or jewelry.

CONCERT PHOTOS

As previously mentioned, we will be having a Photo Shoot for the mini-Mates Concert. Peter Field, of Newcastle School Photos, will be doing our professional photos this year, and we are very confident of his quality work as he has been our photographer since 1995. You will also find his prices are very reasonable.

This Photo Call will be held at Dancin' Mates Studios on Saturday morning, 10th November. In term 4 you will receive your Photo Call newsletter with specific times. A reminder that this Photo Call is entirely optional, and you are under no obligation to purchase the photos, however, they do make a great Christmas gift for the family and will be available for purchase at the Concert. The group photos will be displayed during 2008 near Dancin' Mates Reception.

👉 CONCERT VIDEO - DVD

Eternal Memories Video Production will again produce this year's mini-Mates Concert Video. This production team has been producing Dance Concert Videos on the Central Coast for over ten years.

The cost per VHS videotape or DVD is as follows:

Full Concert	\$30.00
Single Dance Only	\$15.00
<i>plus Postage</i>	<i>add</i> <i>\$3.00</i>

Orders can soon be made by placing the correct money or a cheque made payable to 'Eternal Memories' (not Dancin' Mates) into the Eternal Memories Order Envelopes and deposit this into the Fees Box at our reception. Ensure all order details are correct. Unpaid orders cannot be processed. Also please note that these orders will not be processed by Dancin' Mates, so do not include video orders with any other Dancin' Mates items.

All Video/DVD Orders will be processed over the Christmas Holidays, and will be posted out at the start of the new dancing school year. Please understand that it won't be possible to have the editing completed prior to Christmas.

***IMPORTANT:** Please remember that the use of your own video camera at this or any Dancin' Mates Concert is not allowed due to music copyright laws, so please leave them at home and use the professional service provided. Also, making a copy of your friend's professional video is a copyright infringement.

👉 A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

All of the children have been working very hard practising their dances for this year's concert, and we are certain you will enjoy their entertainment. We expect everybody participating in the Concert to attend their remaining classes and the Dress Rehearsal. The Dress rehearsal is needed to ease the student into the 'theatre' environment and encourage confidence. A smooth running concert requires that each student knows when his/her dances are on, and where they enter and exit the stage, how and where to wait for an entrance, etc. These details must be rehearsed. This rehearsal also gives the student the chance to see their peers dance, as it is valuable to their learning progression. The Dress Rehearsal is the only chance to dance on the actual stage, with the lights and costumes, which can create havoc with even the best laid plans. It is therefore important for every student to attend in order to make his/her concert an enjoyable one. We'd like to thank you for your support and custom in helping Dancin' Mates to establish a reputation for quality dance tuition and service.

Dancingly yours, Miss Bronwyn, Mr Robert & Staff