

Announcing Our 14th Annual Dancin' Mates Concert

Dancin' Mates

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The 14th Annual Dancin' Mates Concert will be Sunday afternoon, 9th December 2007, at 3:00pm in the Regency Room (Main Auditorium) at the Central Coast Leagues Club.

Should your child wish to participate in this wonderful event, the following requirements must be met:

- ✓ Attendance & participation in the actual **Concert** on the Sunday afternoon, 9th December.
- ✓ Attendance & participation in the **#Dress Rehearsal** at the Central Coast Leagues Club on Saturday, 8th December running approximately from 1.00 – 3.30pm.
- ✓ Attendance at a ***Full Run-thru Rehearsal** at the Umina Public School Hall on Saturday, 1st December running approximately from 1.00 - 4.00pm.
- ✓ A Well-Mannered and Co-operative Conduct at all related Concert events.
- ✓ Payment in full for each costume required. The average cost is between \$50 - \$75 per costume•, which includes all fabric, labour & GST. Students that dance 2 styles will have 2 costumes; 3 styles, 3 costumes, etc.
- ✓ Payment of a **Concert Fee**, which is only \$16.50 per student (GST inclusive). This fee is required by every Concert participant, regardless of any attendance conflicts. This Fee must be paid by Saturday, 24th November 2007.

#The Dress Rehearsal date and time is subject to change due to requirements of the Central Coast Leagues. Should this happen, we will let you know as soon as we know.

* The Full Run-thru Rehearsal date and time is subject to change if an election should be called for on this day. Should this happen, we will let you know as soon as we know.

What You Need to do Now...

Our Concerts in the past years have been a huge success, and we are once again very excited about the talented students we have been working with throughout this year and the shaping of the year's big event. If you intend for your child to participate in this year's concert, we require:

- ✓ The enclosed **Permission Slip** to be signed and returned by Saturday, 1st September 2007.
- ✓ A **\$30.00 Costume Deposit** for each costume required by your child, paid by Saturday, 1st September 2007. This is non-refundable, and will be put towards the balance of each costume required.

We can only plan for your child's participation in this year's Concert when we have received a signed Permission Slip and the required deposits. Please enclose these in an envelope which states your child's name and "End of Year Concert" and deposit them to our reception Fees Payment Box.

In all classes, a majority of the lesson time will be spent on Concert material. It is necessary for students to attend class in order to learn the material. We are looking forward to putting together a fun show for all the students.

Costumes...

We intend that the costumes for our Concert dances should be hassle-free for parents. Miss Bronwyn designs what is needed for each dance, contracts a dressmaker, organizes the fabric and necessary accessories (if any), and sets the process in motion.

Please understand that the total cost of any costume cannot be determined until we know how many participants we will have for each class and until we have all the necessary components for the costume design gathered and priced. It is therefore impossible to quote your costume price at this time. Your total price will be given to you near completion of the costume, therefore, the sooner you can return to us your required deposits and permission slips, the better for all.

Costumes (cont.)

This term during class time, the students will be fitted for their costume using sample sizes. This is a simple process which involves the concert participants trying on a costume over the top of their regular class uniform.

A newsletter will be given out to each class in the 4th Term which will quote the total price for your dance's costume, along with the information regarding hair, shoes, accessories, etc. needed for that dance on the night. When you have received this newsletter, you will need to pay the balance due on the costume in full to Dancin' Mates reception by the date designated on the costume newsletter. All costume payments are to be handled through Dancin' Mates reception, unless otherwise noted.

The completed costumes will be delivered to the students during class time in November - providing the balance due for the costume has been paid in full and the class fees are current. Parents - please ensure that costume balances are paid in full by the date designated on your newsletter to avoid any disappointments on delivery day - the costume will not be given out to the child until it and the class fees are paid for.

Costume Funds...

We have set up for each student at Dancin' Mates a Costume Fund. We accept throughout the year any payments towards a student's Costume Fund, which is then used to cover the cost of Concert costumes.

Many people have already been contributing towards their child's costume fund, and it is not too late to do so or to continue to do so. Any amounts in a Student's Costume Fund at present will be applied towards the required deposits. If you do this, we advise that you check with Mr Robert via telephone for a current Costume Fund balance for your child to assist you in calculating the difference payable, if any.

Permission Slip & Costume Deposits

The required Permission Slip is attached. We require you to provide us a signed Permission Slip for each child you have participating in the concert.

In determining the number of dances your child is in, you count each style your child does as one costume required. For example, if your child does jazz class once a week and tap class once a week, then your child will be in Two Concert dances, and you will be required to leave Two \$30.00 Deposits, or \$60.00.

Please ensure that your required deposits are covered in full by Saturday, 1st September 2007. Incomplete deposits will be interpreted as a "NO" when it comes to your child's participation in this year's Concert.

Practice Music for the Concert Dances

Through **Ezy-Edits Productions**, a co-operative business service of Dancin' Mates, you can obtain a home practice copy of your Concert dance music. **Ezy-Edits** can record your dance music onto a Compact Disc (CD), Cassette Tape, or Mini-Disc (MD).

All you need to do is fill out an **Ezy-Edits** Order Form (attached with your Concert Permission Slip) and pay the appropriate fees to reception. Prices start from \$4.00/dance (please refer to your order form for the Price List). Please allow at least two (2) weeks for your order to be completed. Completed Orders will be distributed to the student in class. Please make cheques payable to Dancin' Mates!

Also...

If any carers are available to help at the Full-Run Thru Rehearsal, Dress Rehearsal, or the Concert, please let us know.

We will have again Peter Field of Newcastle School Photos doing a Concert Photo Shoot on Sunday, 2nd December (Times TBA), and we will also have Barbara from Eternal Memories Video Productions for this year's Dancin' Mates Concert Video. Concert tickets will be made available to purchase at the commencement of Term 4. Stay tuned for more details...

With Many Thanks,
Miss Bronwyn, Mr Robert, & Staff