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Dancing is FUN at *Dancin' Mates!*

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Dancin' Mates Performing Arts Dancing School

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Welcome to a New Year!

We wish to take this moment to welcome back all of our returning families, and to welcome our new families to Dancin' Mates! We are looking forward to a new year full of fun and excitement for everyone!

We ask that all returning clients take a moment to review our updated School Policies and Studio Uniform Sheets (available in our waiting area). Our policies are intended to insure that every student receives utmost attention, an opportunity to advance, and to support the disciplines so vital to the success of every personal achievement. Our policies are also intended to insure that each client can be served in a fair manner. A few changes to our policies must be made, from time to time, and we ask you to take a moment to acquaint yourself with those changes.

Examinations & Assessments

Dancin' Mates is very proud to offer students from the age of 6 yrs & up Examinations & Assessments for the Classical Ballet, Jazz/Funk, Tap & Modern Classes. By offering these Examinations and Assessments, we aim to provide an excellent opportunity for the children, teaching them to focus, to concentrate, and to work towards a goal that results in a marvellous sense of achievement after the event.

An announcement regarding participation requirements for all Examinations and Assessments will be given out later during Term 1. The Examinations and Assessments for Jazz, Tap, & Modern are tentatively planned for the 1st week of the July School Holidays. Classical Ballet Assessments will be conducted towards the end of Term 2, and the Ballet Examinations will be held early in Term 3. All Examinations and Assessments will be conducted at Dancin' Mates West St. Studios in Umina Beach unless otherwise instructed.

Please note that participation in any Examination or Assessment offered is completely OPTIONAL and does not affect the student's participation or progress in his/her regular class, however, we do hope that your child can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Adult Classes

You don't have to be a child to reap the benefits of doing dance class! Dancin' Mates offers dance classes for Adults, so why not give it a go? Classes are reasonably priced and set up for casual attendance to suit your busy lifestyle. Talk about a great way to get or stay fit - don't be shy, give it a go!

New Drama Class

In alternating terms for the two disciplines of Drama & Singing, our Drama/Singing Specialty Class will give that extra edge to your dance training as well as building confidence and self-esteem.

Our New Drama Class (1st Term) offers students the opportunity to explore the different aspects of improvisation and drama, using skills acquired through drama games, movement, voice, storytelling, role playing, and fun acting activities. For more information, refer to our Drama/Singing Specialty Class Flyer.

Studio News

Term Fees vs. Weekly Installments: The fees for Term 1 are now due and payable. We remind you that all Class Fees are structured and required for the entire term, regardless of whether you pay for the term up front, or pay in weekly installments. We offer those who have at least two (2) classes per week on their account the opportunity to pay in weekly installments as a convenience.

It is, however, vital that those eligible to pay in Weekly Installments keep them current, with those installments not paid due to absence being paid upon return to class. We appreciate your up to date payment as this helps to keep administrative costs down. Don't forget, should you miss class due to illness or vacation, we offer make-up lessons and you should check with your teacher for make-up class times.

Self-Service Reception Kiosk: Our Self-Service Reception Kiosk is offered for you to pay your term fees or eligible weekly installments, and to make any Costume, Music, Video, and/or Ticket orders. We have provided special "Fees Envelopes" for your use. All payments made to this box will be processed the next business day. Please note that any change due will be credited to the student's Costume Fund. Requested receipts can be claimed at reception from the following business day.

2006 Concert Videos/DVDs: If you ordered a Video/DVD of last year's Concert, it can be picked up from our reception.

If you didn't, but you still wish to purchase one, you can still order one from directly from Eternal Memories. The phone number is 4344 2645, and ask for Barbara. Please specify whether you require the Main Concert or the mini-Mates Concert.

2006 Concert Programs: Did you miss out on getting a copy of the Souvenir Program of the 2006 Concert? You can still order yours from reception for only \$4, a great keepsake to accompany your DVD.

Open Week: For those unacquainted with our Open Week, it is the chance for parents, family, and friends to view the students in their normal classes. Open Week will be from Fri, 30th March - Thurs, 5th April, which is the last week of regular classes for Term 1. More detailed information will follow later in the term. Mark your calendars now!

2007 Dance Team: Congratulations to those talented students who successfully auditioned for the 2007 Dance Team. This team performs in local fetes, festivals, and competitions throughout the year, and is an option for any Dancin' Mates dancer age 7 & up who has at least 6 months experience with Dancin' Mates and is enrolled in Ballet, Jazz/Hip-Hop & Tap.

Attendance: We wish to mention the importance of regular attendance. Consistency now is vital to the quality of the concert dances, not to mention the confidence of the dancers in knowing their chosen style. Most of all, we want everyone to remember that Dancing is FUN at Dancin' Mates!