



Term One

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year! I hope everyone has settled back into the school and dancing year and that life is running smoothly for you all. Can you believe it is nearly April? Time certainly has flown!

Dates To Remember

I can confirm our concert date for this year is **Saturday 14th November**.

The venue and time will remain the same. The rehearsal will be in October, on a Sunday, with the date yet to be confirmed.

Exam dates will be set for June and November.

Once dates have been confirmed for all events you will receive further notification.

Fundraising

2008 was a successful year in terms of fundraising, particularly the Trivia Night and the sale of the Entertainment Books. The funds raised from both these events allowed us to purchase 4 much needed ballet barres, so thank you to everyone for your assistance in raising the funds.

To kick start our efforts in 2009 we have 2 fundraisers running concurrently—the Easter Raffle and the sale of the Entertainment Book.

EASTER RAFFLE

As always we are grateful for the donation of easter eggs for the hampers that will be raffled off. So, please ensure your donations are handed in ASAP, to ensure we have time to make up the hampers. Any donations, big or small, will be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Attached are 20 tickets—the **tickets will sell for 50 cents each or 4 for \$2.00.**

Donations Due: no later than Saturday 21st March

Raffle Drawn: Saturday 4th April at 10:30am.

Should you require more tickets, please see Carole. All tickets should have name and phone number written on them, and if not a student of the school, the person they are associated with at Car-Dee so that prizes can be passed on if need be.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

These books are selling for \$65 once again this year, and are jam packed with money saving vouchers and offers for the whole family to take advantage of. If you use just 3 or 4 of the offers in this book you will cover your investment in the book!

As a special offer, if you **order and pay for your Book before 31st March, 2009**, you will receive **additional bonus offers** valued at over \$150. These bonus offers can be used immediately!

A huge congratulations to Lorraine and Sarah Clay (Senior Intermediates) who sold 10 of these books last year—an amazing effort!

Please spread the word and offer the books to family, friends, work colleagues...anyone you think would be interested. \$13 from each book comes back to the school.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest sellers in each fundraiser—GO FOR IT!!!!

Trivia Night for 2009

Our Trivia Night in 2008 was a great night, with nearly 70 people attending and joining in the fun. Many thanks to Julie Heller and Lyn Craig for organizing the night, and for organizing this year's event too. Our Trivia Night this year will be held on **Saturday 22nd August**, at the Keysborough Golf Club.

Teams will be required for the event, so start getting your teams together now and come up with a great name—a prize will be given to each team member for best team name!

If you know of anyone that can donate prizes for the evening, please advise Carole ASAP. We were extremely grateful to all that donated gifts for last year's event, and are especially grateful to Natasha Cappellari for her leg work in gathering many of the donations.

We look forward to another fantastic evening!

Second Hand Shoes—New Shoe Order

We have a number of second hand shoes available for purchase, including tap, jazz, ballet and pointe shoes. We cannot guarantee we'll have the size you are after, however certainly have a look before you go and buy your shoes brand new, as most of the second hand shoes on offer are still in excellent condition! Please see Carole should you wish to have a browse.

If any students have shoes that no longer fit them and you are interested in placing them in the second hand sales box, please see Carole.

We will be ordering new shoes in bulk from overseas once again this year. We can source shoes for very competitive prices from overseas markets, however please be aware that because of the current exchange rate and economic climate, some items will not be as cheap as they were last year.

More information and forms etc will be available shortly, and please ensure you do hand your orders in as quickly as possible so that there isn't a lengthy wait for the order to arrive.

Term Dates for 2009

Term 1—Monday 2nd February through to Saturday 4th April

Term 2—Monday 20th April through to Saturday 27th June – **Monday 8th June (Queens B'day) – no classes**

Term 3—Monday 13th July through to Saturday 19th September

Term 4—Monday 5th October through to Saturday 28th November

Take Care of Yourself

Dancing takes a lot out of a person, both mentally and physically. To ensure you are comfortable at all times, please ensure you always bring a drink to class—either water or a sports drink (Gatorade, Powerade) as these will replace lost fluids. If you are at classes for an extended period of time, bring a snack for in-between, so that your sugar levels can be recharged, along with your energy. Snacks that won't weigh you down or give you that bloated feeling include fruit (fresh/tinned), museli or breakfast bars, sandwiches, muffins and yoghurt.

Above all, remember that dancing is an art to be enjoyed, and everyone at Car-Dee dances for the love of it! I wish you all a healthy, happy and very enjoyable year of dancing!!

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