

# 17th Years of Dance in our Milton Studio

## FACEBOOK

See our news page on Facebook—The Premier Dance Academy

## LOST PROPERTY

Over this term we have accumulated a lot of lost property.  
Please check the lost property box for any lost items, as at the end of this term we will be donating all lost property to a charity.  
*Please do not take things that are not yours from Lost Property as people often come looking for their items the next week.*

**For the latest news & timetables check our WEB SITE:**  
[www.thepremierdance.com](http://www.thepremierdance.com)

## E-MAIL:

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To notify us of absences etc.

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07 3369 1133

**MILTON OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mon to Fri: 3.30 - 5.30pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs 10:00- 12pm  
Saturday: 8.15 - 3pm

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# Premier Dance Academy

## Date Claimers

1st Term Ends Term 2 enrolments due	Saturday 16th April
2nd Term Begins	Wednesday 27th April (we ignore all Student free days and public holidays that fall within our Term dates)
Open Watching Week	Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop (normal class times) 21st -26th June (Term 2)
Charity Performance together with Sayers Dance Centre	Sunday 26th June Rehearsal 9.am at the Theatre & Charity Performance at Stuartholme School Theatre at 1pm and 4.pm
JAZZ & TAP TESTS	Sunday 31st July and if needed Sunday 7th August
Ballet Tests	Sunday 18th September
Ballet Exam Workshops	30th September—2nd October
Exams—Grades (Primary and up)	Approx 3rd October
End of Year Display	Thurs 8th, Fri 9th, Sat 10th and Sun 11th Dec 2011
Premier Dance Summer School 2012	16th-20th January 2012

## Reminders

- **ALL students need to re-book for 2nd term.** More info on page 2.
- **Food, Drinks** (except water) and **Pets** are not permitted on our premises.
- We are a **NUT FREE ZONE**—please do not bring nuts onto our premises.
- Our Milton branch **toilets** are for Premier Dance families only, if you suspect that they are being used by someone from the general public please advise a staff member.
- At our Milton branch—for the **safety** of our quieter and later time classes you will need a pin to enter our Hallway. Please see the teacher in studio 2 for the pin access—this may change each term.
- Before and after classes we strongly encourage our students to **wait inside** the building for you and that they wear **street clothes** over their leotards. **Dance shoes** should not be worn outside the studios.
- **DVD's** ordered from the concert last year are ready to be picked up. If you haven't already picked up your DVD please see the office to receive your copy.

# Congratulations

★ **Amber Bartlett** — Has commenced her first term with the Grade 10 Queensland Dance School Excellence dance program.

★ **Jacinta Eaves** — Has commenced her first term with the Grade 11 Queensland Dance School of Excellence dance program and they have awarded her the Patricia MacDonald Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

★ **Essie Horn**— Has commenced her first term with the Grade 11 Queensland Dance School of Excellence ballet program.

# Clayfield

★ **Our new branch at Clayfield is dancing along smoothly at our premises at the Clayfield College Sports Complex on the corner of Sandgate Rd and Wagner Rd.**

★ **Our fantastic Miss Charlie is taking all classes at Clayfield.**

★ **We are currently holding classes in Toddler Dance, Creative Dance, Prep Dance, Pre-Primary, Primary, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Junior Jazz.**

★ **We hope to add in Tap and Hip Hop very soon.**

★ **We have enjoyed teaching all the gorgeous children and meeting all the new families at our Clayfield branch. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.**

# Re Booking for Term 2

**Your child's class place will be held for Term 2 until Saturday 16th April. To confirm your child's place fees must be paid in full by the 16th April unless a prior arrangement has been made with the principal.**

**If your fees are not received or an alternative arrangement isn't made by Saturday 16th of April, we will assume that you are not returning. Your child's place in that class will then become available to the next student on the waiting list.**

After enrolment: If your child decides during the holidays that he/she does not wish to continue dancing, **Fees will be refundable up until the end of the first week of the new term**, minus an administration fee of \$20. Fees for Toddler, Creative Dance & Prep Dance classes only are refundable during the term once two weeks' notice is given.

Invoices are handed out in week 9 of Term 1 (this gives 2 weeks until the end of term to pay your re-enrolment). Your child's invoice for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter.

**This account is due by Saturday 16th April** If fees are paid by Saturday 16th April the **\$20 administration fee per student is deductible as an incentive discount. This cannot be deducted after the 16th April.**

## Graded Examinations and Tests

- Every year Primary to Grade 5 students have the opportunity to sit either a Royal Academy of Dance Exam (RAD) or a Premier Dance Test.
- Exams and Tests are a positive experience that give the students a sense of achievement and provide goals for them to reach. We treat them as performances, as they are entered in small groups where they perform their class work for an audience (the examiner/s).
- This year the R.A.D exams are to be held at our studio in Milton in early October and the Premier Dance Tests are held in July for Jazz and Tap and September for ballet.
- Neither are compulsory, and your child's progress will not be affected in any way if they choose not to enter this year. The students may still progress on to the following grade if the teacher feels they are ready and enter the next grade examination if they so desire.
- Exams are examined by a Royal Academy of Dance examiner, and the work is more difficult with higher expectations than the Premier Test. A certificate is given plus a report and a passing mark. The teacher is not permitted in the room; instead the examiner conducts the exam with no corrections given. A report and certificate are issued by the RAD. The workshops are compulsory for these students.
- Tests are the same format as an exam, however this is an internal exam run by our academy and examined by a panel of two examiners (usually a dancer from the Queensland Ballet and another RAD classical teacher in the school). A certificate, report, passing mark and a trophy are awarded to participants.
- To assist with the grooming of exams and tests, it is advised to keep hair as long as possible to be able to get hair back into a neat bun. For exams and tests, earrings are not allowed to be worn, so if your child is planning on getting their ears pierced, please keep in mind they will have to take them out for their exam and test. Ballet shoes for the exam or test have to be fairly snug fitting and clean, so if your child is needing a new pair it is advised you get them in late term 2 or early term 3 to allow your child to wear them in and for them to be able to be fitted with some growing room (shoes fitted close to the exam or test date will not be fitted with any growing room).
- Our uniform colour changes from grade to grade. Orders for our new grade uniforms will be placed in early term 3 and the transfer to the new colour will happen in September.

## Pre-Primary Assessments

Premier Dance will also be offering the opportunity for students in Pre-Primary to sit an assessment. This is similar to an R.A.D. exam (see above for more details) but the teacher is allowed into the class room and runs a normal class with the work they have been learning. Assessment classes are a positive experience that give the students a sense of achievement and provide goals for them to reach, it also prepares them for R.A.D. examinations in the future. These are not compulsory and no mark is given. We will explain this further in the Open Watching class at the end of term 2.

## Uniform Requirement—2011

**Classical Ballet— Uniform is compulsory for all ballet students.** Pre-Primary upwards—Cotton lycra leotard of your grades colour with our logo, pink leather ballet shoes with elastic, pink or white socks or flesh ballet tights (hair is to be in a bun and tights are compulsory for Grade 3 ballet upwards) Matching sheer chiffon skirts or shorts (grade 5 upwards) are optional.

**Hair is to be neat and off the face and neck, preferably in a bun** (A bun compulsory for Grade 3 upwards).

**Toddler, Creative and Prep Dance** (Optional) - Pale pink cotton leotard with either a play tutu or cloud skirt. Either leather ballet shoes, satin ballet shoes or jiffies.

**Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop (optional)** - Navy/red Singlet top with our logo, with either navy/red 3/4 dance pants or navy/red bootleg pants. Tan jazz or tap shoes. All jazz classes will need tan jazz shoes for the concert.

**Hair is to be neat and off the face and neck.**

- We also sell our brand new Premier Dance Tracksuit Jackets—\$70 (These are great to wear to & from class)
- Premier dance bags are also available in pink or black.

\*\* Please ensure that your child/ren do not go down stairs in just their leotards.\*\*

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**Queensland Ballet** is challenging the record for the World's Largest Ballet Class as part of their commitment to putting Brisbane on the international dance map. **If you are over six years of age**, now is your chance to secure your place in the Guinness World Record books  
 Come along on Sunday 22 May and join Queensland Ballet dancers on the Kurlipa Bridge in South Brisbane for a 30 minute basic, but fun classical barre class starting promptly at 9am. Dancers of all ages and levels are encouraged to register and help beat the current record of 1,055 participants set by Staatsoper Hannover in Germany last year.  
 So gather your friends, family and anyone you think can participate and bring some ballet into your lives. Finish up the morning with some breakfast while getting to know Queensland Ballet dancers. So if you've ever dreamed of dancing on a bridge in ballet shoes, please register online today to help us dance to our goal of 2,011 participants in 2011!  
 Registrations will be available on the day **only if the limit of 2,011 participants has not been reached**. To secure your place book online.  
 This event is part of the 2011 Ideas Festival program. For full program details head to the Ideas Festival website [www.ideasfestival.com.au](http://www.ideasfestival.com.au)  
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## Public Holidays & Make Up Lessons

Please note that classes will be held on following public holidays.

The public holidays in term 2 & 3 are as follows:

- **Monday 2nd May**
- **Monday 13th June**
- **Wednesday 17th August**

Please note students are allowed to take up to 2 make up lessons in one Term for missed lessons, where there are vacancies. Please call or email the week you wish to attend a make up lesson to check on vacancies.

### Email, Phone and Post

Often we find it necessary to phone you or post or email you information you may have missed.

Please help us help you by updating your email and postal addresses.

Any changes to your details, please email us at [staff@thepremierdance.com](mailto:staff@thepremierdance.com)

### Second Hand

Please feel free to advertise your second hand uniforms on the notice board located in the hallway at the academy entry.

### Bumper Sticker Winners

Those people displaying our bumper sticker are eligible to win a % off 1 student's Term 2, 2011 fees.

50% off term fees to car reg. **383 IUZ**

20% off term fees to car reg. **590 IBB**

10% off term fees to car reg. **741 JKI**

If you are a winner contact the office A.S.A.P. We spot 3 numbers every term.

**STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE - FREE OF CHARGE**



**From all of us here at the academy we wish you all a safe holiday.  
 Thank you for choosing to dance at Premier this year & we look forward to seeing you again in Term 2.  
 Happy Easter.**