

## Welcome to Term Four everybody!

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to all those returning.

We look forward to a lovely summer term of lessons, some examinations and a small performance to cap it all off. After one massive production, our focus returns to skills building and personal growth. It is time to work on our own abilities and grow as performers and communicators.

There have been a couple of changes to lesson times to accommodate the shifting numbers. Please check your portal to be sure you have all the times right for your classes this term!

We hope you enjoy your classes and all the things they offer you this term!



## **Congratulations Cast & Crew of The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe.**

And what a relief it was, to actually get to stage this show in such uncertain times.

But it's the magic of theatre – the show must go on! Even covid couldn't stop us!

This show was the second time Rebekah Au's script has hit the stage, and funny that we also performed one of her works last year, with the Happy Prince. We really are lucky to have all these creatives in our midst!

We are also grateful for all of the support we received from parents during the theatre rehearsals and performances, we could not have done it without you all! You are all part of a huge supportive family here at our school that we feel blessed to be at the helm of 😊

Well done to the cast. The show was a credit to your teamwork and confidence along with your talent. Some truly outstanding performances there for our youngest performers to aspire to! Everyone was literally raving about it. (They must've really loved it to sit through the heat in that auditorium!) You made us very proud!

### The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe Digital download

This is available for \$15 + GST each on the portal. It is listed as 'Whole School Show – Digital download'.

This is an excellent idea if your family from out of town or abroad did not get to see any of the shows! We will email all those who ordered this, the link to download just as soon as the footage is edited and credits etc are added.

PLEASE NOTE: Recording was taken at the Thursday Night show and again at the Saturday Matinee Show to include the junior performers and their bows. Your download will include some images you can use if you wish to burn yourselves a DVD for gifting purposes.

### Costume Washing

If you took some washing home to do, thank you very much. Please just drop this back to the studio once term resumes. No rush though. Just when the weather is good and you have time!

## Advanced Senior Specialty Classes

Last week of term we will be offering our advanced senior drama students a specialty class instead of regular lessons. We are currently confirming the details of this. But since many of you will not see each other again in a class setting, this will be a fun and collaborative way to end your year!

## Trinity College Drama and Singing Exams & Extra lessons

Those who entered last term are all set to sit their Trinity College exams this term.

There are extra exam sessions for those Junior, Upper junior, Intermediate and senior drama students (Not Advanced Seniors) who have entered for a Trinity Speech & Drama exam. You will have received an email with these times before the end of Term three. Let us know if you need this again.

First lesson is this coming Sunday – times as follows:

**3-4pm - Grades 5 & 6: Annabelle, Monte & Braydn**

**3.30-4pm- Initial & Grade 1: Shilo, Lola, Isabella**

**4-5pm - Grades 3 & 4: Azaria, Tyler, Tristin, Rhys, Ella, Erin, Alex & Reeni-Rose**

We will send out the exam times to you in the first week of term. **Please read the time carefully as it is written in 24hr clock.** If there is a problem with the exam time/date you have been given you must contact Dale immediately to organise any exam time switches.

## Dance Exams and Extra lessons

Those dance students who opted for a DNZM Jazz, Hip Hop or Contemporary exam or an HSPA Tap Medal Test will be sitting these on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (DNZM) & 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tap). Exact times will be sent out to you in the first week of term.

Your exam prep lessons will be on the following Sundays:

DNZM October 18<sup>th</sup> & Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

HSPA Tap November 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

A timetable of two extra lessons for dancers sitting exams will be sent shortly. Please be sure to pop those times in your diary as they will cover important stuff and ensure you are polished.

FYI – the exams are still open to any who may have decided to sit in the last wee while – they have been super flexible due to the uncertain nature of the year. Plus they are allowing us to use routines from our show dances in lieu of some of the syllabus material. Yay!! You've done it in front of nearly 2000 people, why not do it in front of one more person who just happens to be an examiner...?

## Xmas Break-Up Recital

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rangiora Town Hall

Entry \$4 for all non-students, HSPA students free.

There will be a Program of Performances including:

Pieces from drama students who received top marks in Trinity College

As well as some items from our singing and dance classes.

We will also have our Prize-Giving where Certificates of Excellence and Achievement will be awarded by all of the tutors as well as several generous Scholarships for 2021 classes!

*Please note!! It is important that you attend to support and learn from the Top level performers on display as well as to be presented with any possible awards.*



## Performing Arts Summer School

We will be running another Performing Arts Summer Camp in the week before school goes back.

Juniors: 7-8 (6yrs by special allowance), Intermediates: 9-11yrs, Seniors: 10-13.

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.30am - 4pm daily.

Cost: \$36 per day. \$124 for all four days. Promo code 4DAYDEAL

This could make an excellent Christmas Present. Vouchers available on request once a booking is made.

We will let you know when this is available to book.

## Rangiora Santa Parade & Kaiapoi Singing at the carnival

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Kaiapoi Carnival and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of December – Rangiora Parade.

We will be taking part in these events again this year. We will be selecting soloists to perform at the carnival and will produce a fun entry for you all to be part of for the Rangiora Toyota Santa Parade the following weekend. Please look out for information later in the term regarding volunteering and when you will need to be available on the day. We will bring you details of these events as they arise.

## Accounts from HSPA

We opt to send you full statements rather than an invoice of what is owing. Due to the nature of a system where you can purchase items online at any time, my admin would constantly be producing invoices with a multitude of due dates for all of the various clothing items, show videos, exam classes etc, that you are charged for. This would be very time consuming and the cost would be passed on to you guys, the clients. To prevent that cost, we opt to send statements at regular intervals so that you can still see your account balance even if you do not check your portal.

Please note – a statement will list all activity on your account, including charges that have been added and what payments you have made.

The important part is right at the bottom where it says what is still owing. We urge you to open the statement to check the amount.

## Let us know if you are not returning.

As per our Ts & Cs **all enrolments roll over into the next term until the end of the year.** This will happen unless you inform us you are not returning.

What happens if you don't tell us you are not returning?

- We retain your spot and will continue to charge you for the class until you notify us.
- If you do not notify us before the enrolments close for the term, you are liable for the entire term fees as we can no longer fill your space with anyone else from the waitlist.

We don't like disappointing the kids on the waitlists and we know you don't want to be paying for something you are not going to use. 😞

**So please notify us if you are not returning.**

You can still remain in the system to be notified about future terms for when you may wish to come back again.

## Lost Property

The lost property box has some things left behind from the show. Please check it in the waiting room now that this will be open for Term four! Yay.

## Term Dates

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec (8 Weeks, but only 7 weeks for Monday & Friday classes!)

- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Labour Day – no classes
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – DNZM Dance Exams
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Trinity Exams
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Ch.Ch Show Day – no classes
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - HSPA Tap Dance exams
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Kaiapoi Carnival – soloist performers
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rangiora Santa Parade HSPA Float
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Year Break Up
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Performing Arts Summer Camp!



That's all for now.

Look out for more information in class regarding the End of Year Recital dates and our float in the Santa Parade etc. Enjoy your last term for 2020. It has been a challenging but inspiring year, let's have some fun together this final term!.

See you all in class 😊

Dale and the team at HSPA.