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ECOLE BALLET & DANCE THEATRE

TERM 3, 2023 AT ECOLE



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WHAT'S COMING UP



Dear Ecole Families,

We are just about finished week three of Term 3. Before we know it, it will be time for our End of Year Performances!

Thank you everyone for your patience while our main bathroom is being renovated. It is taking a little longer than expected, but it will be amazing to have a brand new, three cubicle bathroom facility. We are very excited about this and look forward to it being finished!

Thank you to all the students, staff and families that shared Open Day with us. You can read more about it on page 7.

Best wishes,

Bonnie

Bonnie Sartori
Principal

Keep on top of what is going on

DIARY DATES & INFORMATION

Diary Dates

A summary of important dates can be found below.

Junior & Middle School Photo Day

Sunday 10 September (optional)

Term 3 Finishes

Saturday 23 September

Junior Holiday Camps (ages 4 to 7 years)

25, 27 and 28 September

Spring School for RAD Ballet Examination Students

Tuesday 3 to Sunday 8 October inclusive

Term 4 Starts

Monday 9 October

Middle School Rehearsal at Ecole

Friday 13 October (after school)

Junior School Rehearsal at Ecole

Saturday 14 October

Junior & Middle School End of Year

Performances at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

Saturday 21 October

Senior School Photo Day

Sunday 29 October (optional)

Senior School Rehearsals at Ecole

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November and Saturday 18 November

Senior School Rehearsal at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

Thursday 16 November (after school)

Senior School End of Year Performance at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

Sunday 19 November

Term 4 Finishes

Saturday 2 December

September Junior Holiday Camps for all Junior Students, ages 4-7 years

Our Holiday Camps will run over week one of the holidays on Monday 25, Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 September, with Miss Rhiannon, Miss Chloe, Miss Akane & Miss Miya. Please visit our [Camp Page](#) for further information and bookings.

Term 4 Invoicing & Vouchers

Term 4 invoices will be emailed during the week beginning 18 September. This is due to finalising the costume charges and invoices being paid prior to the start of Term 4. All Junior and Middle School invoices must be paid prior to your child receiving their EOYP costume and participating in this Event.

If you have Active or Creative Kids vouchers for your Term 4 invoice, please submit these by 5pm on Friday 15 September via our [website](#).

2024 Timetable & Enrolments

Our 2024 timetable will be released in Term 4. We will advise when Enrolments for 2024 open in due course.

Spring School for RAD Ballet Examination Students

All Ballet Examination Students participating in the compulsory Spring School, 3 to 8 October inclusive will be sent further details via email next week.

It's time to shine, for every student

END OF YEAR PERFORMANCES

We are so excited that our End of Year Performances are coming up in Term 4! After our successful first year at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose in 2022, we have again booked this wonderful facility for our End of Year Performances.

Further details regarding each Performance can be found on the following pages of this newsletter. Please have a read through and diarise these important dates.

Special Call out to all Sewers

We have fitted all of the Junior and Middle School students for costumes. Our gorgeous "The Magic of Disney" and "When I Grow Up" costumes need the final embellishments to make them pop and sparkle on the stage. We would love some help from anyone that can sew. If you are happy to hand sew or machine sew some of the small, finishing details onto the costumes, please sign up to help via this [Signup Zone](#).



Ecole's 2022 Senior End of Year Performance, *Icons of Music & Dance*. Pictured is the Finale

Little shining stars

JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Our Junior School End of Year Performances will take place in Term 4, on Saturday 21 October at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

The following classes are involved in the Junior School End of Year Performances and Photo Day

Tiny Ballet (Wednesday & Saturday), Beginners Ballet (Wednesday & Saturday), Pre-Primary Ballet (Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday), Primary Ballet (Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday), Disco Kids Jazz (Wednesday & Saturday), Kindy Jazz (Wednesday & Saturday), Year 1 Jazz (Wednesday & Thursday), Acro Beginners (Monday & Friday), Kindy & Year 1 Tap (Monday), Senior Level 8 & 9 Combined Ballet (Saturday 12 pm)

Please ensure you have these dates in your diary:

Sunday 10 September – Junior & Middle School Photo Day (optional)

Junior & Middle School Photo Day at Ecole. Have your child's photo taken professionally by Winkipop Media in their EOYP costume. Information regarding this optional event will be emailed to Parents soon.

Saturday 14 October – Junior School Compulsory Rehearsal at Ecole

This rehearsal will be held on Saturday 14 October at Ecole. Further information will be sent in the coming weeks via email. There will be NO regular classes for Junior School Students on this day due to the Rehearsal. Middle and Senior School classes will run as normal.

Saturday 21 October – Junior School End of Year Performance

There will be NO regular classes for Junior School Students on Saturday 21 October. We will see all students at the Theatre! Detailed information regarding the Junior School EOYP and the approximate timings will be sent out in the coming weeks via email.



Ecole's 2022 Junior End of Year Performance, *Farmyard Friends*

We love performing

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Our Middle School End of Year Performance will take place in Term 4, on Saturday 21 October at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

The following classes are involved in the Middle School End of Year Performance and Photo Day Grade 1 Ballet once per week (Wednesday & Thursday), Grade 1 Ballet twice per week, Grade 2 Ballet once per week, Grade 3 & 4 Ballet once per week, Grade 3 Ballet twice per week, Year 2 & 3 Lyrical, Year 4 & 5 Lyrical, Year 2 Jazz, Year 3 Jazz, Year 4 & 5 Jazz, Year 2-4 Tap, Year 2-4 Musical Theatre, Year 4 & 5 Hip Hop, Acro Intermediate Friday, Classical Group



Ecole's 2022 Middle School End of Year Performance, *The Enchanted Garden*

Please diarise the following dates:

Sunday 10 September – Junior & Middle School Photo Day (optional)

Junior & Middle School Photo Day at Ecole. Have your child's photo taken professionally by Winkipop Media in their EOYP costume. Information regarding this optional event will be emailed to Parents soon.

Friday 13 October – Middle School Compulsory Rehearsal at Ecole

This rehearsal will be held after school at Ecole. Further information will be sent in the coming weeks via email.

Saturday 14 October – Middle School at Ecole

Middle School classes run as normal

Saturday 21 October – Middle School End of Year Performance at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

There will be NO regular classes for Middle School Students on Saturday 21 October. We will see all students at the Theatre! Detailed information regarding the Middle School EOYP and the approximate timings will be sent out in the coming weeks via email.

Our seasoned performers

SENIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Senior School End of Year Performance and Photo Day

Further details regarding our Senior School Events will be sent to you in due course. Meanwhile, please ensure you have the following dates in your diary:

Diary Dates

Sunday 29 October – Senior Photo Day at Ecole (optional)

Saturday 11 November – Compulsory Rehearsals at Ecole's Studios

Sunday 12 November – Compulsory Rehearsals at Ecole's Studios

Thursday 16 November – Compulsory Rehearsal at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose (after school)

Saturday 18 November - Compulsory Rehearsal at Ecole's Studios

Sunday 19 November – Final Rehearsal & End of Year Performance at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose

The following classes are involved in the Senior School Photo Day and End of Year Performance

Grade 5 Ballet twice per week, Grade 5/6 Ballet, Senior Level 6 Ballet, Senior Level 7 Ballet, Senior Level 8 Ballet, Senior Level 9 Ballet, Teen Elementary Ballet, Year 6 Lyrical, Year 7-9 Lyrical, Year 6 Jazz, Year 7 & 8 Jazz, Senior Block Year 9 & 10, Year 6 Hip Hop, Year 7 & 8 Hip Hop, Senior Block Year 11+, Year 5 & 6 Tap, Year 7-9 Tap, Year 5 & 6 Musical Theatre, Year 7-9 Musical Theatre, Intermediate/Advanced Acro & Advanced Acro (Tuesday)



Ecole's 2022 Senior End of Year Performance, *The Nutcracker*. Pictured are SL7 Ballet Students

A day of community, dance and fun

OPEN DAY 2023 RECAP

Over Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June, we had just over 60 classes perform and over 20 individual students performing their variations, solos, duos or trios. We had 36 magnificent hamper prizes as well as a Silent Auction to win a fabulous Day of Golf at Killara Golf Club, generously donated by Belle Property at Lindfield.

We had so many delicious items at our amazing cake stall, dim sum, slushies and a sausage sizzle. We had Squishmallows and beautiful hair bun ribbons for sale.

Open Day Weekend is a wonderful community event in a relaxed setting, that allows the students to perform their class exercises and a performance piece for their family and friends. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Hampers, bid on the Day of Golf and generously supported Ecole by donating cakes, slices and biscuits and their time. A weekend like Open Day cannot happen without the students, parents and family members that help. We are in the process of renovating the bathroom and the funds raised on Open Day have gone towards that, as well as a new neon sign for Studio 3.

Our [Open Day 2023](#) web page contains a short video of the day as well as photos and a list of all of our lucky winners from the day. Please take a moment to have a look.



Ecole's 2023 Open Day. Students from our Year 9/10 Senior Block class performing a Jazz routine

What is going on in our Ecole team

STAFF UPDATES

Exciting News

We are excited to announce that there are some new additions on the way! Miss Bonnie and her family are expecting a baby later this year. We are so excited for Miss Bonnie, her husband Pete and daughter Pipi.

Miss Elise will be heading off on maternity leave later this term. It is so exciting for Miss Elise, her husband Stephen and son Isaac.

Miss Klarissa is expecting her first child in December. A huge congratulations to Miss Klarissa and her husband Kaan.

We have some wonderful teachers covering not only Miss Elise while she is on maternity leave, but also Miss Wong, our wonderful senior ballet teacher, while she is traveling on a personal trip as well as on tour Examining for the upcoming RAD Exams around Australia. Miss Abraham, Mr Lethby, Miss Helen and Miss Dolce will be covering their classes. Please make these teachers feel welcome when you see them at Ecole. Details on all our staff can be found on our [website](#).

Farewell and Welcome Back

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Lily all the best in her final semester of her Architecture degree. We look forward to seeing Miss Lily later in Term 4.

Miss Chloe has returned from her amazing trip to Europe and is looking forward to seeing everyone next week. We would like to thank Miss Mia Y, Miss Emmy, Miss Lily, Miss Michelle, Miss Akane, Miss Mia S and Miss Sally for covering Miss Chloe's classes.



Ecole's 2023 Open Day. Some of our amazing Staff (pictured L-R, Miss Michelle, Miss Chloe, Miss Emmy, Miss Bonnie, Miss Elise, Miss Wong, Miss Rhiannon & Miss Akane)

What is going on in our Ecole community

STUDENT UPDATES

HSC Students

Erin, one of our Senior Level 9 Ballet students (and a Wednesday and Saturday assistant) and Jack in our Senior Block classes are currently undertaking their trial HSC examinations. We wish them the best of luck for this.

Eisteddfod Students

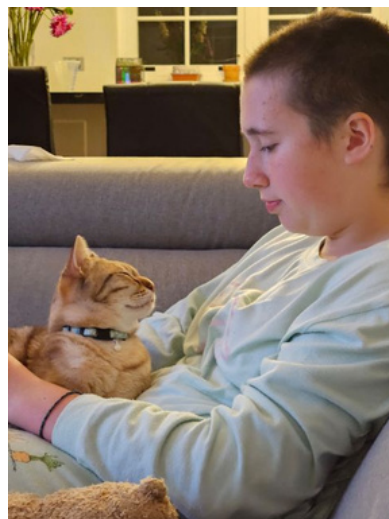
Whilst the Eisteddfod season is beginning to wind down, the Ecole students are still participating in Eisteddfods and achieving some great results. You can see their achievements on our [website](#). We hope you enjoyed seeing their Eisteddfod pieces performed throughout Open Day Weekend.

A True Inspiration

Anastasia, one of our lovely Senior Level 7 Ballet students and an assistant in our Saturday classes has recently participated in the “World's Greatest Shave”.

Anastasia shaved off her hair along with three of her school classmates to help those living with leukemia. Together, they have managed to raise over \$13,000, but would love to raise more money to support this wonderful cause. If you would like to donate to Anastasia’s fundraising efforts (Anastasia has raised just over \$5,000 herself), you can do so [here](#).

Anastasia is truly inspiring. Her before and after photos are below.



Buy your new Ballet or Jazz shoes at Ecole

MDM SHOE FITTING & SALE DAY

Jodie Muir from More to the Pointe will be at the Studio on **Saturday 9 September** from 11.30am to 12.45 pm for MDM Ballet and Jazz shoe fittings. Please book your time via the [Signup Zone](#).

Please note all students undertaking their RAD Ballet Examinations, should have new canvas MDM Ballet shoes (or canvas Bloch Ballet shoes). If your child does not have the correct Canvas shoes for the End of Year Performance (MDM or Bloch brand only), please book a time with Jodie.

Sales and Payments are made directly through More to the Pointe. Ecole does not profit from the sale in any way. This is a service provided for Ecole students. Credit card is preferred. A 20% discount on the RRP of the shoes is offered for shoes purchased on the day at Ecole's studios.



We work hard behind the scenes to keep Ecole running smoothly

CONTACTING US & ABSENCES

Behind the scenes at Ecole is just as busy as the classes we run.

Cassie Zubrinich, our Administration Manager, can be reached via info@ecole.com.au or 0433 832 653 and will help you with all things Ecole. Cassie is at the Ecole Office on Wednesday and Saturday.

Cathy Mobley, is at the Ecole Office on Thursday and some Saturdays. Cathy can help you with any pre-loved clothing on a Thursday and is always working hard behind the scenes on our costuming, Open Day preparations, Uniform sales and anything else that needs doing to keep Ecole running smoothly.

Keeping in touch

To stay up to date with information, please continue to check our website, www.ecole.com.au. You can follow us as well on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Or contact us via email, info@ecole.com.au or phone, 0433 832 653

Absences

If your child will be absent from class, please let us know via email, info@ecole.com.au or phone/sms 0433 832 653. Please note for private lessons, 24 hours notice of absence in advance must be given.

Make-up classes can be arranged via email, info@ecole.com.au.



Ecole's Open Day 2023. Senior Students in our Year 11+ Block Class