

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 27 November

We can't believe it is nearly the end of the school year! We have lots to fit in before then so we wanted to get in touch with all our Ready Set Dancers and Ready Set Ballerinas to ensure you are up to date with all the exciting things that are happening!

THANK YOU

Thank you for being a part of our classes this year. The gorgeous little faces that come into our studio truly do bring joy to our teachers and staff. Our passion is to spark a love of dance in our young students and to continue to nurture their training in dance as they grow older. Thank you for allowing us to do this.

CONCERT

We hope you all enjoyed the concert. We were so proud of the students and they charmed all our helpers backstage! A lot of our Mums volunteering backstage have older dancers so it is lovely for them to spend time with the little ones and remember when their own child was a preschooler. We were so impressed by the behavior of our Ready Set Dancers backstage but also their confident performances on stage. Our own children (for whom it was their first concert) came home very proud of themselves and we hope that all our students felt this way too. Concerts are a great milestone that gives participants an opportunity to show independence, resilience and confidence by venturing out on their own in this way. It was so special to see the students showered with love and praise from their families when they were collected after the concert.

If you are interested in purchasing photos or a DVD, please follow the links below:

DVD: www.trybooking.com/BFMIN (please note the deadline is 7 December)
Photos: www.lightboxphotography.com.au (password is "iconic")

DOLLS AND CAPS

Ready Set Dance has just released a range of plush dolls and cute baseball caps. If you would like to have one for your child you can order online via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGEBE>

We are closing the booking deadline at 7 December in order to guarantee the items will arrive to the studio before Christmas. Please note that a "Freeze" plush is in the works but Ready Set Dance will not have stock until after Christmas.



Twirl Cap
\$13.95

Twirl Plush &
Cap Bundle
\$34.95



Twirl Plush
\$25.95



Freeze Cap
\$13.95

2020 ENROLMENTS

It is now re-enrolment time and we hope our preschoolers will choose to continue their dance journey here at Caper. We have listed some information below about the re-enrolment process. We encourage you to take advantage of the re-enrolment period when our 2019 students receive priority for 2020. Later this year we will be opening pre-school enrolments to new students. If you are not returning in 2019 you are welcome to give us feedback about your experience. We are always looking at ways to improve so we value your opinion.

ARE YOU IN PRESCHOOL IN 2020?

Students wishing to re-enrol in the RSD and RSB program in 2020 will be able to do so online or at reception as of Monday 2 December. We do encourage you pursue the online option as the studio reception can involve queues and does not provide any advantage in securing a position.

On Monday, you will be emailed a web link and from there you can pay the enrolment fee. Upon payment of the enrolment fee you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link to the Caper Family Portal where you can select your classes and complete the application form. The email will provide more detailed instructions regarding the portal process.

2020 PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES			
DAY	CLASS	TIME	LEVEL
MONDAY	READY SET DANCE A	9:20am – 10:20am	2-4 YEAR OLDS
MONDAY	READY SET BALLET	10:30am – 11:00am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
MONDAY	READY SET DANCE B	11:05am – 12:05pm	4-5 YEAR OLDS
TUESDAY	READY SET DANCE A	9:20am – 10:20am	2-4 YEAR OLDS
TUESDAY	READY SET BALLET	10:30am – 11:00am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
TUESDAY	READY SET DANCE B	11:05am – 12:05pm	4-5 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAY	READY SET DANCE A	9:20am – 10:20am	2-4 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAY	READY SET BALLET	10:30am – 11:00am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAY	READY SET DANCE B	11:05am – 12:05pm	4-5 YEAR OLDS
THURSDAY	READY SET DANCE A	9:20am – 10:20am	2-4 YEAR OLDS
THURSDAY	READY SET BALLET	10:30am – 11:00am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
THURSDAY	READY SET DANCE B	11:05am – 12:05pm	4-5 YEAR OLDS
FRIDAY	READY SET DANCE A	9:20am – 10:20am	2-4 YEAR OLDS
FRIDAY	READY SET BALLET	10:30am – 11:00am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
FRIDAY	READY SET DANCE B	11:05am – 12:05pm	4-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET BALLET A	8:20am – 8:50am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET DANCE A	8:55am – 9:55am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET DANCE B	8:45am – 9:45am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET BALLET B	9:50am – 10:20am	3-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET BALLET C	10:00am – 10:30am	4-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET DANCE C	10:30am – 11:30am	4-5 YEAR OLDS
SATURDAY	READY SET DANCE D	2:45pm – 3:45pm	3-5 YEAR OLDS

Please note that Ready Set Ballet classes do not participate in the Annual Concert at Riverside Theatre.

ARE YOU GOING TO "BIG SCHOOL" NEXT YEAR?

We have an exciting Junior program for students entering school next year. We have classes on weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings. This is the perfect for transition for the Ready Set Dancer or Ready Set Ballerina who is moving into big school. The program consists of consecutive ½ hour classes in ballet, jazz and tap. There will be more information available on the App over the next coming weeks on how to enroll in this program.

MY CHILD IS OLD ENOUGH TO GO TO SCHOOL IN 2020 BUT WE HAVE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL 2021...

If your child's birthdate means they are eligible to start "big" school in 2020, but you have decided to wait until 2021 to start primary school, you would enroll your child into Ready Set Dance/Ballet next year. We have classes that are designed for older preschool children. The Caper Juniors class is strictly for students in Kindergarten and Year 1 and keeping this consistency with the class means that we are able to offer the best service we can for this age level. There are many children in Ready Set Dance/Ballet who are of the age to attend school so your child will be with their peers. Your child will benefit from another year of pre-school dance for the same reasons they will benefit from delaying their start to school.

2020 FEES

Re-enrolling families should read our full fee policy. In the meanwhile we wanted to just share the term fees for 2020:

- ☆ Ready Set Ballet \$15.00 per class
- ☆ Ready Set Dance \$21.50 per class
- ☆ Ready Set Dance/Ballet Combo \$14.75 per class

UNIFORMS

Pre-School Level: Pink & Blue Ready Set Dance uniform (\$35)
Junior Level: Caper Juniors uniform (black bodice) (\$45)

We currently have some uniforms in stock that you are welcome to purchase now when it is not so busy at reception. However you can also purchase them in the New Year. Please note that there is no expectation to purchase a new uniform. Students are encouraged to continue wearing their current uniform to whatever class they enrol in next year (and can purchase something new when they grow out of it.)

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS AND 'MUFTI' WEEK

In the last week of this term (Monday 9 December through to Saturday 14 December) we award a trophy to every student. Please remember to bring your cameras on that day. Students are also welcome to wear "mufti" to class.

READY SET BALLET IN CLASS CONCERT

Everyone who has a child who attends a Ready Set Ballet class will receive an invitation to the in-class Ready Set Ballet concerts also being held in the last week of class for the Monday to Friday classes and on Sunday, December 8 for the Saturday classes. The invitation is at the end of the newsletter.

READY SET DANCE HQ NEWS

There is a lot of talk and excitement about the next series of the Ready Set Dance TV show. The new season is being taped soon and set to air in 2020. We hope students are inspired to see what they have learnt in class echoed on the television. Ready Set Dance is currently available on Foxtel and an App has just been launched too!

FAREWELLS

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to two of our Ready Set Dance teachers this year, Miss Kirstyn from the Friday class and Miss Aleena from Saturdays.

Kirstyn Basile will be commencing full-time employment at Holy Cross Primary School Glenwood in 2020. Kirstyn joined Caper back in 2004 when she was in Year 1 at school and has been with us ever since! Kirstyn has always been so involved at our school, from exams to competitions and even attending the USA tour we had in 2009. It has been very rewarding to see her finish school and her university studies. We know she will be a wonderful school teacher and we are sure that all the children who will be taught by "Miss Basile" will also benefit from her expertise in dance as well as academics!

Aleena Tchetchenian is leaving to join the cast of GREASE the Musical on board Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. She is contracted to perform for at least 12 months in role of "Cha Cha" and will be based in Miami. We are so proud of Aleena who started dance classes at Caper as a four year old back in 2004 and continued to train at Caper for the following 14 years. She has been passionate about dance from the very beginning and to see her now employed professionally is very special to us. As Aleena will be leaving for Miami shortly, Saturday 23 November was her last day. Laura Windass will be taking over Aleena's classes with Miss Maddi until the end of the term.

We love these stories of our much-loved students who evolved into much-loved teachers of the next generation of Caper dancers. However it is bittersweet for us when their journey at Caper ends. We wish them both lots of luck in the next chapter of their lives and will miss them so much. We wanted to share some cute photos of the two of them from when they were young dancers at Caper!



Miss Aleena
in 2004 at
Caper.


Miss Kirstyn
in 2004 at
Caper.



As we draw towards the end of the year we wanted to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday period. In 2020 we will be entering our 18th year of operation and we are looking forward to a short break over the new year, and then excited for an fun year of dance!

Kind regards

KATE VALDEZ BETH McDERMOTT



Family & Friends...

You are invited to watch your Ready Set Ballerina twirl at the in-class concert! Our students have learnt so much and we can't wait to share it with you. Don't forget your camera!



The in-class concerts will occur during normal class time during the last week of Term (Monday 9 December to Friday 13 December). Saturday students will have their in-class concert on Sunday 8 December at the following times:

8:30 - 9:00am: Ready Set Ballet A
(usually at 8:30am with Miss Maddi H and Miss Maddie S)

9:15 - 9:45am: Ready Set Ballet B
(usually 9:50am with Miss Maddi H and Miss Maddie S)

10:00 - 10:30am: Ready Set Ballet C
(usually 10:10am with Miss Maddi H and Miss Maddie S)

Saturday students only are encouraged to wear their uniform and their hair in a bun (other classes will have mufti day as it is the last week of term). The audience will have opportunities to film and take photos as the teachers lead the students through activities they have learnt in class this year.

We are very excited to share our student's ballet journey with you. We have loved seeing their creativity be ignited and their skills develop as they explore the world of ballet. We promise a morning of plies, tendus and a pirouette or two!

We look forward to seeing you there!

