

MILDURA BALLET & DANCE GUILD INC.

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Annual General Meeting

You may not be aware that the Guild is a non-profit organisation run by a dedicated committee of volunteers, the AGM is to be held on 20 April at the MADEC Wesley Church Hall at 8pm entry via Tenth Street.

There are a number of committee members positions becoming vacant, nomination forms are available on the Guild Website. Nominations need to be signed by two current members and the candidate. (**Note ALL** parents are automatically members when tuition fees have been paid) it doesn't need to be a committee member who signs your nomination form.

Nomination forms are available on the Guild website and must be delivered to the Secretary of the Guild not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in making a difference, please consider joining the committee, meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month, see handbook and/or website for more information about the Guild.

All parents and interested parties welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting on 20th April 2010 at the MADEC Wesley Church at 8.00pm.

Fees

After a very busy start to the year with a large influx of new students, classes are finally settled. With the inclusion of hip hop classes, the Guild is currently providing classes for over 400 students. The Guild is now bigger than most primary schools in the district and as you can imagine, it is a lot for a committee, teachers and staff to organise.

Term fees have now been sent out and are due and payable within 14 days. If you have any queries regarding your account please contact Robyn O'Brien or Joanne Allen.

All fees can be posted to PO Box 1016 Mildura. The Guild also have the option of paying via Internet. Please remember to put invoice number and Students name in the details.

Meet & Greet

An information meet and greet night will be held on Tuesday 20 April at 7.15pm prior to the Annual General Meeting at the MADEC Wesley Church, Cnr Tenth Street and Deakin Avenue Mildura. Class representatives and other interested parents strongly encouraged to attend.

Come along and meet the Committee and other class representatives.

Please bring a plate of supper, tea and coffee provided.

Car Park Protocol

All Junior students need to be walked to either the stairs at Studio 1 or the waiting room or side stage at Studio 2 & 3.

Under no circumstance are children to be dropped off and allowed to walk to class unattended.

Junior students must be picked up by a responsible adult, NOT a younger sibling.

COMING UP

Open Week Last week of Term 1
Mon 22nd March - Sat 27th March

Tapatak Oz Workshop
Mon 29th March - Thurs 1st April

Start Term 2
12th April

Tap Exams
May - date to be confirmed

**Mildura Eisteddfod
(Dance Sections)**
18th-20th June

Contacts

Office (Mon/Tues 10am-2pm):

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President:

Trish Arnold 0400 238 783

Treasurer:

Joanne Allen 0408 257 423

Medical Consent Forms

Please ensure that you have filled out a medical consent form for each of your children.

Please ensure a form is handed in for **each studio** students attend classes, in case of an emergency.

TAP DANCE WORKSHOP VICTORIAN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

T A P A T A K O Z W O R K S H O P 2 0 1 0

All tap students should now have received a note detailing times and days for the Tapatak Oz workshop. Notes need to be returned with payment by 20 March 2010 to Libby Kennedy or Robyn O'Brien. All tap students are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have not received your note, you can download from the Guild Website under the Newsletters and Forms Tab.

MONDAY 29 th March		TUESDAY 30 th & WEDNESDAY 31 st March	
11am-12pm	Jazz/Tap 3 & 4	10-11am	Inter
12-1pm	Jazz/Tap 5	11-12pm	Elementary Bronze
1.30-2.30pm	Jazz/Tap 5	12.30-1.30pm	Elementary Silver 1 & 2
2.30-4pm	Jazz/Tap 5	1.30 – 2.30pm	Elementary Gold
4-5pm	Foundation	2.30 – 4pm	Senior
Thursday 1 st April		**Students must be in full Guild uniform with hair up secure and tidy and off the face. See the Guild handbook if you are unsure of the uniform requirements. Students must bring a drink bottle.	
9-10am	Foundation		
10-11am	Inter		
11-12pm	Elementary Bronze		
12.30-1.30pm	Elementary Silver 1 & 2		
1.30 - 2.15pm	Jazz/Tap 3 & 4		
2.15 – 3pm	Jazz/Tap 5		

Mildura Eisteddfod

The Thirty Second Mildura Eisteddfod is to be held 4th June - 20 June 2010 at various venues throughout the district. The dance sections for the Eisteddfod are to be held on Friday 18th June - Sunday 20th June at the Mercy Theatre.

The Mildura Ballet & Dance Guild Inc. has entered 21 groups for tap, jazz and contemporary dance. Many classical ballet students will be also entering in the solo sections. Most classes have already commenced preparation for their dance item, and more information will be coming home soon in relation to costumes etc.

For more information about the Mildura Eisteddfod, see the Eisteddfod website www.milduraeisteddfod.org

Cyberbullying

This month the Committee would like to bring to your attention information regarding cyber bullying. Please find attached flyer for your information and discussions with your children as appropriate.



MILDURA BALLET & DANCE GUILD INC. CLASS REPRESENTATIVES TERM 1 2010

CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE	HOME	MOBILE	EMAIL
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Grade 4	Kerrie Walsh	5023 2566	0431 442 762	kerriewalsh@bigpond.com.au
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Grade 5	Anne Marie Dimasi	5023 1377	0427 256 503	annemarie@inland.com.au
Intermediate Foundation	Fiona Green	5021 0586	0417 323 675	pjs@ncable.com.au
Intermediate	Sally Crothers	5025 3185	0418 145 821	camfish@bigpond.net.au
Advanced	Leonie Malic	5023 8004	0418 566 287	clmalic1@bigpond.com
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Intermediate Contemporary	Imogen McLennan	5024 7272	0410 074 801	chrimac@optusnet.com.au
Foundation Contemporary				
Senior Contemporary	Fiona Turlan	5021 3794	0400 569 468	sturlan@bigpond.net.au
Advanced Contemporary	Lisa Schilling	5023 0046	0418 146 400	robelec@bigpond.net.au
Choreography	Beth Carroll	5021 1501	0427 211 501	bcarroll@sjcmda.vic.edu.au
Junior Jazz	Kate Archibald	5024 6152	0418 519 207	katearchibald@yahoo.com.au
Jazz/Tap 1	Christine Laskaj	5024 5425	0407 652 370	
Jazz/Tap 2	Lisa Barham-Lomax	5022 2493	0439 571 578	barhamlomax@bigpond.com.au
Junior Jazz 1	Jo Cottrell	5024 0400	0438 236 539	jamcott@activ8.net.au
Junior Jazz 2	Annie Ashcroft	5027 4929	0400 063 638	ashcroftvineyards@bigpond.com
Junior Jazz 3	Sheree Darcy	5023 8697	0400 220 620	darcy29@bigpond.com
Intermediate Jazz 1	Fiona Green	5021 0586	0417 323 675	pjs@ncable.com.au
Intermediate Jazz 2	Lisa Macdonald	5024 5888		
Elementary Bronze Tap	Jo Cottrell	5024 0400	0438 236 539	jamcott@activ8.net.au
Elementary Silver Tap 1	Jean Millen	5023 8191	0438 120 264	amillen@bigpond.net.au
Elementary Silver Tap 2	Sarah Ashcroft	5027 4081	0427 274 081	ashcroftvineyards@bigpond.com
Elementary Gold Tap	Carolynn Mihan	5021 0027	0438 596 733	robmihan@msn.com
Intermediate Bronze Tap	Fiona Green	5021 0586	0417 323 675	pjs@ncable.com.au
Foundation Tap	Rita Piscioneri	5025 7298	0418 993 073	trp@ncable.net.au
Senior Tap				
Jazz/Tap 3	Kerrie Walsh	5023 2566	0431 442 762	kerriewalsh@bigpond.com.au
Jazz/Tap 4	Kate Archibald	5024 6152	0418 519 207	katearchibald@yahoo.com.au
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MONTHLY INFORMATION - THIS MONTH

CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying : What is it and how to get help

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an internet service such as email, chat room, discussion group, online social networking, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS.

Examples of cyberbullying behaviour are:

- teasing and being made fun of
- spreading of rumours online
- sending unwanted messages

defamation.

Cyberbullying can happen to anyone and the bully can act anonymously if they want. People can also be bullied online by groups of people such as class groups or collective members of an online community. It's really important to learn how to protect yourself online and to learn how to respond if you or a friend is being cyberbullied. Read on for more info.

How common is cyberbullying?

The number of reports of cyberbullying to the NetAlert Helpline has been increasing, particularly since 2006.

An online safety survey conducted by NetAlert and ninemsn in February 2007 found that:

- 16 per cent of young people said they had been bullied online, while 14% were bullied through their mobile, with boys and girls experiencing similar levels.
- 56 per cent thought it was easy to get bullied online.

Under certain circumstances (such as harassment and making threats) cyberbullying is a criminal activity and is illegal. If you feel your safety is at risk, contact '000' or your local police. Police around Australia work together to reduce this type of crime and there are serious consequences if people participate in such activities.

How you might be feeling if you are being cyberbullied

Just like bullying in real life, there can be terrible effects on those who experience cyberbullying.

Being bullied can lower your self-esteem and you may feel alone, sad, angry and scared. If you are being bullied it is not your fault and there is nothing wrong with you. Don't be afraid to let someone know that you are being bullied as they may be able to help you.

Check out the fact sheet on [Bullying - what to do](http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/bullying-what-it-is) <http://au.reachout.com/find/articles/bullying-what-it-is> if you are being bullied for more info.

How to stop cyberbullies

If you are being cyberbullied it is possible that you're feeling powerless and isolated.

But, there are options and you can do things to stop the problem.

- **Keep a record** (including time and date) - This may help you (or the police) to find out who is sending the messages.
- **Tell someone** - Talk to someone you trust, a parent, friend, school counsellor or teacher.
- **Contact your phone or internet service provider and report what is happening** - They can help you block messages or calls from certain senders.
- **If messages are threatening or serious get in touch with the police** - Cyberbullying, if it's threatening, is illegal. You don't need to put up with that!
- **Don't reply to bullying messages** - It'll only get worse if you do. By replying the bully gets what he or she wants. Often if you don't reply the bully will leave you alone.
- **Change your contact details** - Get a new user name for the internet, a new e-mail account, a new mobile phone number and only give them out to your closest friends.
- **Keep your username and passwords secret - Keep your personal information private so it doesn't fall into the hands of someone who'll misuse it**