



WELLINGTON DANCE: TERM 1 STUDIO NEWS & DATES

Dear parents and students,

Thank you for being part of Wellington Dance Academy! A big welcome to our new students who have started this term. Please remember class spaces are yours for the 2025 school year - you don't need to re-enrol each term as all classes work on a year-long curriculum.

2025 Key Dates

Term 1	We started Monday 10th February and will finish on Sunday 13th April . Dress Up & Dance - last week of Term 1 classes (Mon 7th - Sun 13th April) April Dance Holiday Programme - Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April. Please see details over the page!
Term 2	Monday 28th April to Sunday 29th June. <i>No classes: King's Birthday Monday 2nd June & Matariki Friday 20th June</i> Jazz Dance Day (Pre Grades+) Sunday 18th May (<i>Save the date - more details to come!</i>) Junior Dance Day (Junior 1 & 2 dancers) Sunday 25th May (<i>Save the date - more details to come!</i>)
Term 3	Monday 14th July to Sunday 14th September <i>NZAMD Exam week Monday 15th September - Saturday 20th September</i>
Term 4	Monday 6th October to Sunday 7th December. <i>No classes Mon 27th Oct (Labour Day)</i> <i>Last day of regular studio classes Mon 1st Dec, before we then move up to the Theatre!</i>
Exam Dates	NZAMD Exams: Pencilled 15th-19th Sept (dates TBC by examiners) WDA Medal Awards: Sunday 10th August 'Ballet Grade School' practice week (daily practice Mon 29th Sept - Fri 3rd Oct) RAD Ballet Exams: 6th October - 7th November (dates TBC by examiners)
Show Dates	Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th December. All students (Preschool - Senior School) have the chance to participate! More details and theme announcement will become available from Term 2.
Social Events	As our students twirl through the dance year, we love to offer them extra social and enrichment events depending on their age. Events include a Preschool Dance Party, Pyjama Discos, Senior Soiree (Minigolf), group bookings for dance shows and more! Junior 1 & 2 dancers are invited to a PJ Disco Saturday 22nd March. More details about other events will be available in Term 2.

April Dance Holiday Programme

Announcing our April School Holiday Programme! For ages 5-12 years.

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025 (first week of Term 1 holidays). Running from 8:30am to 5:30pm each day

Your child will enjoy a variety of **dance classes** (ballet, jazz, and hip hop), **outdoor trips to the park** for fresh air and playtime, and make new friends along the way!

You can book single days (\$70 each) or the full 4 days (discounted \$250). [BOOK NOW!](#)



APRIL HOLIDAY FUN!

ACTIVITIES

- Dance Classes
- Musical Theatre
- Crafts
- Outdoor Lunch & Games

DATES & COSTS

Mon 14th - Thurs 17th APRIL 2025
\$70 per day | \$250 full programme

BOOK NOW!
WELLINGTONDANCE.CO.NZ/HOLIDAYPROGRAMME/

Dancers' Uniform and Hair

We have a studio uniform which helps all our dancers feel a sense of belonging, as well as being dressed for our teachers to be able to see their movements and provide feedback. Here's our Studio Uniform page with details and where to get your dance uniform <https://wellingtondance.co.nz/dance-uniform> Hair needs to be back off the face (bun for ballet, ponytail for other styles) to avoid distraction and allow safe turning. It doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to be up off your face.

Current Student Hub

You can find all the dance dates, reminders and information you need in one place - the HUB - Current Student Info section of our website. We keep this updated throughout the year. Check it out here: wellingtondance.co.nz/hub

Houses at WDA!



Every WDA student and teacher is assigned to a 'house', either Trimmer (pink), Parris (yellow) or Ieremia (purple) - named after famous NZ dancers. Teachers let our new students know which house they are in (our preschool and junior students have colour coded name tags!). House points are given by teachers as positive reinforcement for class readiness, effort, attention and participation. Every term there is a winning house, whose members receive a sweet treat and their house banner displayed.

Dropping Dancers off for classes?

We invite and encourage dancers to be early and ready for when their class starts and parents of school age children are welcome to drop their child off at the studio. While we do usually have a team member on the front desk, sometimes studio events or classes require them. **Teachers cannot be responsible for children unsupervised in the waiting room.** For drop offs, a good guide is 15 minutes before class starts.

Student News

Congratulations to all the dancers who took part in the *Royal Academy of Dance Summer School & New Zealand School of Dance Summer Intensive Programmes* in January. We had a large number of our students participate this year - so well done to all students! Special congratulations to Herminone Greenacre who was awarded the BLOCH 'Junior Most Potential Award' and Ellie Brownie received a special recognition award.



Several students have been selected for the *New Zealand School of Dance Scholars & Associates* programmes. Congratulations to Phoebe Barry (Contemporary Associate), Aria Swallow (Contemporary Associate), Ruby Kung (Contemporary Associate), Samantha Xu (Classical Associate & Scholar), & Charlotte Brown (Contemporary Associate).



Wellington Dance Academy (WDA) Medal Awards

The Wellington Dance Medal Awards offers dancers the opportunity to perform a dance in a relaxed exam setting. Students will receive a special WDA Medal and a written note card from our guest adjudicator. Dancers will dance in pairs or a solo depending on age. Entry information will be provided in Term 2.

When: Sunday 10th August (*Rehearsal Sunday 3rd August*)

Where: Wellington Dance Academy Thorndon Studio

Who: ALL junior students (Ballet / Jazz 1&2), Hip Hop (Junior & Grades), ALL Lyrical, Contemporary & selected Jazz Grade students.



Colouring Competition

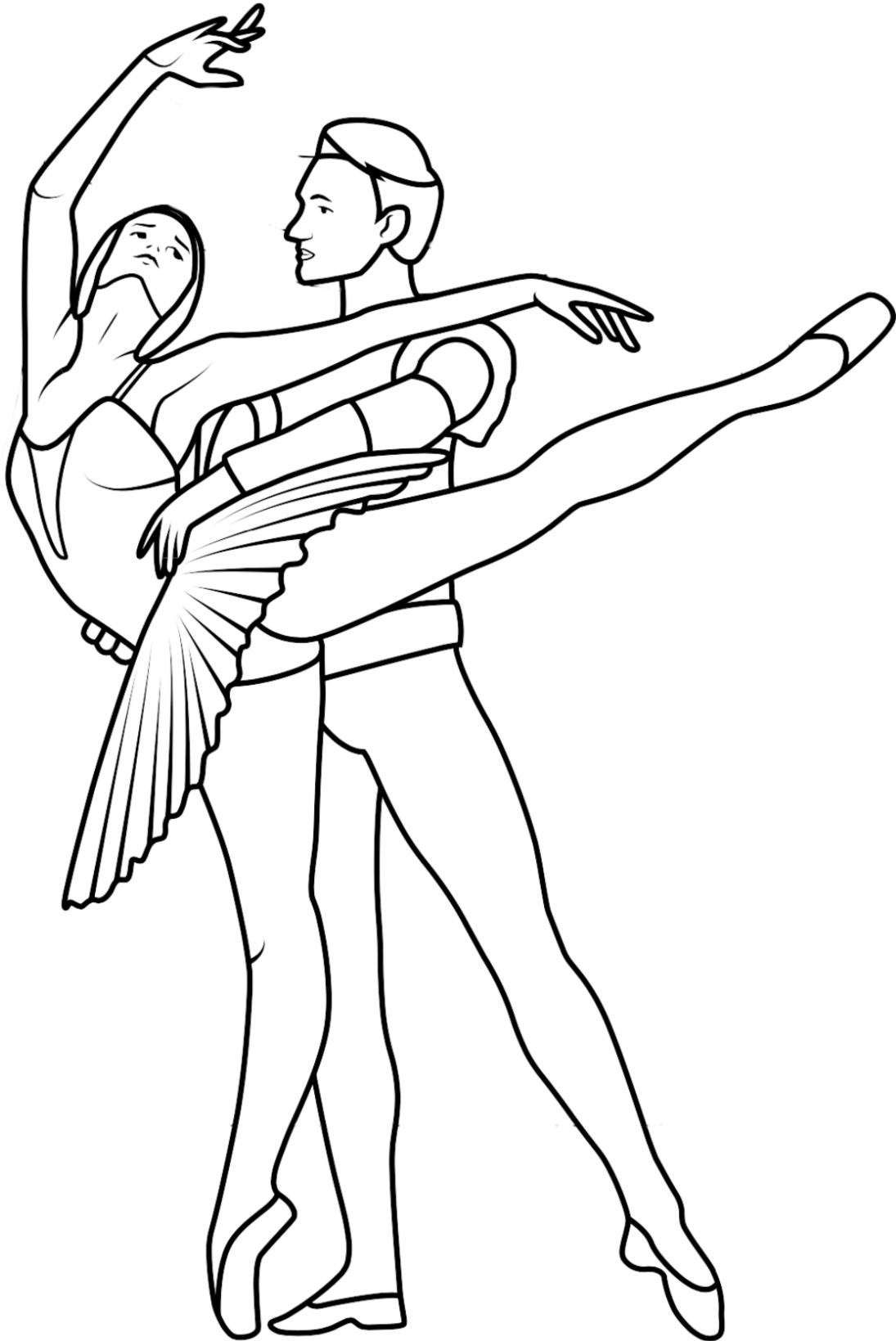
A *Pas de Deux* translates to a 'step-for-two'. Many famous ballets and dance pieces feature this special dance type. Attached to the back of this newsletter is a colouring competition. Have a go decorating your own *pas de deux* and hand it in to your teacher by the end of term 1. Winners will be announced in the first week back in Term 2.



Questions?

Wendy is our *Studio Office Manager* and office hours are Monday 10.00am-6.00pm, Tues 9.30am-5.30pm, Wed 10.00am-6.00pm, Thurs 9.30am-3.30pm. Suzanne is our *Studio Artistic Director*, and is at the Thorndon studio Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3.00-6.30pm. For any questions you may have, either chat to Suzanne or call Wendy on 04 2108642 or email office@wellingtondance.co.nz. Please join our WDA Families Facebook group too - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WDAfamilies>

Colouring Competition



Student Name _____

Student Age _____

Parent Email _____

