

# Grades Dance Planner 2026

## JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Term 1 starts

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Dress up week

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Dress up week  NZSD Insight Performances  
 Term 1 ends  Term 2 starts  
 No classes ANZAC Weekend

## MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

PJ Disco - Pre Grades, Grade 1 & 2  
 Jazz Dance Day

## JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

No classes  
King's Birthday

Term 2 ends

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Term 3 starts  NZSD Insight Performances

## AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Medal Award rehearsal  WDA Medal Awards  
 NZAMD Jazz Exam Practice

## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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27	28	29	30			

NZAMD Jazz Exam Practice  
 NZAMD Jazz Exams  Term 3 Ends

## OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Ballet Grade School  
 Term 4 starts  No classes Labour Day

## NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Demonstration Performances (Pre Grades+)  
 Term 4 ends

# KEY DATES & EVENTS 2026

## TERM 2

- **NZAMD Jazz exam** entries open
- **WDA Medal Award** entries open
- Jazz Dance Day Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> May**
- **RAD Ballet exam** and class award entries open (*mid Term 2*)

## TERM 3

- **WDA Medal Awards:**
  - Rehearsal Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Medal Awards Sunday **23<sup>rd</sup> August**
- **NZAMD Jazz Exams (Pre Grades+):**
  - Compulsory practices Sundays **30<sup>th</sup> Aug, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**
  - Exam week: **21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Sept (TBC)**
- **RAD Ballet Exams (Pre Grades+):**
  - Grade school **5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**
  - Exams: **12<sup>th</sup> Oct - 15<sup>th</sup> Nov (TBC)**

## Exams & Medal Awards

### WDA Medal Awards

- Contemporary, Lyrical and Hip Hop grades dancers encouraged to enter
- Students receive a medal and written adjudicator report
- A great opportunity to build confidence and performance skills

### NZAMD Jazz Exams & RAD Ballet exams

- Pre Grades, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4 students are encouraged to enter
- Teacher recommendations will be based on class attendance and over all readiness.
- Practices and grade school (for ballet) are compulsory for students entering

## Other Events

- New Zealand School of Dance **INSIGHT performances:**
  - Weds **1<sup>st</sup> April** - WDA Grade 1 & 2 dancers
  - Weds **1<sup>st</sup> July** - WDA Grade 3 & 4 dancers
- **PJ Disco** - Pre Grades, Grade 1 & Grade 2 Sat **2<sup>nd</sup> May** (invites handed out soon!)
- **Demonstration Performances** - Sunday **6<sup>th</sup> December** (Pre Grades+)
  - Held at the New Zealand School of Dance

## Expectations

- All scheduled exam practices and dress rehearsals are **compulsory** for entered students
- Consistent attendance throughout Terms 2–3 is essential
- Uniform is as per class uniform requirements
- All exam and medal award information will be communicated via email in Term 2

## WDA STUDENT & FAMILY INFO

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