

# WCSD NEWSLETTER, TERM 1, 2025



Hi everyone! Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are enjoying your holidays. We are so excited to start back to our classes and to see all our lovely student and families, including quite a few new faces. Welcome!

**TIMETABLE:** Please remember to check our Term 1 Timetable in case any class times have changed.

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Please read the following information carefully – particularly the events and fees information.

**TERM DATES: Monday 10 February to Saturday 12 April**

**We will be having an OPEN DAY at the studio, on Saturday 8th FEBRUARY, between 10am – 4pm for anyone wishing to pop in to pay fees, check class enrolments or buy/sell dancewear etc.**

## **OPEN – TO – OBSERVERS WEEKS:**

Our classes are only open for observation 1 out of every 3 weeks. The first week of term is always open, then the following two are usually closed and so on. (This can vary during the different Terms).

**OPEN WEEKS FOR TERM 1:** 10 - 15 February, 3 - 8 March, 24 - 29 March. For the rest of the time they are closed classes (meaning no observers).

## **EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2025: - some of these dates are tentative only (they could change)**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 4pm - OPEN DAY:** Pay fees, buy or sell uniforms etc and check out class availability.

**Monday 10 February – Classes start for Term 1** (*Please pay your term fees promptly*)

**Monday 28 April:** Term 2 starts. (*Please pay your term fees promptly*)

**Sat 31 May – Mon 2 June (King's Birthday):** Some classes are still on (you'll be notified if your class isn't)

**Friday 13, Sat 14, Sun 15 June:** Lyrical & Hip Hop exam rehearsals

**Fri 20 June – Matariki:** Some classes still on (you'll be notified if your class isn't)

**Saturday 21 June:** Preschool Show Rehearsals

**Sunday 22 June:** Preschool Dance Show

**Thursday 26 & Friday 27 June:** Hip Hop & Lyrical Exams (Tentative dates only)

**Saturday 28 June:** Term 2 ends

**Mon 14 July:** Term 3 starts (*Please pay your term fees promptly*)

**Fri 18, Sat 19, Sun 20 July:** APDA Contemporary, Acro & Musical Theatre Exam Rehearsals

**Fri 25, Sat 26, Sun 27 July:** BAL Ballet, Jazz & Tap Exam Rehearsals

**Fri 1, Sat 2 & Sun 3 August:** APDA Jazz Exam Rehearsals

**Mid August:** BAL Ballet, Jazz & Tap Exams (exact dates TBA)

**Mid August:** APDA Contemporary, Acro, Musical Theatre & Jazz Exams (exact dates TBA)

**Mon 25 – Sat 30 August:** SHOW COSTUME MEASURING (in class), Costume payments due.

**Saturday 20 September:** Term 3 ends

**Monday 6 October:** Term 4 starts (*Please pay your term fees promptly*)

**Sat 25 – Mon 27 October:** Labour Weekend. Some classes are still on

**27, 28, 29, 30 Nov & 6 & 7 Dec for ALL SHOW REQUIREMENTS** (days/times narrowed down later when we know which venue we are using).

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**Our END-OF-YEAR show dates depend on which venue we will use. Ideally, we'd love to use Avondale College again this year, but renovations are very likely to be happening, so we will find out later in the year and let everyone know. IF we use Avondale College (Avcol) the rehearsal and show dates will be as follows:**

**Rehearsals 28, 29, 30 Nov. The shows would then be on Saturday 6 December.**

**If we end up having to use Green Bay High School, the rehearsal/show dates would be:**

**Rehearsals 27, 28, 29, 30 Nov, & Shows on 6 & 7 December.**

**\*Please put ALL the above rehearsal and show dates into your calendars now, so that you don't accidentally double book yourselves. All students MUST be available for ALL dates if committing to the show.**

**TERM 1 FEES: Fees for Term 1 are as follows:**

**30-minute class = \$90 per Term**

**45-minute class = \$115 per Term**

**60-minute class = \$130 per Term**

**75-minute class = \$155 per Term**

**IMPORTANT: Please note that due to some people continually paying their fees late (or not at all), we have a 'Late Payment Penalty'. Any fees not paid by the end of week 3 will then incur a \$25 late payment fee which will be added to the total of your outstanding amount. If not paid by week 4 a "Stand Down from Classes" notice will be issued to encourage everyone to pay their fees on time.**

**Please ensure your term fees are paid within the first 3 weeks of term.**

**If paid by 16 February, deduct \$5 for early payment. If paying for more than one class, add up the total and then deduct 10%. We do not deduct or refund for classes missed.**

**Our Term Fees Account is: ANZ 01 0186 0351940 00. Please put your child's first and last name as reference if paying online. If you would like to pay your fees in instalments by automatic payment please contact Kay on [admin@dancewaitakere.co.nz](mailto:admin@dancewaitakere.co.nz). Part payments are online only. Full payments may be made in cash also.**

**CLASSES FOR 2025:**

We still have vacancies in some of our existing classes. Please contact Natalie on 021 035 4262, or email [info@dancewaitakere.co.nz](mailto:info@dancewaitakere.co.nz) to check availability if you wish to join a new genre. Please don't just assume there is room to join.

**PRIVATE LESSONS 2025: If you are wishing to book some Private exam work lessons with your child's teacher – don't wait until 'closer to the exams'. BOOK NOW! Some people have already booked their spots for this coming Term, and the studio bookings are already filling up due to exam rehearsal bookings etc. GET YOUR PRIVATE LESSONS DONE EARLY, or risk missing out. Private Lesson prices are as follows. 30 min = \$30, 45 mins = \$45, 60 mins = \$60.**

**END OF YEAR "Kaleidoscope" Show videos links should be emailed out very soon – they're on their way! Keep your eyes on your inboxes....**

**UNIFORMS: All items available for sale at our studio.**

Please make sure your child wears the correct **WCSD** uniform to each class with hair tied up neatly. It is important to look and feel the part while you are in class and feel part of the class, not to mention it is good discipline and helps your teacher to correct posture and alignments. Students are asked not to wear 'baggy' tee shirts or clothing to class (except for Hip Hop students) as it restricts your movement and makes it harder for teachers to see if any postural corrections are needed. Acro students please do not wear baggy clothing as it is dangerous.

**Jazz:**

**Pre Primary to Junior Jazz 3:** WCSD lycra leotard/tights set and jazz shoes

**Elementary 1 and up:** WCSD black leotard and plain black WCSD  $\frac{3}{4}$  or full length leggings

**Ballet:** WCSD black leotard, ballet tights and leather ballet shoes. Grade 3 upwards graduate to ribbons on shoes. Grades 5 and up require pointe shoes (if attending 2 lessons of Ballet per week).

**Lyrical:** WCSD black leotard/skirt combo

**Contemporary:** WCSD Black leotard with black WCSD  $\frac{3}{4}$  leggings over the top

**Hip Hop:** Any clothing easy to move in and clean sneakers for classes but a WCSD T-shirt and black Trackpants & black sneakers will be required for exams.

**Tap:** WCSD black leotard with WCSD bike shorts and black tap shoes

**Musical Theatre:** Same as Jazz uniforms.

**Acro:** Tight fitted Fitness-wear. No baggy clothing. For exams – Jazz uniforms required.

**WCSD T-shirts and Hoodies can be ordered any time at the studio.** Order forms are on the front desk at the studio.

**BAND:**

Every single student should be on our BAND app. It is vital to keep up to date with your class work, homework your teacher may set, or any messages from your teacher. If you are not already on BAND, Please let us know and we'll invite you to join your classes. If you miss a class, it is up to you to catch up with the missed work on **BAND** so you're up to speed for the next week.

Parents when signing up **please use your child's name**, not yours. **We have created a new BAND group for ALL WCSD students and need everyone to join this asap – see the QR code posters at the studio.**

**FACEBOOK:** Please join our Facebook page, as we often post important updates and information there, which comes in handy.

**Questions or Queries:**

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please ask Kay at the front desk or email:

Kay on [admin@dancewaitakere.co.nz](mailto:admin@dancewaitakere.co.nz) or

Natalie on [info@dancewaitakere.co.nz](mailto:info@dancewaitakere.co.nz) or text/call Natalie on 021 035 4262.

**Please DO NOT try to talk to your child's teacher before or after their class as you are using up the next class's time. Teachers have NO breaks between classes. Instead, ask Kay behind the desk, or contact Natalie and she will come back to you as soon as she can.**

We are all looking forward to seeing you at our first week of classes starting Monday 10 February.

Natalie and all the WCSD Team 😊