



# THE RENAISSANCE READER

The official newsletter of The Renaissance School of Dance

**Performance  
Fees are  
NOW DUE**

## 'Alo 'Alo it's August!

It's exiting walking into the studio at this time of year - you can feel the buzz and excitement of showtime coming up! We are so proud to be able to provide this opportunity for our dancers to perform on a proper stage in a professionally organised show! Also feeling grateful, as there are lots of my colleagues in Australia who aren't even able to plan a show for their dancers this year :(

There will be a lot of nerves going around too, for our first time performers (and their parents). Totally understandable! We try and make the show experience as easy and fun for our families as possible! Check the recent blog with advice from other parents to help ease first time nerves ☐

**<https://www.renaissancedance.co.nz/first-time-on-stage/>**

In other news: CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Emily - who is recently



engaged! ☐ And a big warm RSD to welcome to our two new team members Miss Geena who is taking Saturday morning preschool classes and Miss Maddie who is taking our teenage hip hop class! #positiverolemodels

Have a wonderful month everyone!  
from Miss Margs, Studio Director

# THE MONTH THAT WAS



**Well done to everyone who sat their dance exams & Acro Performance Awards. We are very proud of you! (More photos on our social media)**

**Our senior Ballet girls are loving their new Pointe shoes! Check out Jamie trying hers on for the first time! Exciting!**



**You many have noticed something extra sparkley around the studio! Lucky Mr Logan has taken Miss Emily off the market!**





# THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

## costume fittings for The Dance Chronicles ('big kids' show)

### Why is a costume fitting important?

We spend many hours designing and creating costumes for each dancer. These are always age appropriate, of the highest quality possible and fitted to each individual child. Costumes include all accessories; hats, gloves, hair pieces etc., however you may need to provide basics, such as underwear, singlets, leggings, tights, socks.

Please ensure you make an effort to attend with your class group so we can see what the costumes will look like together.

We prefer that parents do not come into the studio while we are doing this, as we like to keep some surprises for you when your superstar performs on stage! And will be less distracting for the dancers.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DANCE SHOES & HOT PANTS to your costume fitting**

### Saturday 21st August

1:00pm FLINTSTONES - **TinyTumblers** (Miss Emily/Miss Summer)

1:30pm WIZARD OF OZ - **Lil'Leapers & TinyTumblers Tap** (Miss Geena/Miss Summer)

2:00pm GREATEST SHOWMAN - **Jnr Contemp & Lil'Leapers** (Miss Millie/Miss Geena)

2:30pm 1950s - **Jump & Jive Jazz & Jazz Stars** (Miss Caitlin/Miss Millie)

3:00pm 1980's - **Leap & Limber Acro** (Miss Caitlin)

### Sunday 22nd August

10:00am HERCULES - **Broadway Babies** (Miss Amy)

10:30am HAMILTON - **TripleThreat & PowerfulPerformers MusicalTheatre** (Miss Amy)

11:00am 1920's CHARLESTON - **Happy Tappers & Shyla** (Miss Amy)

11:30am FUTURISTIC - **Tiny Tappers & Totally Tap** (Miss Amy)

12noon MEDIEVAL FAIRYTALE - **Petite Ballerinas** (Miss Emily/Miss Summer)  
- **Just Boys** (Miss Summer/ Mr Matt) & **Shyla** (Miss Amy)

12:30pm VIKINGS - **Beautiful Ballerinas** (Miss Emily/Miss Summer)

1:00pm NEOCLASSICAL - **Super Cignet / Corp de Ballet / Prima Ballerinas** (Miss Summer)

1:30pm 1960's - **Sassy Jazz** (Miss Millie)

2:00pm BIG BANG - **Vibe Kidz Hip Hop** (Miss Millie)

**ALL OTHER CLASSES/GROUPS** will be fitted with their costumes DURING/AROUND NORMAL CLASS TIMES at the end of August/beginning of September

up-to-date information can be found at [www.rsd.co.nz/showinfo](http://www.rsd.co.nz/showinfo)



# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?!

**Our BRAND NEW  
beginners dance class  
is here!  
"dancely downunder"**

**Is a fun, high-energy dance  
class, mixing jazz, hip hop,  
musical theatre and ballet.  
With all new choreography and  
original music written by the  
award winning writers of  
Disney, Netflix & Marvel!**



**Send us a message to  
book your FREE trial  
class!**

**Mondays 4pm  
or**

**Tuesdays 5:45pm**

**\*NB: this class will not be in  
the show\***



# COMING SOON...

## SHOWTIME!

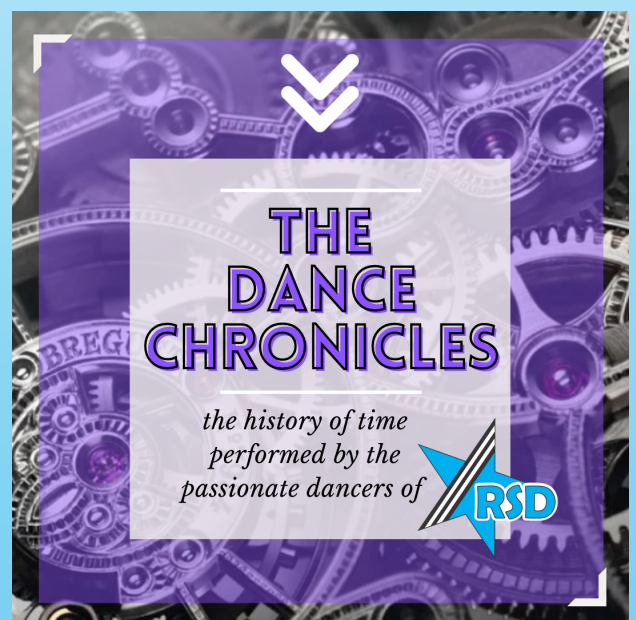
**Ensure these dates are in your diary:**

**babyballet Movers & Groovers  
Friday 26th & 27th November**

**'Big Kids' Show - including Lil'Leapers,  
Lil'Monkies & Tiny Tumblers  
22nd - 25th September  
(costume fittings 21st & 22nd August)**

**Show Handbooks with all the information about the  
shows, Performance Fees can be found at**

**[www.rsd.co.nz/showinfo](http://www.rsd.co.nz/showinfo)**



# DOWNLOW ON THE DANCER



## CAELAN

**Age:** 6

**Classes:** Acro and Musical Theatre

**Favourite Dance Move:**

Floorwork! A V sit in Acro and break dancing!

**What are your dance goals?**

I want to do the middle splits and perform in the RSD show!

**Describe a moment you felt proud of yourself:**

When I did a V sit in Acro for the first time. I have been practicing it at home on the [Acro app!](#)

**What do you love about dancing at RSD?**

Everything! It's super duper fun!

**How would you describe yourself?**

Super duper happy, smiley, energetic, good helper (especially with my baby brother)



**Fun fact about me:**

I am a St John's Cadet.  
I am home schooled  
and I am learning the recorder.

**Caelan loves dancing with his sister Isla!**





# COMMUNITY SHOUTOUT



## OKE CHARITY

Check out the awesome Oke Charity founded by Paul and Anj Dickson. We love the way this charity is "Growing Mighty Kids" just like we aspire to do here at RSD!



Paul and Anj's son Taylor loves helping out with Oke and is a keen little dancer here at RSD! He even earned the best male dancer award at last years prizegiving!



"Oke provide kiwi kids the opportunity to learn life and social skills by introducing productive gardens into schools. By giving the kids the tools to learn, Oke are empowering schools and communities to grow essential life and social skills, ultimately providing a better place for everyone"



CHECK OUT MORE OF WHAT OKE GET UP TO HERE:

[HTTPS://OKE.ORG.NZ/](https://oke.org.nz/)

FOLLOW THEM ON INSTAGRAM [@OKE\\_CHARITY](https://www.instagram.com/oke_charity)

FACEBOOK: [OKE CHARITY](https://www.facebook.com/okecharity)

Donate here: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/oke>



# TEACHER FEATURE

**INTRODUCING...**

**Our new Hip  
Hop mentor  
Maddie!**



★ **Maddie has been dancing since she was 3 years old**

★ **She danced with the Royal Family Hip hop group for 4 years**

★ **When Maddie is not dancing she is a full time Mum to her little boy - who is the same age as Charlie!**

★ **Maddie has danced in over 20 countries around the world!**

★ **Maddie's favourite colour is blue (Yay!)**

★ **Her favourite food is watermelon & mango.**

**MADDIE IS TEACHING OUR SENIOR HIP HOP CLASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS. MAKE SURE YOU SAY HI WHEN YOU SEE HER AROUND THE STUDIO!**



# DID YOU KNOW...?

**Our RSD mascot  
Starlet can be  
purchased online in  
our uniform shop!**



**Starlet spends her  
time hanging out  
at the studio with  
all the awesome  
RSD kids!**



<https://rsduniform.bigcartel.com/product/starlet-studio-mascot-doll>

## STAY IN TOUCH

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