

# THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE NEWSLETTER

The Graduate College of Dance  
**Term 3 August 2004**

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Annual General Meeting of The Graduate College of Dance was held on 16 June 2004 to approve the 2003 Annual Report and to elect Board members and officers for the next twelve months.

I am pleased to advise that all existing Board members nominated for re-election for a further term, with the exception of John Scotland who did not seek re-election.

John had been on the Board for ten years including the past twelve months as the Board Secretary. John's contribution to the growth and development of the College was enormous and we are very grateful to him for that.

The three parent representatives who were re-elected to the Board are Bill Coleman, Michele Toner and Eng Kong.

Copies of the 2003 Annual Report have been mailed to all families. If anybody has any questions about the report, please direct them to me via Suzan at the College.

As you will be aware, Ms Dawn Weller arranged for eleven of our Senior School students to visit various dance schools and colleges in Adelaide and New Zealand during July and this has been a very exciting opportunity for them.

The New Zealand visit was particularly important since the students had the



*The Graduate College of Dance Director, Dawn Weller, and students prepare to depart on their tour to audition in Adelaide and New Zealand.*

opportunity to audition for the New Zealand School of Dance and to see the final dress rehearsal of *Madam Butterfly*, which was presented by The Royal New Zealand Ballet at the Westpac St James Theatre in Wellington. The production is now on tour in New Zealand for six weeks.

Our students continue to excel in their assessments and I would particularly like to congratulate the five students who received distinctions in Term 2. In addition, two of our students have recently been invited by the Australian Ballet School to attend a final audition in Melbourne later this year, which makes a total of six students who have been offered career opportunities by the Australian Ballet School during the past two years. This is a wonderful achievement.

**David Hilditch, Chairperson**

### **NEW APPOINTMENT FOR BOARD MEMBER**

Congratulations to College Board member Rodney Phillips who has been appointed CEO of Ogden IFC, the company that is the venue manager for the Perth Theatre Trust. Mr Phillips will take responsibility for Ogden's four venues – His Majesty's Theatre, Perth Concert Hall, Playhouse Theatre and Subiaco Theatre Centre. Prior to this appointment, Mr Phillips was General Manager of His Majesty's Theatre.

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL AUDITIONS**

Auditions for students wishing to enter the Junior School (Years 5 to 7) in 2005 will be held on Saturday 23 October 2004 from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon at The Graduate College of Dance. For applications please contact Suzan on 93800551 during office hours.

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

The annual Ballet Support Group Family Fun Night was held on Saturday 8 May at the Loftus Centre. Thanks to the volunteers who continue to make this a successful fundraising event.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the following parents who assisted with catering for the Term 2 Assessments held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 June 2004 - Mrs Lawless, Mrs Pisano, Mrs Grafton and Mrs Taylor.

Thanks must also go to Mrs Charleston for her generous donation of mirrors for the dressing rooms and to the Ballet Support Group for the purchase of a video camera, DVD player and digital camera for the College.

Finally, thank you to Dr Scogings and Mrs Taylor for their tremendous support with marketing activities.

### **YEAR 12 AUDITION VIDEO**

For the first time, the College set up a formal audition video and photographic session for Year 12 students. The sessions took place over two weekends in May. Year 12 students now have professional audition material.

### **CHOREOGRAPHIC NIGHT**

Two evenings of innovative works choreographed and performed by Students from Years 6 to 12. Produced by our Year 12 students will be held on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 August 2004 from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Suzan on 93800551 during office hours.

### **YEAR 12s CAN-CAN FOR LA BOHEME SEASON**

Year 12 students Monique Eley, Julie-Anne Taylor, Jennifer Loth and Jessica Isaia were fortunate to be involved in the filming of a television commercial to promote West Australian Ballet's season of La Boheme. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students as this was their first exposure to television filming. Throughout the season of La Boheme our students were in the foyer of His Majesty's Theatre adding to the Parisian ambiance with their Can-Can dancing. Sincere thanks go to West Australia Ballet for providing this opportunity.

### **COLLEGE WELCOMES MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS**

The College opened its doors to the mothers and grandmothers of students on Saturday 8 May, the day before Mothers' Day. Visitors were able to observe students participating in classes, an opportunity not usually available to parents. This was a very special occasion to acknowledge the important role these women play in the lives of our students. All who attended were delighted with the day and we hope to make it an annual event.

### **STUDENT PERFORMANCES**

Students from the College had the opportunity to be involved in a number of performances during Term 2. On Thursday 8 July, Year 8 students Emma Cullinan, Veronica Formentin, Aisling Lawless and Carolyn Visser were invited to perform at the Graduation Ceremony of The Intensive Language Centre held in the auditorium of Perth Modern School. As part of World Day held at Perth Modern School on 20 May, our Year 11 students performed a Spanish piece choreographed by Lynn Martlew, first performed for Sir Charles at the dedication of the Sir Charles Court Studio. Performance Studies students presented two performances of Coppelia Acts I and II to Perth Modern School students and the general public on 28 May. It was a great success, with well over 200 people attending. Congratulations to all students on their excellent performances.

### **NUTRITION LECTURE**

On Saturday 19 June the College conducted an informative lecture with Nutritionist Joanne Beer for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Joanne presented her '2-4-6-8 System', which encourages people to each day aim to eat two portions of lean protein, four portions of complex carbohydrates, six glasses of water and eight portions fruit and vegetables. Due to the success of this lecture and Jo's fun approach to this very important information, we will repeat this lecture next year.

### **ROBOT ZOO SCITECH**

Following the successful performances given by Year 12s in January 2004 as part of Scitech's Toy Exhibition, our Year 11 students were invited to participate in the Scitech launch of Robot Zoo. An exploration of the mechanics of giant robotic animals, Robot Zoo was an international touring science exhibition which Scitech brought to Australia for the first time. Students had the opportunity to perform Robot Zoo again when they were invited to participate in the Western Australian Secondary School Executives Association conference.

### **STUDENT NEWS**

Year 12 students Jessica Ioppolo, Julie-Anne Taylor and Amy Macpherson attended a class given by Judy Maelor-Thomas at the West Australian Ballet studios on Thursday 8 July. 2003 graduate Daniel Smith, who is now in his first year at NZSD, also attended the class. Daniel was visiting Perth to see his family during his Term break and while here took class on a daily basis with the Year 12 students. He is looking wonderful and working beautifully. Kiara Martinez, who joined the Australian Ballet School in Term 2, was also on a visit to Perth and was a regular participant in our Year 9 classes during her break.

James Treweek, Alexander McKinnon and Timothy Harford spent a week in Melbourne participating in the boys intensive training classes at the Australian Ballet School. All three are associates of the Australian Ballet School. The Australian Ballet School has awarded Tegan Erichason, who left the College at the end of 2003 to join the School, a scholarship.

Madeline Myson (Year 11) and Bianca Grafton (Year 10) were selected by the Australian Ballet School during its audition tour to Perth to attend final selections for the School in Melbourne in July.

# YEAR PLANNER - TERM 3 (AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2004)

(information is correct at time of printing however subject to change without notice)

<b>Mon 2nd Aug</b>	<b>3.30 - 4.00 pm</b> - Yr 5 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only) <b>5.00 - 6.00 pm</b> - Yr 6 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only) <b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 3rd Aug</b>	<b>3.00 - 4.00 pm</b> - Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only) <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Yr 5 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only)
<b>Wed 4th Aug</b>	<b>5.00 - 6.00 pm</b> - Yr 6 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only)
<b>Thu 5th Aug</b>	<b>5.15 - 6.00 pm</b> - Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Meeting (by appointment only) <b>5.30 - 9.30 pm</b> - Choreographic Night - Set-up - PMS Auditorium
<b>Fri 6th Aug</b>	<b>10.15 - 11.15 am</b> - Yr 11/12 Aboriginal Dance Class <b>7.30 - 9.00 pm</b> - Choreographic Night - Performance 1
<b>Sat 7th Aug</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.30 am</b> - Ballet Support Group Meeting <b>7.30 - 9.00 pm</b> - Choreographic Night - Performance 2
<b>Mon 9th Aug</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 10th Aug</b>	<b>4.45 - 6.15 pm</b> - Competition Coaching - Taylor / Aldous
<b>Wed 11th Aug</b>	<b>2.15 pm</b> - School Performance - Lorreto Nedlands <b>4.00 - 5.15 pm</b> - Pas de Deux - Yr 12 Group B + 10/11 Boys
<b>Thu 12th Aug</b>	<b>11.25 - 11.55 am</b> - Yr 12 Monthly Meeting
<b>Fri 13th Aug</b>	<b>10.15 - 11.15 am</b> - Belly Dancing Class - Yr 11/12
<b>Sat 14th Aug</b>	<b>9.00 - 11.00 am</b> - Lost Property
<b>Mon 16th Aug</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 17th Aug</b>	<b>4.45 - 6.15 pm</b> - Competition Coaching - Taylor / Aldous
<b>Wed 18th Aug</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b> - School Performance - Lumen Christi College <b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Pas de Deux - Yr 12 Group A + 10/11 Boys
<b>Fri 20th Aug</b>	<b>10.15 - 11.15 am</b> - Belly Dancing Class - Yr 11/12
<b>Mon 23rd Aug</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 24th Aug</b>	<b>4.45 - 6.15 pm</b> - Competition Coaching - Taylor / Aldous
<b>Wed 25th Aug</b>	<b>2.15 pm</b> - School Performance - Presbyterian Ladies' College <b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Pas de Deux - Yr 12 Group B + 10/11 Boys
<b>Fri 27th Aug</b>	<b>10.15 - 11.15 am</b> - Indian Dance Class - Yr 11/12
<b>Mon 30th Aug</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Wed 1st Sept</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Pas de Deux - Yr 12 Group A + 10/11 Boys
<b>Thu 2nd Sept</b>	<b>11.25 - 11.55am</b> - Yr 12 Monthly Meeting
<b>Fri 3rd Sept</b>	<b>10.15 - 11.15 am</b> - Indian Dance Class - Yr 11/12
<b>Sat 4th Sept</b>	<b>Open Day for Fathers and Grandfathers</b> <b>9.00 - 10.30 am</b> - Ballet Support Group Meeting <b>9.00 - 11.00 am</b> - Lost Property <b>11.10 am - 1.10 pm</b> - Separate Boys Class with Callum Hastie - Jnr School (last for 2004) <b>12.30 pm</b> - Julie-Anne Taylor Competition Solo - open to all in Studio 1 Rehearsal conducted by Lucette Aldous

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<b>Mon 6th Sept</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 7th Sept</b>	<b>10.10 - 11.10 am</b> - Faculty Meeting <b>4.45 - 6.15 pm</b> - Competition Coaching - Taylor / Aldous
<b>Wed 8th Sept</b>	No Pas de Deux Class
<b>Fri 10th Sept</b>	<b>9.00 am - 9.00 pm</b> - Stage Exam Rehearsals <b>9.00 am - 5.00 pm</b> - <b>ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSED DURING STAGE EXAM REHEARSALS</b>
<b>Sat 11th Sept</b>	<b>9.00 am - 6.45 pm</b> - Yr 5-12 Stage Exams (see schedule on Student Notice Board)
<b>Sun 12th Sept</b>	<b>9.45 am - 4.30 pm</b> - ABS Information sharing - DW/MJ, Harford/Myson
<b>Mon 13th Sept</b>	Yr 10 + 11 Depart - SODA <b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 14th Sept</b>	J Taylor / DW Depart - SODA
<b>Wed 15th Sept</b>	<b>7.30 am</b> - Board Meeting No Pas de Deux Class
<b>Mon 20th Sept</b>	Yr 10 + 11 Return - SODA <b>3.40 - 4.40 pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Class <b>5.30 - 6.00 pm</b> - Coaching Class (last for 2004)
<b>Wed 22nd Sept</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15 pm</b> - Pas de Deux - Yr 12 Group B + 10/11 Boys
<b>Fri 24th Sept</b>	Last Spanish Class for Term 3
<b>Sun 26th Sept</b>	<b>11.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - Perth Modernian Performance
<b>Tues 28th Sept</b>	<b>Last Yr 5 Class for Term 3</b>
<b>Wed 29th Sept</b>	<b>Last Yr 6 Class for Term 3</b> Due to Mod Day at PMS normal classes will resume after 2.00 pm for Senior School
<b>Thu 30th Sept</b>	<b>Last Yr 7 Class for Term 3</b>
<b>Fri 1st Oct</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> (no Senior School classes after 3.30 pm) <b>Students can collect Stage Exam reports</b>
<b>Sat 2nd Oct</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15 am</b> - Ballet Support Group Meeting
<b>Mon 11th Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - End of Year Production Rehearsals (see schedule on Student Notice Board - attendance compulsory Yr 5-12)
<b>Tues 12th Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - End of Year Production Rehearsals
<b>Wed 13th Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - End of Year Production Rehearsals
<b>Thu 14th Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - End of Year Production Rehearsals
<b>Fri 15th Oct</b>	<b>9.30 am - 4.00 pm</b> - End of Year Production Rehearsals
<b>Mon 18th Oct</b>	<b>TERM 4 COMMENCES - STUDENTS RESUME</b>