



Term 2 Newsletter 2018

Welcome from the Principal...



And here we are folks, ready for another super exciting Term of dance!

I hope all families had a wonderful Easter and school holiday break. My family and I enjoyed a lovely break. It was nice to balance the holidays out with a little bit of work. Miss Erin and I met with our competition students over the holidays who were busy preparing their new competition routines which was a lot of fun for us to all be in the studio, relaxed and enjoying new choreography.

Reflecting on Term 1... wow, we certainly hit the ground running, with new students, new classes, new teachers, and new events taking place! A massive thank you to the whole Studio V team: students, teachers, parents, parents fundraising committee members for all making it possible. It was a fabulous start to the new dance year.

Term 2 is going to be a longer term, with 11 weeks schedule, which will see us taking it up another notch! We have the following events taking place, which I am very excited about:

- **Mid-Year Exams** (end of June) for lots of our MYE students
- **Mid-Year Demonstration Day** – a performance opportunity for most of our students at the OLMC theatre, showcasing new Comp Routines! All students and parents are welcome to come and watch the show – and encouraged to do so! It's a great learning experience for students to watch. Tickets on sale soon.
- **SFD Masterclasses**
- **External Competitions** for Production Squads and Private Lesson students
- **Disney Parents Information Night Event**
- **Stephen Agisilaou Workshop** for our senior students
- **Wizard of Oz Excursion** – Tuesday 10th of July

The newsletter overleaf will provide you with more information about the upcoming events. I thank everyone in advance for their understanding and support in reading the timetable and knowing where their classes will be for Week 1&2 whilst we have the Hawdon Hall out of action.

I look forward to seeing our students perform at our Mid Year Demo in June!! Wishing all students, teachers, parents and families a great term ahead.

Happy Dancing Everyone! Miss Vassie x

Hall Reminders:

Term 2 – Week 1 & 2 – No HAWDON Hall (16th – 28th April)

A reminder to please check the updated timetable for your class locations for Week 1 & 2 of term 2 whilst our Hawdon Hall is under repairs. Note we will not have any access to Hawdon from Monday the 16th until Saturday the 28th of April, inclusive. All classes will return to normal as of Week 3. Thanks for your understanding.

Sothern Federation of Dance:



Combined Schools Concert:

Our production students and Senior Jazz students will be participating and performing in the SFD Combined Schools Concert on Sunday the 29th of April in Nunawading. The concert brings together all SFD schools to one performance, where each school showcases two routines. This year Studio V has been asked to open the Concert with their Cinema Italiano routine, from our 2017 end of year Concert, and will also be performing their Bang Bang senior jazz routine as well. Wishing all performers a great show!

Our three level 10 Jazz students, Bridget Bucello, Calista Prince and Liana Sortino will also be taking to the stage at the SFD Concert to publicly receive their Level 10 Jazz Exam Medal. This is going to be such a very special moment, and we are so proud of the three girls! Congratulations Bridget, Calista & Liana!

SFD Masterclasses:

All students participating in exams this year are encouraged to also attend the SFD Masterclasses in May. The masterclasses are taught by SFD Examiners, and are a great opportunity to hear some 'tips and tricks' to get the best possible result from your upcoming exam. The examiners highlight what they are looking for, break down each of the routines and discuss all parts of the exam, which is very useful to the students.

Masterclasses are held offsite at the Dance World 301 Studios in South Melbourne.

Please ensure you book your place via the SFD link which has been sent to you:

- Classical Masterclass – Sunday 20th May
- Jazz Masterclasses – Sunday 27th May
- Tap Masterclasses – Sunday 3rd June

Studio V Dance Exams:

Exams are a wonderful opportunity for students to set and achieve goals while focussing on technique and their growth as a dancer. **Please note** that exams are not compulsory however ideal for technique and development. Teachers will approach students for suitability for exams in 2018 after observing their progress.

Our Mid Year Exam date for 2018 will be Sunday 24th of June at our Studio V Halls in Heidelberg. Selected students will be notified of their involvement in Mid-Year Exams. Our end of year exam date this year will be sometime in October. We are awaiting confirmed dates from the SFD and then will notify students and parents of the date.

Stephen Agisilaou Workshop



On Saturday the 19th of May, our Intermediate & Senior Jazz students will have the opportunity to work with industry professional Stephen Agisilaou!

Stephen Agisilaou is an extraordinary choreographer, producer and director who has forged a career of remarkable distinction. Stephen has earned nationally renowned recognition in his native home of Australia, thanks to his innovative dance productions he conceives and directs through his own company Vertical Shadows Dance Company.

His choreography has also been seen both locally and internationally in major musical theatre productions in addition to his work on the stage Stephen has created unique choreography for an elite clientele that includes The Australian Open, Samsung, Red Bull, The Venetian / Sands Hotel & Casino, P&O Cruises, EMG Management and Sterosonic Music Festival. Stephen served as a choreographer for So You Think You Can Dance and has been reviewed with accolades from Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, News.com.au, Dance Australia Magazine, Dance Informa, The Australian Stage, Joy FM and the ABC national radio program.

Interesting Fact: Miss Vassie was one of Stephens's jazz teachers at Dance World 310 approximately 20 years ago when Stephen was studying dance full time. Stephen's first teaching role was at Studio V where he taught Hip Hop and Jazz (many years ago!).

- **Workshop: Saturday 19th of May**
- Hawdon Hall – 2.30 – 4.00pm
- Cost: \$20 per student (for Senior Prod students) and \$30 for all other students
- Ages Applicable: Jazz Students (from Level 6 standards and above)
- Contact Vassie to secure your place in this workshop

St Johns Primary School Fete

In March, we were delighted to be invited back to perform at the St John's Primary School Fete! This was a fantastic event, which we were really proud to represent our school at! Our connections to our local community are so important to us and it was a great chance to connect with many friends and family of Studio V. A big thanks to our Production and Singing students for their energetic performance, presentation and professionalism!



Excursion to the Australian Ballet

Our Intermediate and Senior Ballet students recently had the opportunity to see a class in action at the Australian Ballet, L5 student Mia Ferma wrote this wonderful reflection!



“On Friday March 23rd we visited the Arts Centre to see the dancers from the Australian Ballet. Myself and other dancers from Studio V got to experience this wonderful opportunity; it was a really great day. I was really happy to be able to be part of this. It was so inspirational to see all the dancers practice, they were all so strong and even though all of them were going through a lot of pain, their faces showed nothing. The dance teacher would give all the dancers many instructions all at once and it was amazing to see that they could pick it all up in such a small amount of time. After seeing the dancers I felt very inspired and I am sure others were too. At my next ballet class I thought about the Australian Ballet class that I had recently seen and then I realised that our classes had many similarities to the ones we saw performed on stage. At Studio V we learn exercises that get harder as we move up levels, at the Australian ballet the dancers exercises also got harder with every new one that they learnt.”



Workshop with Eli Cooper, Lead in the Wizard of Oz!

Studio V was so lucky to have past-teacher Eli Cooper come back and visit our Production Students! Eli is currently starring as The Scarecrow in the national tour of The Wizard of Oz, we're so excited to see him in action later this year! Senior Production student Emma Zoch has shared her experience with us:

“Eli's workshop was a really enjoyable and exciting experience for us all. I learnt so many things about the musical industry as well as three amazing combos. We began the workshop with a fast, jazz routine using fans to 'The Very Old Land of Oz'! It was really fun to use a prop whilst dancing!! In the second combo we portrayed the evil monkeys through a dark contemporary routine. We also finished the day with a small combo to 'The Yellow Brick Road'. I really enjoyed how we were able to learn the actual choreography from the musical. This workshop was really interesting and it gave us all a taste of the theatre industry. Eli was so talented and a really motivating teacher. His bubbly energy was contagious and I think he really inspired us all.” Emma Zoch

Drama and Musical Theatre Classes:



Singing and Drama/Musical Theatre Classes are on Saturday mornings within the SCOTS DIC rooms with Miss Claire and Miss Ally. These classes are offered to 4YO Kinder students, Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and seniors. These classes focus on building confidence and stage skills in a fun interactive way from a young age.

Singing Students learn breathing technique, how to properly warm up, fun songs and acting through song as well as foundations of musicianship through Solfa, body percussion and sound production.

Drama and Musical Theatre classes focus on performance and theatrical creativity through drama and improvisation games, vocal projection and how the face and body are used to create character!

These classes combined work towards being a well-rounded dancer and performer, all while having lots of fun!

Studio V Dance to Disneyland Updates!

Cadbury Chocolate Drive Initiative

A big thank you to all of the students who recently sold a box of Cadbury Chocolates. In total we had 120 boxes distributed to families within the school. The funds being raised will be supporting our students on their Los Angeles Disneyland mission in 2019. All money from this fundraiser must now be submitted and returned please (\$80 p/box).

Deadline for Chocolate Money: 7th of April – please bring back your envelope this week to your class and submit to your teacher. Thanks heaps!



Our friends at **The Train Yard Café** (184 Burgundy St, opposite the SCOTS Hall) have been kind enough to sponsor our Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser! We're so lucky to have relationships with local businesses in Heidelberg and hope many of our Studio V Families check them out! <http://www.thetrainyard.com.au/>

The Train Yard has kindly created a special 10% discount for Studio V Families who eat instore or take away! Mention your association with Studio V for 10% off your total bill!

A Wrinkle in Time – Volkswagen Waverly Event

We'd like to say a huge thank you to **Waverly Volkswagen** for their support for our Movie Event fundraiser! Waverly Volkswagen powered this event, and also were so kind to offer the major Raffle Prize of four tickets to see Grease the Musical at Hisense!!

Everyone involved had such a fantastic time, it was an epic event, which raised \$2886 in Disney fundraising dollars!

We drew our Raffle on at the movie event as well, and below are the lucky prize winners:

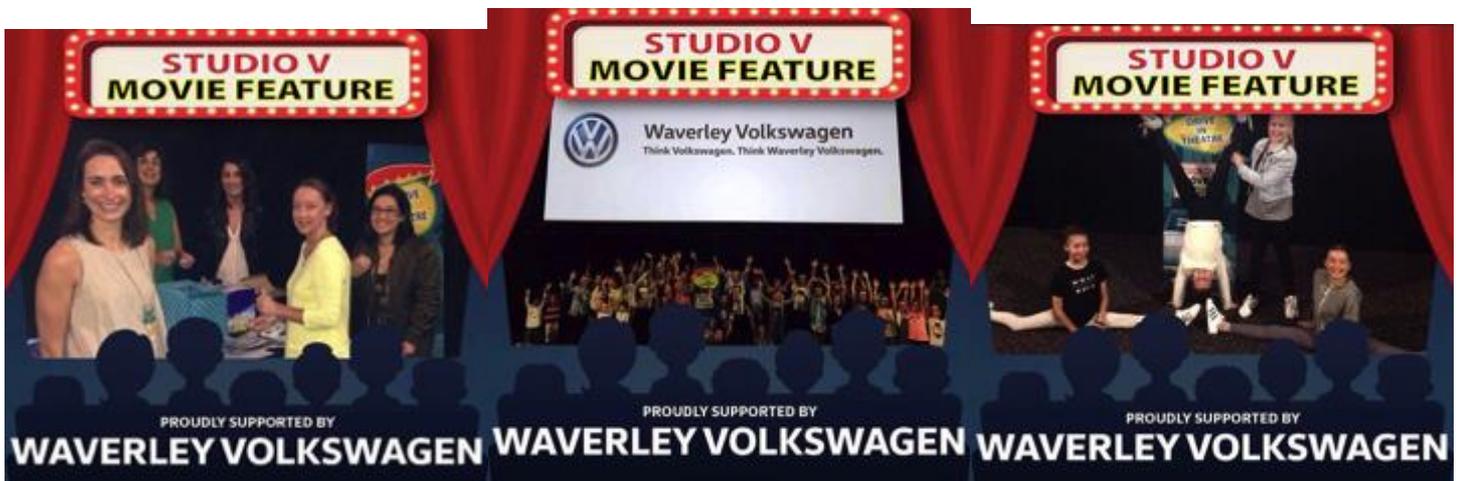
- 1st Prize Raffle (**Adriatic Furniture** - AAMI Park - 4 x Soccer Adriatic Lounge Tickets) - Nicola Bresciano
- 2nd Prize Raffle (**Skaterz Party Voucher**) - Lucy Kaegi
- 3rd Prize Raffle (**Cadbury Gift Box**) - Amelia Chan
- Door Prize (**4 Grease Tix @ Hisense Arena courtesy of Waverly Volkswagen**) - Zoe Kouryalas

Congratulations to all of our winners! We hope you enjoy your awesome prizes!

A massive thank you to our Parents Fund Raising Committee, who again have surpassed our expectations and gone above and beyond with their level of commitment on this event, a big thank you to all the ladies.

Studio V would like to thank **Waverley Volkswagen** for sponsoring this event. Dino Di Benedetto, the dealer principal of Waverley Volkswagen (Australia's most awarded Volkswagen dealership), AKA Sienna's dad, invites all Studio V family members to their brand new dealership where you will receive the best service and offers, PLUS mention the Studio V movie event and they will donate \$100 to us on your behalf if you buy any vehicle.

A big thank you to all of our raffle sponsors, for their very generous donations.



Disney Information Night Event



We kindly thank Meridian Travel Heidelberg for sponsoring our upcoming Disney Parents Information Night on Tuesday the 24th of April at The Train Yard, Heidelberg.

Meridian Travel has been instrumental in the planning of bringing our dreams to life! Our Parents Information night will provide all families with more information about the trip, whilst having an opportunity to mingle and meet one another. A massive thank you to Meridian Travel, Kirsty Eccles and Jodie Quick for all of their ongoing support.

Studio V Jackets!



All students now have the opportunity to purchase a new **Studio V Jacket as part of their compulsory dance uniform**. This jacket is a requirement for students this year; they are wonderful in winter, able to be worn in classes and a great representation of our school at competitions, exams and the concert. The **order form** is attached in this email!

Jackets can also be personalised with student's names embroidered on the front – modelled here by Alyssa – if you would like your jacket personalised check out Greensborough Embroidery 5/35 - 39 Main Street, Greensborough, 9432 0305



Discount Cards

Studio V has released exclusive Bloch Discount Cards to all students this year. Each student will receive either a Classic, Bronze, Silver or Gold discount card (according to number of hours of tuition per week). This card has a Studio V logo printed on the back, and can be presented at Bloch Doncaster or any other Bloch store for you to receive discounts on your dance uniform and accessories. Please email Claire to collect your Card!

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- Ribbon bundles are sold in one long 2¼ metre length so the ribbon needs to be cut in half and then in half again so there are four pieces, one for each side of the shoe.
- Take one piece of ribbon and at one end fold one centimetre over once and then fold it over two centimetres again.
- To attach the ribbons at the correct angle, fold the back of the shoe forward and down, then mark each side of the shoe on the cotton lining in the angle made.
- Place the folded end of the ribbon at the marked position and sew as shown in the drawing onto the side of the shoe through the cotton lining but not through the satin. The ribbons may be angled forward if required to hold the shoe on more securely.



For extra support the ribbon can be sewn further down the shoe close to the inner sole at the same position. Do not sew the ribbon through the binding as the drawstring cord can not be adjusted and the binding may pull away from the satin. The cord inside the binding of the pointe shoe is to adjust the tension of the width of the upper. It should be adjusted while on the foot, and tied in a double knot with the excess cord tucked into the shoe and not be visible. Do not cut the excess of the cords off, as should the knot come undone the ends would be lost inside the binding.

Bloch Elastoribs are pre-cut into four pieces and each has an elastic piece sewn into the ribbon length not quite in the centre so one length is shorter than the other. The shorter length should be pinned to the marked area for sewing to check that when the ribbon is wound around the ankle the elastic sits directly behind the Achilles tendon. The Elastoribs come with detailed instructions in the packet.