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2026 CONCERT INFORMATION for the
Tuesday Afternoon & Wednesday Morning
Pre-Ballet, Pre-Jazz & Pre-Tap Classes

This newsletter contains loads of information relating to this year's Concert- Dates, Reheasal. Tickets, Photos, Facial Make-up, etc. Please take an extra moment to read it to answer any questions you may have regarding what will happen with events leading up to the Concert day.

☛ CONCERT FEE – Due Monday, 23rd November

The Concert Fee, which is only $40.00 per student, helps cover a portion of the extra costs incurred with operating all of the Concert-related events. This is due by the 23rd of November. Every Participant in this year's Concert is responsible for paying this Concert Fee. If you haven't yet done so, you should pay this Concert Fee at reception or via direct bank transfer as soon as possible to ensure delays with Costume distribution are minimized.

☛ DRESS REHEARSAL – Friday, 11th December

This year's Dress Rehearsal for the Tuesday & Wednesday Pre-Schooler Classes will be on Friday, 11th December at *Dancin' Mates Studios*.

The Dress Rehearsal will start at 4:15pm and will finish at approximately 5:00pm. Please be there no later than 4:00pm in full costume with hair style done, no facial make- up is required at this dress rehearsal.

NO food or drink except water is to be taken whilst in costume. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet and has had sufficient food before the Dress Rehearsal.

All personal belongings must be clearly labeled with your child's name, especially if they are in more than one dance (ie; Jazz & Ballet). Please name label shoes!

This Dress rehearsal is not open to the parents or public because we hope the concert to be a surprise for you & them.

Parents/Guardians: please ensure that Dancin' Mates has a current mobile phone number should you need to be contacted.

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☛ CONCERT PERFORMANCE – Sunday, 13th December

The Concert Performance on Sunday, December 13th will begin at 11:00am. We estimate it to end at 12:00pm. All Pre-School Class dancers/volunteers will meet at 10:30am in the Foyer. Dancers will be taken to their backstage area at 10:40am. These children will be kept backstage for the duration of the performance.

NO food or drink is to be taken whilst in costume. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet and has had sufficient food before the Concert.

Only PERFORMERS, Dancin' Mates Staff, and Designated Backstage Volunteers will be permitted backstage during the shows.

The taking of photos and/or personal video footage is not permitted during this Dancin' Mates Concert performance. This is for the safety of the performers. A professional video link of the Concert is available for purchase - please see attached information. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

☛ TICKETS – On Sale from Monday, 2nd November

Dancin' Mates is happy to announce that the venue for our 2026 mini-mates Concert will be the Peninsula Theatre, John Hoare Close, Woy Woy.

All tickets for this year's Concert will be **Reserved Seats** in a tiered seating plan. Tickets will sell at $40.00 each for Adults, $27.50 each for Children *(2-16 yrs)*, and $35.00 for Senior Concession *(all incl. 10% GST).*

Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Monday, 2nd November at 10:30am. Tickets will only be available for purchase directly from the Laycock St Theatre Ticketing system. They can be purchased online or in person from the Laycock St Theatre Box Office right up until the Concert Day. A direct link to their online system will be available on our Website at:

www.dancinmates.com.au/upcoming-events

As with most online ticketing systems, most credit and debit cards should be accepted, and you should have the option to print your own or arrange an alternative method of delivery. All terms and conditions regarding tickets sales will be handled through the Laycock St Theatre. There is a $4.50 per ticket booking fee levied by the Laycock St Theatre Box Office.

We are expecting the tickets to sell quickly, so get in early for the best seats. There is no limit on ticket numbers per family of the preschool dancers.

☛ COSTUMES

Your child will soon receive a note with the final Costume balance amount(s) due. Costumes will be distributed in Weeks 6 & 7 to those students whose Class Fees, Concert Fees, and Costume Balances are paid in full. Please note that we cannot release a costume until all outstanding balances have been paid.

☛ GENERAL MAKE-UP

All pre-school students performing in the concert are encouraged to wear some facial make-up:

- A blush on the cheeks.
- Lipstick – *optional*
- No nail polish, jewellery, or glitter hair spray

REMEMBER that the purpose of stage make up is to accentuate the facial features under the stage lights.

☛ CONCERT PHOTOS – Sunday, 6th December

Newcastle School Portraits will be doing this year's concert photo shoot. They have photographed Dancin' Mates students for over 30 years.

Pre-Classes Photos will be taken at Dancin' Mates Studios the morning of **Sunday, 6th of December**. The photographer will take individual concert dance photos as well as the group photos of the various dance classes. Dancing siblings are also able to have a photo together. A separate Photo Call newsletter with the individual class times will follow shortly.

They will bring all photos to the Concert venue. You may view and purchase your photo package from 10:30am before the concert commencement. We suggest you allow time for this. Packages are available to be purchased after the concert day directly with Newcastle School Portraits.

As always, Dance Class Group Photos will be on display next year in our studio waiting area.

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☛ CONCERT VIDEO LINK

Dance Life Unite Videos will film and produce this year's Concert Video for you to purchase.

The cost per video link is ONLY $40.00. As we respect the privacy of our young dancers, this year's Concert Video will be supplied via a dropbox link, unique to each order delivered to your email. Orders can be made directly with Dance Life Unite Videos. The QR Code Order Form will be emailed to everyone, so check your inbox during the next week.

All Concert Video Orders will be processed over the Christmas Holidays, and will be available for download at the start of the new dancing school year.

*IMPORTANT: Please remember that the use of your own video camera (including phones) at this or any Dancin' Mates Concert is not allowed due to privacy and music copyright laws.

☛ JUNIOR & SENIOR CONCERT

Come along to watch and support the Dancin' Mates school-aged students perform at our 33rd Annual Dance Concert "Can't Stop Dancing!" - held at 4:00pm on Sunday, 20th December at The Art House Wyong. Tickets will be available to purchase from the 20th November via the Dancin' Mates website:

www.dancinmates.com.au/upcoming-events

☛ A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

All of our youngest students have been working very hard preparing their dances for this year's concert, and we are certain you will enjoy their adorable entertainment.

We do require all preschooler dancers to attend the Dress rehearsal at 4:00 pm on December 11th at Dancin' Mates Studio. This rehearsal is needed to encourage confidence with the event's format and procedures. This rehearsal gives the dancers the chance to see their peers dance, which is valuable to their learning & progression as performing artists. Also, the Dress rehearsal is the only chance to practice the dance in costume with their group. It is therefore important for every student to attend this rehearsal in order to make their concert an enjoyable one for everyone involved.

We'd like to thank you for your support and custom in helping Dancin' Mates to establish a reputation for quality dance tuition and service and trust you will enjoy the "Let's Dance!" 2026 Dancin' Mates mini-mates Concert.

Dancingly yours, Dancin' Mates Staff

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www.dancinmates.com.au/newsletters