

2024 PRESCHOOL CONCERT 'BIG NOTE'

Way back in 2020 Dance Express had our very first separate READY SET DANCE concert, and it was a huge hit!!!! So we continued the successful READY SET DANCE concerts series in 2021, 2022 and 2023 for all of our dancers and their families to enjoy.

2024 is, of course, going to be bigger and better with our dancers presenting the new 'READY SET MAGIC'. All details are listed below for this year's concert....

Please read carefully and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Each year the concert is the absolute highlight of our year!!

Who doesn't love watching their child on stage all dressed up just loving life???

Our concert is totally optional BUT it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to feel a sense of achievement, boost their confidence and is a memorable family moment!

If the past couple of years have taught us anything it is to grab each opportunity with both hands and go with the flow...

We understand that this is all very new to you, so to help our new (and of course old) families, we will be hosting a **ZOOM Meeting on Monday Sept 2nd @ 8.00pm**. This will give us an opportunity to go through the information below in detail and answer any questions. Meeting details are over the page and yes, we will be recording the ZOOM for anyone who is unable to attend.

CONCERT DETAILS;

DATE: Sunday November 10th

TIME: 9:30am & 11:30am – **ALL Dancers perform in both shows!**

PLACE: Northern Beaches State High School Performing Arts Complex, Rural View

TICKETS: **Tickets go on sale at DANCE EXPRESS on Monday Oct 21 @ 10:00am until sold out!!** All seating is allocated.

ALL tickets will be \$30 (children under 2 not on a seat are FREE).

Dancers do not require a ticket as they are backstage for the whole performance.

It is not an expectation that parents must watch both shows but you are most welcome to! It has worked in the past when you split the family/friends over both shows so your dancer has someone in the audience watching for both shows.

INVITES:

We have Invitations printed for the dancers to give their family & friends. These will be available in class early Term 4 and if you would like extras they can be obtained from the office.

COSTUMES:

Costumes will be ordered once the Concert Levy has been paid and I can tell you they are super cute this year. We are excited to have been able to keep the cost of the costume down due to doing a bulk order.

Girls Costume Bag will include Costume, Bow Headpiece and Socks - \$90

Boys Costume Bag will include Costume - TBA

Costumes will be available for purchase @ the DE Office during class time from Tuesday Oct 29th

MAKE-UP:

Make-up for all our dancers (not required for boys) is **totally optional** and we only expect you to apply what you can. For hygiene reasons it is the responsibility of grown ups to supply and apply their own child's make-up at home.... Please do not stress about how much or little make-up you are able to apply.

- Brown Eye-Shadow
- Black Waterproof Mascara (applied with eyes closed)
- Red Lipstick (preferably a non-smudge)

Make-Up can be purchased from Big W/Kmart/Target/Chemist Warehouse at very reasonable prices.

Do not panic as I will be sharing a video of how to apply the makeup on our READY SET DANCE FB Group very soon.

SHOES:

All shoes are to be clearly marked with your child's name written inside on the sole. Give them a quick wipe over with a baby wipe to freshen them up ready for the big day.

- READY SET BALLET – Pink Ballet Shoes
- READY SET DANCE – Tan Jazz Shoes (Girls) & Black Jazz Shoes (Boys).
- READY SET ACRO – Bare feet

HAIR:

ALL hair is to be in a bun with a Hair Scrunchie attached (available for purchase from our office where we will match your child's hair colour perfectly). If you have one from last years concert (and you can find it), there is no need to purchase a new one. So we can see their happy little faces, we like NO fringes (slick them back with gel/mousse and hair spray).

I will be sharing a video on how to do a bun on our READY SET DANCE FB Group for all of our newbies.

CONCERT LEVY:

As in previous years a CONCERT LEVY of \$90 for all families who take part in the performance will apply. ONE levy per DE Family...

For this fee you will receive the following:

- Digital Video Recording of both shows
- ALL photos taken on the day, including Stage, Foyer and Family shots
- Concert collector T'Shirt. Extra T'Shirts for extra dancing siblings can be purchased for \$30.
- Keepsake Medal

This is fantastic value as the Digital copy of the shows is \$65 on its own.

This is to be paid when you submit the Concert Cognito Form by Saturday Sept 14.

CONCERT MERCH:

On the day of the concert, we will have a READY SET DANCE Merchandise Shop set up in the foyer. This is the perfect excuse to spoil your little performer or grab that early Christmas present! Please let us know if you would like to preorder anything for collection on the day of the Concert.

THEATRE ETIQUETTE:

Our Dance Express concerts are known for their energy and positivity! The kids perform better when they know the crowd is having a good time! We want to hear your claps and cheers! Please try to keep moving in and around the Theatre to a minimum so everyone can get the best possible view...

We believe in leaving the Theatre how we found it!!! Please take all rubbish with you when you leave.

CAMERAS, PHONES AND VIDEOING OF ANY KIND IS FORBIDDEN INSIDE THE THEATRE!

Not to worry, all dancers will receive a professional copy of their performance that can be shared with family and friends! Check out our Photo Station in the Foyer to grab the perfect shot of your dancer!

Sit back and watch your child through teary eyes not a phone lens...

DE MECC Concert: Our DE Concert is held at the MECC on Sunday Nov 24 at 10:00am. Your Preschooler is invited to perform their finale routine on their same stage as our big kids! Some of you will have your older children in this concert so it would be wonderful to have your READY SET Dancer performing in the same show. Please indicate if you would like to perform in the 'DE Concert' on the form below.

HELPERS:

The helpers at READY SET MAGIC are our Parents from Dance Express who are generously volunteering their time, so to repay the favour we require helpers at the DE CONCERT. At our Ready Set Concert, we have over 30 helpers for our 130 dancers who have no costume changes so you can imagine the number we require for our DE Concert with 200 dancers who have a number (sometimes 10!) costume changes. So your help is greatly appreciated. (NO experience necessary, you don't even have to have any clue about dancing! There is a job for everyone!)

CLASSES AFTER CONCERT:

All of our classes will continue under the current timetable until Saturday December 7

BREAK UP PARTY:

This year, we are having a Celebration Week! During the final week of classes for 2024 (see dates below) each class will be having a special celebration dance party during their usual class time...

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS:

All DE Grown-ups are invited to attend our READY SET MAGIC Concert Info Night Zoom. This is the perfect opportunity to get your questions answered and gain more clarity on what the Big Day entails!

DATE/TIME: Monday Sept 2 @ 8:00pm

Meeting ID: 752 3345 2854

Passcode: magic24



Join Zoom Meeting Here!

A QUICK GUIDE of Important Dates:

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| ○ Monday Sept 2 | ZOOM MEETING for all things Concert. |
| ○ Saturday Sept 14 | Submit Concert Cognito Form. |
| ○ Monday Oct 29 | Tickets go on Sale 10:00am @ DE Office |
| ○ Tuesday Oct 29 | Costumes on Sale @ DE Office during class times. |
| ○ Sunday Nov 10 | CONCERT DAY 9:30am & 11:30am |
| ○ Tuesday Nov 14 | Normal classes until Sat Dec 7 |
| ○ Sunday Nov 24 | "DE CONCERT" @ MECC – Helpers needed. |
| ○ Tues Dec 3-Sat Dec 7 | Break-Up Parties during normal class time |
| ○ Monday Nov 11 | 2025 Pre-Enrolment opens |

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Why do the Concert?

A: Your Preschooler has been working so hard in class and they want to show everyone just how clever they are. It is a wonderful milestone to build their confidence, performance skills and independence.

Q: What if we don't want to perform in the Concert?

A: Please text Miss B on 0407 675 990 so she can let your teacher know. But as the concert routines are only a small component of class, they can still attend as per usual each week.

Q: How many tickets can we purchase?

A: As we are having 2 concerts you can purchase as many as you wish! Gather all the family and friends to come along and watch your Preschooler shine!

Q: Who is looking after my child backstage?

A: We will have our full team of trained staff on hand to help. As well as some of our fabulous senior students and their parents who have been involved in concerts for a very long time (some since we opened 20yrs ago). Of course, guardians will be the first to be contacted if necessary.

Q: Help! I am not very good at make-up!!!!

A: Every 'Dance Parent' has to start somewhere! Please don't panic and only apply what you can. Happy Days...

Q: What if my costume doesn't fit?

A: We will have tried on a costume in class to check the fit. Sometimes it is just a simple taking up of the shoulder straps but if you are concerned please text Miss B on 0407 675 990 straight away. Remember that the costumes are to fit this year not for the next 10. LOL

Q: How can we practice at home?

A: Now we don't want it to turn into a drama and have some 'Mummyography / Daddyography' added to the routines, but we will post our teachers demonstrating them on our READY SET DANCE FB Group.

Q: How can I help?

A: We have many small jobs to be done before the concert day, so if you can offer some help, we will be setting up on the Saturday afternoon and would love some company. But the best help is being the most perfect 'Dance Parent' on the day by encouraging your little dancer and bringing as many people to watch as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text Miss B on 0407 675 990.

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