

# TROUPE NEWSLETTER #2

Well, Troupe routines are progressing and we are all counting down now to our first performance of the year at Camden Show. Attendance is more important than ever as we speed our way through the choreography and get our routines ready to perform. Please make sure your kids are practicing at home, and don't forget to send them with a video camera or come and film the routines to make the practicing easier and more effective.

On Saturday 20th March we will meet at the NAB performance pavilion at 10:30am. Please arrive in your Troupe tracksuits with hair and make-up done. Hair is own choice, crazy style. Standard stage make-up applies. We will be on stage at 11am and should be out of there by 11:30am.

The performers get in for free with a pass. The passes will be handed out next Friday night at Troupe.

## **CADBURY CHOCOLATES**

Thank you to all those who have taken home boxes of chocolates and sold them. If you would like more, please ask at the desk. If you haven't brought your money back to us, please bring it in as soon as possible.

## **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Thank you to all those who have taken home books of raffle tickets and sold them. If you would like more, please ask at the desk. If you haven't brought your money back to us, please bring it in as soon as possible. Don't forget to bring in your Easter Egg donation too.

## **TROUPE TRACKSUITS**

The tracksuits are being delivered this afternoon and will go straight to the printers. They should be ready in time for Camden Show. If you haven't paid for your Troupe tracksuits you need to ASAP because I've already paid for them all and my account is now empty.

## **NEW EISTEDDFOD**

We are now going to be doing Top Hat Eisteddfod on Sunday the 2nd of May. This is a competition that we have done for years and they have announced a new judge, who I have looked up and he seems to have some great credentials. This is held locally at Ambarvale High School. This will now be the first competition of the year, and will be good practice for the next one which is Dancelife Unite.

## **SHOES**

Have you bought your shoes yet? We have some sizes at the studio. I'm also told similar pairs are available at Shoe Talk called Air...somethings? Don't forget to wear white socks with them on stage... not anklets but the ones that cover your whole ankle.

## **QUEENSLAND**

The prices are in for accommodation and we've found that the best of all the available options is the Sands Turtle Beach Resort at Mermaid Beach. I have attached an information page about this accommodation. They have at least 80 rooms available at the moment, so we should all be able to book with the same deal and at the same place.

To book your accommodation ring 1300 302 733 and say that you're with Commotion. You can choose the amount of days that you are staying. I have also attached a tentative itinerary to help you plan your trip. Most people are staying from 15th to the 25th. The crucial dates that you MUST be there for - to be able to do the competition and perform at Dreamworld - are 20th to the 24th (5 full days).

When you book, you have 10 days to pay the \$400 holding deposit. Please book soon so that you don't miss out on a room. They are strictly first in best dressed.

## **SHOWCASE ENTRY FEES**

Showcase is one of the most expensive competitions in Australia. Usually I cover the entry fees for competitions myself, but in this case I cannot because it will be near the \$4000 mark. Therefore each child travelling to Queensland will be required to pay a \$50 Showcase fee. This will go straight towards the entries. Please pay this fee to the front desk as soon as you possibly can because I need to enter the competition soon so that we don't miss out.

**Sands Turtle Beach Resort** is a 4.5 star holiday resort. Located, 2 kilometres south of Broadbeach and just 300 metres to Mermaid Beach. The Resort offers one, two and three bedroom fully self contained apartments located within two 3-storey walk up complexes. All rooms have balconies and terraces.

\*\*\*\*\*QUOTE BASED ON....

Arrival Date: 15 January 2011

Departure Date: 25 January 2011

Rate Offer: (must be a minimum stay of 7 nights)

**Room Type: 1 Bedroom Apartment (based on a minimum stay of 7 nights)**

**Rate Offer: 15 January inclusive - \$215 per room per night**

**16-25 January inclusive - \$149 per room per night**

**Occupancy:** The price for this room is based on 2 people. Additional charges apply for an extra person staying and include a rollaway bed if required.

**Room Type: 2 Bedroom Apartment (based on a minimum stay of 7 nights)**

**Rate Offer: 15 January inclusive - \$279 per room per night**

**16-25 January inclusive - \$195 per room per night**

**Occupancy:** The price for this room is based on 4 people. Additional charges apply for an extra person staying and include a rollaway bed if required.

**Room Type: 3 Bedroom Apartment (based on a minimum stay of 7 nights)**

**Rate Offer: 15 January inclusive - \$389 per room per night**

**16-25 January inclusive - \$289 per room per night**

**Occupancy:** The price for this room is based on 6 people. Additional charges apply for an extra person staying and include a rollaway bed if required.

**Room Type: 4 Bedroom Apartment (based on a minimum stay of 7 nights)**

**Rate Offer: 15 January inclusive - \$719 per room per night**

**16-25 January inclusive - \$545 per room per night**

**Occupancy:** The price for this room is based on 8 people. Additional charges apply for an extra person staying and include a rollaway bed if required.

An extra person in a roll away has a cost of \$35 per night.

**Facilities of these apartments include:**

Reverse cycle air-conditioning in the living areas  
LCD TV in living room  
2nd TV in most master bedrooms  
Ceiling fans in the bedrooms  
Pay for View In-house movies  
Austar TV  
2 Bathrooms in two & three bedroom apartments  
Full kitchen facilities with stainless steel appliances  
Dishwasher, washing machine and dryer  
Iron/ironing board  
Broadband and wireless internet

Our standard booking procedure requires a \$400 deposit within 10 days of booking either by Visa, Mastercard or Money Order with bookings automatically released if the deposit is not received within this timeframe. The balance will then fall due 31 days prior to arrival. Once a deposit is paid, bookings will then be confirmed and a confirmation letter will be sent outlining our cancellation terms and conditions. Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to arrival for this season are non-refundable.

Other features of our Resort include four lagoon and two lap pools including children's wading pools and spas, two floodlit tennis courts, an interactive 18 hole putt putt course, two children's play areas, fully equipped gymnasium, coin operated games rooms, a 22 seat cinema, Rainforest Café, Woodfire Pizzeria and full tour desk services assisting with all car rental, transfers and theme park tickets.

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# ITINERARY FOR QUEENSLAND

- JANUARY 10th All day rehearsal at Commotion to get our routines ready for the competition
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- JANUARY 15th - most people will arrive  
- free day  
- social dinner at the resort (pay on the night)
- JANUARY 16th - Movieworld  
(Prices at the group rate... Adults \$46, Children 3-13 \$29)
- JANUARY 17th - Mount Tamborine Adventure Park  
(\$35 per person... must be 6/over  
...and must be at least 160cm with arms stretched above head)
- JANUARY 18th - Beach day @ Mermaid Beach  
- Timezone at night  
(\$25 gives you a great 3 hour unlimited package - an amazing deal and an awesome night)
- JANUARY 19th - Wet'n'Wild  
(Prices at the group rate... Adults \$29, Children 3-13 \$28)  
*[we will be offering a sausage sizzle while we are there for \$5 per person with a drink]*  
Wet'n'Wild stays open late this time of year and has a movie screening by the pool
- JANUARY 20th - Dreamworld  
We will hopefully be performing here. We will have confirmation soon.  
Prices based on if we perform are: Adults.... \$40, 14+... \$33, 3 - 13... \$22 (HUGE DISCOUNT)
- JANUARY 21st Day #1 of Showcase National Dance Competition  
*(Most dancers will only be required on one or two days of heats and then possibly the Finals. We will not receive information about who is on what day until much closer to the event. We need to keep all these dates free, but if you're not involved in the competition on any of these dates then it is a free day for you to enjoy.)*
- JANUARY 22nd Day #2 of Showcase National Dance Competition
- JANUARY 23rd Day #3 of Showcase National Dance Competition
- JANUARY 24th Grand Finals of Showcase National Dance Competition
- JANUARY 25th Most people return home