



The Commotion Gazette - Term 1, 2012

Welcome to Commotion. Welcome to the many new faces, Welcome to the familiar faces.

I hope you all had a really wonderful Summer holidays and enjoyed a well deserved rest after such an exciting and epic 2011.

2012 is going to be a magical year here at Commotion. There are lots of improvements that have been made to our operations, and there are some really incredible new classes.

The place to be...

The studio has been a busy place over January with refurbishments and renovations taking place. Thank you to all of the parents who helped at the cleaning bee and helped install the new furniture.

The Team...

I'd like to officially welcome Narelle to the Commotion team, as the Assistant Manager, and welcome back Sue and Alex who are also part of our administration staff. With a larger support staff, we hope to become even more efficient with serving customers, answering your questions and keeping this place running as smoothly as possible.

Chaos Theory...

Just little heads up, the foyer here can get super crazy over the first couple of weeks of Term 1. It happens every year, but then it calms down by about week 3. I ask that once you've taken care of business at the reception counter, you take a seat on our ottomans or outside on the extra seating we've provided.

The shop is open...

We now sell dance shoes. Here are the studio we have one of every size. Our office staff have been trained in dance shoe fittings and once you've tried them on, ordered and paid, the shoes come within 3 to 5 working days. We have carefully selected the very best brands of dance shoes for comfort, durability and convenience of price. In fact, our prices are really quite incredible...

"Capezio" Jazz shoes - \$50

"Energetics" Ballet shoes - \$30

"Slick" Tap shoes (kids size 12+) - \$105

"Bloch" Tap shoes (small kids only) - \$90

"Capezio" Foot-thongs - \$28

Ballet stockings - \$12

SPECIALS FOR FEBRUARY!!!

All "Slick" Tap shoes are down to \$95

"Sansha" Ballet shoes just \$25

(while current stock lasts)

--- We also have soft back leather Jazz shoes BRAND NEW, currently in stock, but only in selected sizes, and these are just \$35!!

We also buy and sell second hand dance shoes. Bring them in and we'll sell them for you.

Troupe Auditions...

There are no Troupe or Showgroup lessons during the first week of the year. Students are auditioned for this year's Troupes from within their regular dance classes.

We hold special "extra auditions" for new students only. They will be this Friday (3rd Feb) at 4pm for kids under 10, and 5pm for kids 11+

For more information about our Troupes, commitment expectations and performance opportunities please refer to our Handbook, or talk to one of the mums in the foyer who have kids in Troupe.

Facebook...

We have a group on Facebook called "Commotion Students and Parents". It's a communication page which provides an easy solution for parents to arrange car pooling, ask questions, chat about exciting things happening at the studio and also for me and the other staff to provide last minute information updates. If you're on Facebook, search for our group and request to join. There's also a direct link to it at the bottom of the home page on www.commotionkids.com

Speaking of our website, we will continue to put all newsletters onto the NOTES page as they are released. At Commotion we don't hand out the newsletters to all students at the studio, we have them available for pick up from the front desk upon request. I recommend for parents to check the NOTES page of the website every fortnight or so to keep informed. We will soon get our new email mailing list set up with everyone's 2012 enrolment info and once that has happened we will also be emailing all newsletters.

The Handbook...

I've noticed that a lot of the questions the staff and I get asked have already been mentioned in our student handbook. This is a document on our website (and we also have copies of it at the studio for you to pick up upon request). It's a large booklet which is designed to communicate and explain all of our rules, processes and protocols. If you haven't already read this through thoroughly, please grab a copy or download from online today.

DVDs...

The Recital DVDs should be ready early next week. We also have Concert DVDs and Photo DVDs still available from last year. Ask at the counter.

Have you lost your old concert DVDs? We also have discounted stock of previous concerts.

Photos...

The photos from the amazing concert photo shoot are STILL available for order. Ask for the catalogue from the front desk and place your order. If you haven't seen the photos, you really should take a look. They are great shots.

Changing classes...

Over the first few weeks of Term 1, there is often several changes made to many students' class selections. Please make sure you keep your student information up-to-date and accurate so that you're not charged for classes you're kids are no longer attending and so that our class rolls can be managed. Also please remember to notify us of any changes to your contact details.