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From the President



As most exam sessions in Australia are now completed with the exception of the South Australian December session, I would like to thank the State Organisers for all their work. All sessions have been extremely successful and much of it goes to the wonderful organisational skills of Miss Downie, Mrs Jessop, Mrs McRitchie, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Twist and Mrs Purkis. Thank you one and all.

The calendar year at CSTD used to have very busy peak times and was balanced with quiet times however as we reach the end of 2015 how things have changed! The year is jam packed, in fact in 2015 the year of activities started on January 6th with the Come Dance With Me Launch and has continued at a frenetic pace since then. I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the exciting year we have had. My most sincere thanks to Carmel and Pauline who keep everything ticking along.

Early in 2016 I hope to catch up with as many members as possible at teachers meetings. We have really invested in our motto of 'Dance for the 21st Century' with the launch of our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, I do hope you embrace this with us in 2016. Send us your news, photos and school's achievements and we will let the world know.

I wish you all a restful holiday period. I do hope you get to recharge the batteries and spend time with those that are important to you. May you all have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVER DUE

Please visit our website for payment options and to fill in a renewal form. Alternatively call Carmel or Pauline at Head Office for assistance.

As of January 1st 2016 the cost increases to **\$121.00** which includes a late fee.

So don't delay, if you pay by the end of December 2016 you will only have to pay the regular subscription fee of \$110.00



OUR CSTD STARS ON THE BIG STAGE.

Congratulations to the following students who have trained in the CSTD technique and to their teachers. These talented people are making appearances on THE BIG STAGE both in Australia and Internationally in 2016.

Reed Laplau – Jody Marshall Dance Company – Appearing in the revival of Fiddler on the Roof on **BROADWAY**.

From the May Downs School congratulations to:

Michelle Smitheram _ Georgy Girl the new Musical at Her Majesty's Theatre (Opens December 15th)

Sam Hooper - Cats The Musical touring Asia, New Zealand and opens Melbourne Regent Theatre December 18th.

Thomas Lacey - **Lead role** Strictly Ballroom the Musical and currently in Broadway to Oz with Hugh Jackman.

Sara Reed - Fiddler on the Roof with Anthony Warlow at The Princess Theatre opens December 30th.

Tiana Mirra - **Lead role** in Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Dusty Bursill - **Lead role** in Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Kathleen Lawlor - Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Andre Karabajakian- Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Hudson Sharp - Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Alistair Touliatos - Matilda the Musical Princess Theatre opening March 2016.

Kayla Attard - Role of Kayleen West in Strictly Ballroom the Musical.

Lead vocalist and Entertainer on Freedom of the Sea 2016.



It is so very exciting to see your hard work, dedication and passion for the dance bring you such wonderful success.

Exam Matters

RECOMMENDED AGES

In all cases, teachers should view the listed *recommended* ages as the *ideal* age for the regular student to take the exam.

This takes into account the strength and maturity of the average student's body & its ability to cope with the required syllabus work of that level.

Minimum ages are listed mainly for the *extremely talented* young student who participates in at least 4-5 classes per week.

This student should be ready to produce the required syllabus work at a high level of competency & should not be restricted from progressing to a higher level.

Teachers currently entering *average* students at the minimum listed age are doing a great disservice to their students by not allowing them to gain the strength & maturity which would sustain them in higher levels of dance.

Sandra Breen OAM

CSTD Technical Adviser

GWEN MACKEY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Gwen Mackey Gold Cross. Miss Mackey donated a perpetual trophy to each state and this is awarded to the student gaining the highest mark in the Gold Cross examination.

VIC Alanna Panagiotou - Melvan Dancers

WA Amber Fewster - Gail Meade Performing Arts

SA Lily Thornley - Maryke Dance Academy

QLD Taylor Nalder - Performance Plus Dance

Elementary set Adage & Allegro for 2016

Adage 1 & 3

Allegro 2,4 & 5

TC = Polka, Minuet, Waltz

TD = Tarantella, Sarabande, Csardas

CSTD WEBSITE NEWS

Syllabus Updates

Please keep a look out on our website for the release date of the updated Modern Jazz grades 5 & 6 for which new music has been written and produced . Grades 7 & 8 will be updated in 2017.

Professional Development

Please be reminded that those members who have paid a no PD fee are still required to attend at a Professional Development session in order to enter students for exams in 2016.

Your State will be offering Professional Development courses/workshops in the New Year, please take advantage of these to fulfil your requirement for both the 2015/16 and 2016/17 membership years.

Keep an eye out for emails from your State Organiser and our website for the latest course/workshop dates.

Exam Fees

The 2016 exam fee price list has been uploaded to the website under exam information

Shopping Cart

The Progressive grades 1-3 & 4 -6 new music cd roms are now available, all shopping cart orders will be processed up until 18th December 2015 and after January 11th 2016.

Christmas Closure



The office will close on Friday 18th December 2015.

Please continue to email with orders and enquiries as we will answer them from January 11th.

Pauline & I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Carmel Evans

Welcome to our new Members

Amy-Rose Swindells	Full	QLD
Julia Noud	Affiliate	QLD
Kristopher Yates	Affiliate	QLD
Kate Bielenberg	Affiliate	QLD
Couris Sheppard	Affiliate	QLD
Tayla Clayton	Affiliate	WA

