Dear Parents

Our senior dance group has been invited to perform in the 2014 Hunter Schools Dance Festival to be held at the Newcastle Panthers Club, King Street Newcastle.

Please complete the necessary notes and return them to school by Wednesday 16 July 2014.

“What do I do?”

The 2014 festival will include a full dress rehearsal component. This will be conducted on Wednesday 23 July 2014 at 12.30 pm. This will enable students to familiarise themselves with the stage space and give all students and teachers the opportunity to watch other school performances, developing knowledge of dance styles and practice as well as audience skills. Either before or after the rehearsal the senior dance group will have the opportunity to have a group photo taken by Peter Field Photography. There will be no video taken of the festival. Photographs will be on display at the performance ready to order directly with the Peter Field representative.

NB: Parents do not attend this dress rehearsal.

Students will be transported to and from the dress rehearsal by bus, and will return to school ready for your school pickup. They are encouraged to stay in costume and have something to eat before returning to the venue for their performance. Students are to arrive at the club fully dressed ready to perform. They are encouraged to relax to avoid damaging their costume and makeup. **Meet Miss Palmer and Miss Sammons in the entry foyer no later than 5.45 pm.** Students will be taken into the holding area upstairs and collected by the Back Stage Team in readiness for their performance. Students will return with their teachers to the holding area until the conclusion of the performance.

There will be NO INTERVAL in the performance session and audience members are expected to remain for the entire performance (approximately 60 – 80 minutes). There have been many instances of audience members leaving immediately after their child had performed resulting in depleted audience numbers by the end of the performance in past years.

With the festival being conducted in a licensed club we have restrictions to the access of areas. During rehearsals ALL students will remain in the Auditorium 1. During performances students will remain in the allocated holding area, and all performers will be released from their holding areas at the conclusion of the performance session. This is to minimise disruption to other venue patrons and also maintain security and safety levels.
HAIR and MAKEUP
The senior group will have an early lunch at school and start getting ready in the hall around 10.30 am - in order to board the bus around 11.45 am. It would be great if the children could come to school with their hair done in a tight bun. **Parent HELP** would be appreciated to ensure all children have appropriate makeup.
Students will need full costume makeup which will be applied at school, and supplied by Miss Bailey.

**COLLECTION BY PARENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENING PERFORMANCE**

Approximately 8.40 pm - Miss Sammons and Miss Palmer will meet parents outside the holding area immediately after the Evening Performance for senior dancers to be collected and taken home.

** Please read and complete the attached “Collection by Parents” note and return to school by Wednesday 16 July 2014  **

TICKETS
Tickets will be sold only through Panthers Newcastle, King Street Newcastle and are now available.
The cost of tickets for all performances is a flat fee of $16.00.
All seats will be non-reserved, meaning “first in” gets the best seats.
Please read the following information carefully and retain for your future reference. Please note there is NO internet booking facility.
All bookings must be made by phone on 4926 6200. Please be aware in past years some performances have sold out prior to the performance.

PARKING
Parking on-site and off-street is available. During the day if parking on the street, please be mindful of time and parking restrictions to avoid a possible parking fine.

FOOD
The children MUST have something to eat before they arrive, and are encouraged to come with a small bag including a snack and a drink.

There are no facilities to purchase food.

ENTERTAINMENT
The children are encouraged to bring a book, cards or something that can keep them occupied during waiting time. The children are responsible for anything they bring to the venue. **NO IPODS – PHONES – IPADS!**

FOOTWEAR
The children will dance in black shoes for the dress rehearsal and for the evening performance.
COSTUMES
In order to be organised and ensure the girls have all the required costume it is asked they bring it to school on: **Wednesday 16 July 2014.**
The children will receive their costumes at school on Wednesday 23 July. They will change into them and wear them home after their performance. Please do not wash any of the costumes. They are to be returned to Miss Palmer the next day in preparation for future performances.

We are extremely fortunate to have Cheryl Ann Bailey provide costumes for our talented dancers. She selects purchases and even cleans the costumes our students wear throughout the year. This year, makeup will also be included as the girls do their best Joker impersonations.

This year we are asking parents to pay a $10.00 costume hire fee. This can be paid at the office.

*The girls will be wearing green wigs and their hair will need to be up in a tight bun.*
*All makeup will be applied at school.*

There are also a number of items the children need to provide:

- **Black leotard or singlet top**
- **Black shoes**
- **Black socks**
- **Black pants (not tights)**

I will look forward to seeing you at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and I hope you enjoy the Hunter Schools Dance Festival and Waratah’s item. It should be great fun and something to look forward to.

Emily Palmer                       Trish Bowen
Senior Dance Festival Coordinator  Principal

PLEASE RETURN ALL ATTACHED NOTES BY WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014
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CHILD COLLECTION

Arrangements for collection of my child after the Evening Performance on Wednesday 23 July 2014 are as follows:

My child ______________________ will be collected by __________________________

(please print) (please print)

Contact phone numbers: home____________________ mobile____________________

Signed: __________________________ Date:___________________

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BUS TRAVEL

I hereby give my permission for my child___________________________________ to participate in the Hunter Schools Dance Festival travelling to Panthers Newcastle on Wednesday 23 July 2014. I understand that travel will be by bus.

Signed: __________________________ Date:___________________

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I give permission for ________________________________ of class ____________ to perform in the 2014 Hunter Schools Dance Festival to be held at the Panthers Newcastle on Wednesday 23 July 2014.

☐ I give permission for my child to be photographed at the Dance Festival

☐ I do not give permission for my child to be photographed at the Dance Festival.

Parent / Guardian Signature:______________________________________

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