

EISTEDDFODS IN 2018

PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED FORM BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE IN TROUPE FOR 2018.

Eisteddfods are dance competitions where students enter as troupes, solos and duos/trios in various styles of dance. Eisteddfods are a great opportunity for students to perform and meet new people in a fun environment. A high level of commitment is required to be part of the troupe – please see details below. A reminder that we always have **3 weeks of holidays** between terms, to give families the chance to book trips away after the eisteddfod in the first week.

TROUPE/SOLO/DUO/TRIO EISTEDDFODS

Please note that students must be available to perform at the three eisteddfods listed below.

1. Sale eisteddfod – 3rd April-approx 8th April
2. Morwell eisteddfod – 29th June-approx 7th July
3. Traralgon eisteddfod – 21st September-approx 30th September

OPTIONAL SOLO/DUO/TRIO EISTEDDFODS (NO TROUPES)

1. Yarram eisteddfod – May (teachers will be present)
 2. Leongatha eisteddfod – August (teachers **will not** be present)
- Other opportunities may arise throughout the year.

TROUPE AGE GROUPS 2018

Leaps and Bounds will have the following troupe age groups in 2018 as per the timetable:

- 8 & Under Troupe A (Test 3 Ballet students, Junior age group for other styles)
- 8 & Under Troupe B (Test 1 and Test 2 Ballet students, Beginner age group for other styles)
- 10 & Under Troupe (Bronze Medal Ballet students, Junior age group for other styles)
- 12 & Under Troupe (Silver Medal Ballet students, Intermediate age group for other styles)
- 14 & Under Troupe (Silver Star Ballet students, Senior age group for other styles)
- Open Troupe (Gold Star and Advanced Ballet students, Advanced age group for other styles)

TROUPE REQUIREMENTS

- 8 & Under Troupe students must be enrolled in **ballet** to be part of the troupe
- 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under and Open students must be enrolled in **ballet and jazz** to be part of the troupe
- Students enrolled in ballet, jazz and tap receive troupe class free
- Troupe students cannot miss more than two ballet classes, two jazz classes and two troupe classes per term to maintain their spot in the troupe. If students are unwell they should attempt to watch the class and provide a note (this is then not counted as a lesson missed).
- There will occasionally be extra troupe rehearsals held on a weekend before the eisteddfod or to learn new troupes at the beginning of a term.

SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS – PRIVATE LESSONS

- Students wanting to perform solos or duos/trios at eisteddfods are required to take weekly private lessons. The private lesson timetable will be organised and emailed to parents next year before Term 1 begins. Please let me know if your child is stopping their private lessons next year so that lessons are not scheduled for your child. Some new routines may be taught on weekend rehearsals and then polished in weekly private lessons.
- Students **MUST** be part of troupe in order to enter solos/duos/trios.
- Private lessons will be invoiced twice per term and will be charged at \$26 per half hour. 15 minute lessons may be used for those with fewer routines to rehearse. Students may request to have a 45 minute private lesson, although this will depend on availability and timetabling during the week. Students also have the option of 1 hour per week, but must have their lesson on a Saturday, or have one weekday and one Saturday lesson (half hour each).
- SINGING private lessons will be offered in 2018 for those with song & dance routines. Please advise if this is of interest to you.
- Parents are responsible for entering students into the eisteddfods for solos/duos/trios – I will pass on entry information for each eisteddfod via email.
- Students are only allowed to learn ONE new solo and ONE new duo/trio per term. Parents should advise me ASAP of any new requests for Term 1 2018 if it has not be done already.
- Students will need a costume for each solo/duo/trio item that they learn. Students may organise their own costume **so long as it is approved by me first**, or they can hire costumes from Leaps and Bounds for \$18 per costume/per eisteddfod.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding eisteddfods. I look forward to another great year of eisteddfods in 2018!

Jenny Cumming
Principal

LEAPS AND BOUNDS
TROUPE CONTRACT 2018

Please return before end of year – one form per family

Child 1

Student Name: _____

Student DOB: _____

Troupe age group: _____

I have read the requirements above. _____
PARENT SIGNATURE

Child 2

Student Name: _____

Student DOB: _____

Troupe age group: _____

I have read the requirements above. _____
PARENT SIGNATURE

Child 3

Student Name: _____

Student DOB: _____

Troupe age group: _____

I have read the requirements above. _____
PARENT SIGNATURE

Child 4

Student Name: _____

Student DOB: _____

Troupe age group: _____

I have read the requirements above. _____
PARENT SIGNATURE