

Cathy-Lea 2019 Concert Details for Pre-School Students

Full rehearsal - 9am Saturday 16th November

Berwick Secondary College Performing Arts Centre, Manuka Road, Berwick

When you arrive please enter via the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre. All students must be signed in. One parent only may escort pre-school children to the Performing Arts Centre which is on the left-hand side of the driveway. Aim to arrive at 8.45am for a 9.00am start.

Parents are asked to take their child to their teacher in the PAC and leave them there for the hour's rehearsal. Please leave quickly and quietly via the side door near the dance studios to avoid delaying the rehearsal's commencement. Teachers will supervise your children. You are welcome to leave and come back, or wait outside or in the dance studio.

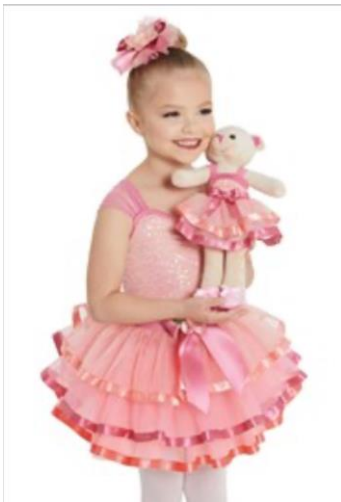
Once the finale is finished, at approximately 10am, we will dismiss all pre-school students. Teachers will bring children to the theatre foyer. Ready Set Dance will be dismissed first, then Super Stars. You do not need to return later in the day.

Children should wear normal class clothes on this day. i.e. Ready Set Dance children wear clothes that they can move comfortably in and ballet shoes. Super Stars children wear a leotard, skirt and tights in any colour (girls) or shorts and t-shirt (boys) and tap shoes.

Costumes

Costumes will be given out in class before Photo Day. They will be fully sewn and ready to wear when you receive them. Please do not allow children to wear costumes for dress-ups prior to the concert as they will get damaged.

Ready Set Dance - "Dream On"



Costume that will be provided-

Pink tutu dress

Pink hair clip

Provide own -

Salmon pink ballet tights

Pink leather ballet shoes (not jiffies or canvas)

Hair – Right side ponytail (Hair tie to match child's hair colour)

Super Stars - "Washing Song"



Costume that will be provided-

White dress with blue & white checked apron

Blue and white headband

Provide own -

Tan tights

Tan tap shoes

Hair – half up, half down (hair taken from ear level to crown of head) Neat fringes are acceptable, but all other hair must be back with gel and hairspray.

Boys Costume provided- Blue v-neck t-shirt

Provide own – white long pants, black socks, black tap shoes
Hair – back neatly off face

Make sure shoes are clean. Wash them with a damp cloth, then re-paint them if necessary. Most boot makers carry Tuxan or similar brand shoe paints. Take your shoes to match colours. Dance Shops also carry good dance shoe paint.

Photographs – Sunday 24th November, Cathy-Lea Studios

It is an opportunity for you to get a professional photograph of your child in their dancing costume. Attendance is desired, but not compulsory. (It is nice to have complete class photos though!)

Times: **9am – Super Stars (Washing Song) 9.30am – Ready Set Dance (Dream On)**.

Please arrive with hair done as per the concert. Make-up is NOT required. You can get dressed once at the studio, or come with your costume on, but covered up so it does not get dirty. Do not wear dance shoes outside. Put these on inside.

Rehearsal Week – Monday 26th November – Tuesday 27th November

This rehearsal is not compulsory, but as children will not have had an opportunity to rehearse their item in the context of their scene prior to this, I ask that as many students as possible to attend the rehearsal in this week. These rehearsals will replace classes for this week. Times are: **Ready Set Dance: Monday 25th November 4.30-5.30, Super Stars: Tuesday 27th November 4:15 – 5:15pm**

Dress Rehearsal – 4pm, Thursday 28th November, Drum Theatre, Dandenong

Ready Set Dance and Super Stars students are not required on this day.

Concert Days

Please arrive early so you have time to find your dressing room (upstairs at the front of the old building), sign in your child, then come down to the auditorium. Students will be given a **dress rehearsal on stage one hour and 20 minutes before** the show. This is their only practice on the stage, so please don't miss it! A parent (but not guests or wider family members) may watch this. Costumes, make-up and hairstyles should be done and correct shoes should be worn for this rehearsal. A full-cast briefing will follow this, then Ready Set Dance will be taken backstage with staff ready to perform. Super Stars should be taken by parents to the dressing rooms, where they must wait, unseen by audience, until it is their turn to go on stage. Students will be well supervised in the changing area and when backstage on the concert days.

Class Division for Shows

Saturday 12noon	Ready Set Dance Tues 10.15am	Super Stars Sat 10am
Saturday 5pm	Ready Set Dance Wed 10am	Super Stars Tues & Wed 11.15am
Sunday 12noon	Ready Set Dance Fri 10am	Super Stars Fri 11:15am
Sunday 5pm	Ready Set Dance Sat 9:00am	Super Stars Sat 11am

Helpers

There will be staff allocated to the supervision of pre-school students during the concert, but they do need additional hands to support them. We do expect that you will all sit in the audience and watch your child perform, however if you would like to volunteer to assist backstage, please put your name on the lists at reception. You will need a current working with children's check to allowed backstage.

Concert-Day Activities & Resources

Please send your child with a change of clothes or dressing gown and slippers, a snack and some activities, such as colouring books or simple games (Do not send electronic games as they may get lost.) A small couch, beanbag or camp chair to sit on is also often helpful as we will watch the live feed of the show while students are not on stage. No food or drink can be consumed in costume at any time as costume fabrics stain easily.

Concert Kit

Make up a 'concert kit' for your child that includes extra underwear (in case of an accident), spare tights, hairspray, bobby pin, safety pins, sticky tape, needle and thread, cotton balls, cotton buds, tissues, hair elastics, all of your make-up, band-aids, asthma medication as necessary and anything else you think you may need. Little children are prone to putting holes in things, messing up hair, or crying and ruining make-up, so by being prepared you / we can deal with these situations as they arise.

Make-up

All students are required to wear make-up to counter the effects of theatrical lighting which 'wash out' students' features. It is a good idea to have a 'practice run' of applying this in the final week of classes. Make up sheet can be found on the Cathy-Lea website www.cathy-lea.com go to the members' area (password CLmember2019)

Concert DVD

All groups will be featured on the DVD. **Matinee casts will be at the end of the DVD** whereas evening casts will be in the running order of the show. Ensure you select the Saturday or Sunday version as appropriate. **No video cameras or flash photography will be allowed during the performance.** This rule is strictly enforced.

Presentation Day – Sunday 8th December (Cathy-Lea Studios)

All students who have completed the year *and* have been with us at least since term 3 will be awarded a 2019 medal at Presentation Day on Sunday 8th December. Students who have started more recently will receive a certificate only. Students may wear casual clothes and bring parents to this special occasion.
9am -9.45am: Twinkle Tots, Ready Set Dance and Super Stars

I hope this addresses your questions at this time. Please don't hesitate in asking office staff if you need any further information.

- Cathy