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## **TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2016**

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the Karen Margaret Studio of Performing Arts for 2016.

Your enrolment has been accepted and we look forward to meeting you, or welcoming you back, for our first class for the year on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb (Mt Waverley) or Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb (Doncaster)**

Classes are as follows:-

Tots Drama & Dance 4.30 – 5.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Junior Drama & Dance 4.30 – 6.00  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Intermediate Drama 5.30 – 7.15  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues – Doncaster  
Sub Senior Drama 6.30 – 8.00  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Senior Drama 7.15 – 8.45  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster  
Intermediate Dance 4.30 – 5.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues – Doncaster  
Senior Dance 5.30 – 6.30  
Mon – Mt Waverley / Tues - Doncaster

*Please note, Sub-senior drama will run depending on enrolment numbers.*

**Mt Waverley** – St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican Church, 383 High Street Road.

**Doncaster** – Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 106 Church Road.

We trust that you will accept this placement and that your involvement in this exciting theatrical school will prove to be rewarding and enjoyable.

**Places are extremely limited so if you choose not to take up this offer please inform me ASAP.**

Private Singing Classes – Thurs/Fri/Sat.  
Classes recommence Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Please see separate timetable.

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### **TERM 1 DATES**

Mt Waverley (7wks) Monday, 1st - Feb – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March (NO lesson Labour Day 14/03)  
Doncaster (8wks) Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Private Singers (4 lessons) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – please check timetable

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**FEES – Late payment will incur an extra charge.** All fees must be paid by the date stated on the invoice. Invoices will be sent separately via email

**CODE OF CONDUCT** - Please make sure that you have read and understood the Karen Margaret Studio Code of Conduct

**EMAIL ADDRESS** – All correspondence is via email. So please make sure enrolment forms are updated at the start of the term. Please make sure I have a current email address & mobile phone number as all communication will be done electronically.



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**TEACHING STAFF** – A big welcome back to our wonderful teaching staff. Miss Lee, Miss Gabby, Miss Alisa, Miss Victoria, Jason, Miss Stephanie, Miss Chloe, Miss Alex and Miss Margaret. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and dedicated team of professionals.

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## **2016 – CONCERT DATES**

- Mon 24 Oct OR Tues 25 Oct Costume Inspection during class – **Compulsory for ALL students**  
Parents of Tiny Tots, Juniors & Inters to stay for first 20 minutes.
- Wed 2 Nov OR Wed 9 Nov Date TBC - **Compulsory Extra Rehearsal at Mt Waverley studio– ALL Students** (383 High Street Road, Mt Waverley)  
Mt Waverley students 4pm-6.15pm. Doncaster students 6.30pm-8.45pm
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Compulsory Technical Rehearsal – ALL Students – Times TBC**  
(Performing Arts Centre, Doncaster Secondary College. 123 Church Rd, Doncaster)
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Mt Waverley CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - **Doncaster CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre
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**2015 Concert DVD** – 2015 Concert DVD's are now available to be collected from the front desk. No more orders taken. Well done to all for another amazing concert.

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**LAST LESSON FOR TERM 1** is **Fancy Dress** (ie character or anything fun and fancy)  
This is not compulsory but lots of fun.

End of Term 2 is **pyjama day**  
End of Term 3 is **Crazy Hair** (no tinsel wigs)  
End of Term 4 is **Christmas Break-Up Party**.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO .....**

**Sam O'Connor** for his reprised role of Telly in **Nowhere Boys** and for his **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal TVC**.

**Emerson Young** for her role in the **Melbourne Arts Festival play by George Orwell, 1984**.

**Rowan Hills** for his role in the Telemovie **MOLLY**.

**Joshua Smith** for his role in the TV Series **Jack Irish**.

**Katrina Couroyannis** for being accepted into the **Melbourne Conservatorium of Music for classical voice**.

**Natalie Tencic** for her ongoing work as a **DJ at Triple J**.



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**Lee Seelig** for her recent **singing gig – a Christmas Special.**  
**Miss Lee** and her family for the success of **Cafe 23 Restaurant Bar** at  
194 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood. Go and check it out!

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Please take your child to the **toilet before class**, especially our gorgeous Tiny Tots.
- Please note all **dates in your diary**.
- Please make sure you have the correct **footwear** for class and the concert.
- Please **turn off phones** during class.
- Please **do not bring** iPods etc, balls or other distractions to class.
- Parents, please wait in the waiting areas, **NOT** in class.

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**CLASS ATTIRE** - At the Karen Margaret Studios we do not have a strict uniform policy as we like students to be able to express themselves as individuals. However, we do encourage **ALL** students to wear clothing that is suitable to move in. Example follows.

**ALL - Black jazz pants, leggings or shorts with the KMS t-shirt.**  
**TINY TOTS - pink leotard or leggings with the KMS t- shirt.**

### **SECOND HAND DANCE SHOES – BUY OR SELL**

Second hand dance shoes are available for purchase at the front desk. If you are **SELLING**, please label them clearly with your name and price. Ballet shoes, jazz shoes and chorus shoes only please.

**DANCE SHOES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM** –  
Bloch (Doncaster & Camberwell)  
M & M Dance Supplies (Lower Templestowe)  
Energeticks  
[www.balletstuff.com.au](http://www.balletstuff.com.au)  
[www.jazzies.com.au](http://www.jazzies.com.au)

*Students who have paid their term fees will be given a Bloch discount card.*

### **FOOT WEAR - COMPULSORY**

**Tiny Tots** – Girls- Pink Ballet Shoes  
Boys – Black Ballet shoes or  
Black Jazz shoes

**All other students** – Black Jazz Shoes

**Senior Dance** – Black jazz shoes and **may also be required to have** tan chorus shoes and toe thongs.

**DRAMA & DANCE BAG** - The Karen Margaret Studio bag is **compulsory** and must be brought to class each week with water bottle (water only), display folder for any handouts, scripts etc. and dance shoes if necessary. The cost is \$8.00 and they are available from the front desk. Please label everything clearly.

**T-SHIRTS & WINDCHEATERS** - "Karen Margaret Studios" t-shirt and/or windcheater are available at the front desk. T-Shirt is \$25 and Windcheater is \$35.



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### **WEBSITE**

Don't forget to log on to the Karen Margaret Studios web page [www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au](http://www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au)  
You can check dates, download newsletters, view pictures plus much more.

### **FACEBOOK**

Please like us on Facebook and become a friend of the Karen Margaret Studios. Reminders of up and coming events will be posted on Facebook.

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Well done to all students for their wonderful performance in "In Concert 2015" and a big welcome to all our new students. Can't wait to see all your smiling faces and catching up on all your exciting holiday news. Looking forward to a great 2016.

### **Stars & Sparkles**

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## THE KAREN MARGARET STUDIO - CODE OF CONDUCT

- All students must be appropriately attired. We encourage all students to wear the Karen Margaret Studios T-Shirt, Windcheater and black dance pants. Correct footwear is compulsory.
- It is compulsory to purchase the Karen Margaret Studios bag for \$8.00 (includes GST).
- Long Hair must be tied back.
- Items of value should not be brought or worn to class.
- Students must be supervised by parent or guardian until the commencement of class.
- All Students must check-in at the front desk.
- Water bottles only are permitted in class.
- Parents are not permitted to watch classes.
- Students must stay with the class group at all times and seek permission to leave.
- Students must go to the toilet before class. Please leave the toilets clean and tidy.
- We expect all students to be safety conscious, therefore no running. Please report any illness or injury.
- No nuts or anything containing nuts are permitted at the Karen Margaret Studios.
- Students are expected to listen to their teacher and follow instructions to the best of their ability.
- All Students are expected to behave in a polite & courteous manner towards staff, students and parents.
- We expect all students to act in a positive and respectful manner to others.
- Inappropriate behaviour and the use of bad language will not be tolerated.
- Children must wait inside the premises to be picked up, not in the car park.
- We expect all students to perform in our annual End of Year Concert.
- We expect all parents to be respectful of staff and staff decisions.
- We expect all parents to be respectful and supportive of other students especially at concert time.
- Fees must be paid by the due date or a late fee will apply. Unpaid fees will be placed in the hands of a debt collection agency.
- A compulsory concert fee is due in third or fourth term which goes towards your child's costume accessories.
- The breaking of these rules may result in suspension.
- Photos of your child may be used for advertising. No names or other details will be mentioned.
- We hope all students enjoy and have fun.