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TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back for Term 3. Hope you all enjoyed the school holiday break and managed to stay warm. My family and I escaped for a few weeks to warmer weather so a big thank you to staff who filled in for me whilst I was away. Miss Steph will also be back this week after having a sinus operation and her tonsils removed. So a big welcome back to everyone ☺

Please note during the next two terms our main focus will be on concert work. Our End of Year Concert is a fun and fabulous event and your commitment to classes is very important. As this is a team effort it is now **expected that everyone is committed until the end of the year** as we place a lot of emphasis on our concert. Please mark concert dates in your diary now.

Scripts for Juniors, Inters, Subs and Seniors have been emailed. Please print and bring to class each week. Parts will be given out in class. Please encourage and help your child to learn their lines. All lines must be learnt by the start of 4th term.

Costumes will be decided upon during Term 3. Most of these (for our younger children) are from Target. When I show you what to get, **PLEASE GO AND GET IT ASAP**. Stock sells out very quickly and the one who gets let down is your child!

Finally, please make sure your child **goes to the toilet before class**. Thank you.

TERM 3 DATES

Mt Waverley (10wks)	Mon 17 th July – 18 th Sep
Doncaster (10wks)	Tues 18 th July – 19 th Sep
Private Singers (5 lessons)	Fri 21 st July – 23 rd Sep – please check timetable

LAST LESSON FOR TERM 3 is **CRAZY HAIR**

This is not compulsory but lots of fun, so if you wish to come with crazy hair please do. Please note, **NO TINSEL WIGS!**

End of Term 4 is Christmas Break-Up Party with a Christmas Theme

FEES – All fees must be paid by the date stated on the invoice. Late payments will continue to incur extra charges. Invoices will be sent separately via email.



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2017 – CONCERT DATES

Mon 30 Oct OR Tues 31 Oct Costume Inspection during class – **Compulsory for ALL students**
Parents of Tiny Tots, Juniors & Inters to stay for first 20 minutes.

Wed 1 Nov OR Wed 8 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 18th Nov - **Compulsory Technical Rehearsal – ALL Students – Times TBC**
(Performing Arts Centre, Doncaster Secondary College. 123 Church Rd, Doncaster) **Please arrive 5 mins early.**

10.00 – 10.50	Tiny Tots (Don & Mt W)
11.00 – 12.00	Juniors (Don & Mt W)
12.00 – 1.00	Intermediate (Don & Mt W)
1.00 – 2.00	Gabby's Dancers (Don & Mt W)
2.00 – 3.00	Seniors & Sub Seniors (Don & Mt W)
3.00 – 4.00	Karen's Private Singing Students

Fri 24th Nov - **Mt Waverley CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre

Sat 25th Nov - **Doncaster CONCERT (compulsory – ALL students)** 7pm at theatre

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Miss Gabby for her lead role in the musical **Chicago**.

Katrina Couroyannis for her role in the professional production of **The Second Hurricane with Youth Opera Victoria**

Rebecca Fowler for her lead role in her school production.

Mackenzie Farran for his lead role in his school production of **Guys and Dolls**.

Mackenzie Farran for the short film he shot for a **campaign for the Victoria Government**

Chloe Smith for **Rewrite Your Story (Sienna's Story)** for the Australian Government esafety campaign on online.

Miss Lee and her family for the success of **Cafe 23 Restaurant Bar** at 194 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood. Go and check it out!

And all my wonderful students for all of their achievements both in and out of class.



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PLEASE WEAR THE CORRECT DANCE SHOES

Please make sure that you all have the correct foot wear and bring your dance shoes to class each week. A list of what is required and where to purchase is listed below. Juniors and above, if your black jazz shoes from last year still fit then please continue to wear them. If you need to buy a new pair **please purchase the TAN JAZZ SHOES** as we are swapping over to tan. Tiny tots need Pink Ballet Shoes and all Boys need Black Jazz Shoes. Where ever you go, please mention Karen Margaret Studios and ask if they offer a discount.

I recently tried and tested a new brand of dance shoe, **MDM**. I was very impressed and highly recommend them especially if your child has any foot problems. The MDM dance shoe helps with alignment whilst supporting the arch and the muscles in the foot.

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, **ALL** students must wear clothing that is suitable to move in. Example follows.

ALL - Black jazz pants, leggings or shorts with the KMS t-shirt.

TINY TOTS – As above OR pink leotard with ballet skirt

FOOT WEAR - COMPULSORY

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

All other students – TAN Jazz Shoes
BOYS – Black Jazz Shoes

Senior Dance – TAN jazz shoes. Tan chorus shoes and toe thongs **may also be required for Senior Dancers.**

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. Pink Ballet shoes, TAN jazz shoes and chorus shoes only please.

DANCE SHOES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM –

Bloch (Doncaster, Camberwell & Chadstone) *Students who have paid their term fees will be given a Bloch discount card. Please see Karen.*

M & M Dance Supplies (Lower Templestowe – stock MDM plus others)

Energeticks (Ivanhoe, Fountain Gate and online)

Upstage Dance Wear (Nunawading)

Knox Dance Wear (Wantirna South – stock MDM plus others)

Dance Art (Croydon – stock MDM plus others)

www.balletstuff.com.au

www.jazzies.com.au

www.MDMdance.com

www.shop.kinderballet.com.au



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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.

WEBSITE

Don't forget to log on to the Karen Margaret Studios web page 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.

CODE OF CONDUCT & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Our Code of Conduct and Terms and Conditions are attached to every newsletter for your perusal. They can also be found on our website along with our Child Safe Policy.

Looking forward to a wonderful Term 3.

Stars & Sparkles

Miss Karen and Lee, Alisa, Gabby, Stephanie, Chloe, Alex, Sarah and Patrick

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Staff, Volunteers, Students and their Families

The Karen Margaret Studio Code of Conduct outlines the appropriate standards of behaviour which is expected of all adults involved at the Karen Margaret Studios towards all children. It reflects our commitment to child safety and our zero tolerance of child abuse. A representative from each family is required to sign when they join us to indicate they will abide by the Code of Conduct.

In joining the Karen Margaret Studios, staff, volunteers, students and their families agree to:

- Welcome all students and their families and respect cultural, religious and political differences.
- Value diversity and not discriminate on the basis of age, race, colour, national extraction or social origin, political opinion, religion, family or carer's responsibilities, physical or mental disability, sexuality.
- Have zero tolerance towards child abuse.
- Protect all children from harm and not ignore any concerns or suspicions in relation to child abuse.
- Report any illness, injury or concern to the Child Safety Person as per the Child Safe Policy.
- Model appropriate adult behaviour and not indulge in inappropriate behaviour, the use of bad language or inappropriate conversations
- Be safety conscious and avoid running, unsafe activities and unnecessary physical contact.
- Respect at all times a child's physical boundaries and all adults must be aware of what constitutes appropriate physical contact.
- Not tolerate bullying.
- Treat everyone with respect, valuing and listening to ideas and opinions.
- Behave in a polite & courteous manner towards each other.
- Act positively and respectfully.
- Ensure that positive and appropriate relationships are developed with children without taking advantage of that trust.
- Treat everyone as an equal.
- Ensure that online communications and social media are professional and appropriate at all times.
- Ensure that no nuts or anything containing nuts are present at the Karen Margaret Studios.
- Be respectful of staff decisions.



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- Be respectful and supportive of other students especially at concert time.
- Respect the privacy of all Staff, Volunteers, Students and their families.
- Bring a positive attitude and a happy face

The breaking of these rules may result in suspension.

A copy of the Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct and Terms & Conditions can be found on our website www.karenmargaretstudios.com.au

TERMS & CONDITIONS Students and their families

The Terms & Conditions are a simple outline of various procedures and expectations of the Student and their Guardian. A representative from each family is required to sign when they join us to indicate they will abide by the Terms & Conditions.

- Karen Margaret Studios is a happy place where everyone is a star!
- A current and up to date enrolment form must be completed and signed.
- Students will be placed in a class in accordance to their age and experience.
- Please make sure you read all your newsletters and please follow us on Facebook to keep updated on events, dates and auditions.
- All 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.
- Students are charged per term with 4 terms in the year. There are no credits or refunds for missed classes or withdrawal from classes.
- Fees will be invoiced via email with the preferred method of payment being direct deposit.
- All students are expected to perform in our annual End of Year Concert.
- A nominal compulsory concert fee is due in third term which goes towards your child's costume accessories. If a student decides to leave during fourth term, this fee is not refundable and goes towards your withdrawal fee.
- All students must be appropriately attired. We encourage all students to wear the Karen Margaret Studios T-Shirt, Windcheater and black dance pants or shorts.



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- The correct footwear is compulsory. Pink ballet shoes for Tiny Tots, Tan jazz shoes for all other students and Black jazz shoes for boys. Senior Dancers may also require tan chorus shoes and toe thongs.
- It is compulsory to purchase the Karen Margaret Studios bag.
- Long Hair must be tied back.
- All Students must report to their teacher upon arrival.
- Water bottles only are permitted in class.
- Students with extreme allergies and require an epi pen must have a parent/guardian present with them at all times.
- No liability will be taken for a physical injury caused during a Karen Margaret Studio event. All classes can involve a small risk of personnel injury. Whilst all reasonable care is taken during classes, Karen Margaret Studios will not be responsible for injury incurred.
- Please make sure that you are physically and mentally fit and please be aware of your own personnel safety.
- Parents are not permitted to watch classes other than the first free trial class. We have plenty of waiting areas available and we feel that the children gain more from their class if only the teacher and other students are present. Parents will be invited to observe classes from time to time.
- Students and their families are expected to leave the premises clean and tidy.
- Students are expected to listen to their teacher and follow instructions to the best of their ability.
- Students must be supervised by parent or guardian until the commencement of class.
- Students must stay with the class group at all times and seek permission to leave.
- Students must go to the toilet before class.
- Children must wait inside the premises to be picked up, not in the car park.
- Items of value should not be brought or worn to class. Karen Margaret Studios will not be responsible for and items that go missing or break.

We hope all students enjoy and have fun.