

Welcome to new families and welcome back to returning families, all the Unlimited Feet Performing Arts (UFPA) staff and myself are really looking forward to another great performing arts year. The end of year productions were fantastic and I am very proud of each and everyone involved from backstage and front of house helpers, students, and faculty. Thank you for my very generous gifts and the cards and messages I received to help celebrate my 25 years.

I am pleased to introduce our new members of staff – Peta Davis (Singing MB) Sarah Westerholm & Taylor Allen (Acro MB) and Shaniah Washington (Tiny Groovers MV) and I am very pleased to have Pru Gazzola & Abby McIntosh taking over from Miss Shae in Murray Bridge as she takes a leave of absence.

As it is the beginning of a new year I thought it would be an appropriate time to outline why Unlimited Feet stands out as a go to studio!

Unlimited Feet began 26 years ago in Murray Bridge and over this time we have been able to offer the joy of dance and the performing arts to hundreds if not thousands of students at our various locations over the years.

At Unlimited Feet my philosophy from the very beginning was to provide a nurturing environment and provide fully qualified staff that are able to deliver quality tuition to all students. We cater for recreational students who just want to participate for fun and those who are interested in undertaking exams and explore careers in the performing arts and performing arts related fields.

We believe that students need to have the time to master skills and therefore we offer dance genres, singing, drama & acrobatics in separate classes to ensure proper and careful training and not putting students at risk. The students are the centre of all we do and everything we offer, provide, organise, and the processes we have put in place are for the students benefit. We know we cannot please everybody all the time but we aim for the majority and we try things that sometimes don't work but sometimes you just have to see if it will work if we have an issue we need to solve.

Our main form of communication is email so please ensure your email address is kept up to date. It is also a great idea to join our closed Facebook page – a reminder that this should not be used as a forum for discussion but for UFPA to disseminate information. Please call or message Mr Smart if you have queries etc. Also a reminder to use the website as all information is there including all the important dates of the year, when classes start, public holidays classes etc.

Fees

A reminder that fees are now overdue. Please contact Gary Spence (Business Manager) ufdsaccounts@internode.on.net if you have any queries.

Easter Classes

A reminder that there will be **NO CLASSES** held over the 4 day Easter break (Friday 30th March – Monday 2nd April Inclusive).

Visiting Days – Monday 9th April to Saturday 14th April

At the end of the term 1 we offer the opportunity for parents and caregivers to watch classes – please note due to lack of space this invitation is OPEN TO PARENTS / CAREGIVERS ONLY – Grandparents etc., may view the students at our mid year displays. Also note that this is a lesson so distractions and noise needs to be kept to a minimum.

Exam Entries

Students undertaking exams will receive notification soon. A reminder exam fees are due by Saturday 5th May

Costume payments

This year I have made the costume payments later in the year – Saturday 30th June - in the hope this will help with family budgets. As this is later it is imperative that all costume payments have been made by this date as we will need to order in the beginning of July to get costumes in time for photo days. We will have a list of costume prices out very soon but generally it's approximately \$75 for Level 1 and below and \$95 for other classes - this price includes storage bag, postage, handling and in some cases a pair of tights.

A reminder that you can pay into the costume account at any time to help spread out the payments.

Morphett Vale Costume account: BSB **015650** Acc #: **403546235**

Murray Bridge Costume Account: BSB **015650** Acc #: **403546243**

Please have Students name and Costume Fund as reference e.g.: J Smith CF

Costume Fund Frequently Asked questions

Why do we have to pay for a costume?

To participate in a themed production at the end of the year. If your child is participating in the end of year production they will need one costume per class. A reminder that involvement in the production is NOT compulsory.

Why doesn't the cost come out of what we pay for class fees?

Our class/term fees are kept to a minimum and only cover the cost of the teacher and facilities. All other costs are covered by fundraising conducted by the committee. It would be impossible to cover the tens of thousands of dollars required for costumes each year across the 2 UFPA schools.

Why don't we make them?

This had been done for many years; however there are a growing number of parents who either cannot sew or do not have the time available to sew costumes and have had to source and pay for someone else to make them. The cost of this is in most cases was more than what we can now source readymade costumes and the bonus is that they all look the same.

Why do we have to pay so early in the year when the production is in Late November / December?

We need to have firm commitments from parents that their child is participating in the production.

Once all payments are received and reconciled against the classes and participants we start to source costumes from a variety of suppliers all over the world. It takes a considerable amount of time to source the correct sizes/colour and styles and there is a lot of communication to establish the best buy.

We need to be ready to take advantage of early ordering as most studios across Australia are ordering for the same end of year type of production. We also need to allow time for the costumes to arrive as nearly all are sourced from overseas and the price is kept down by choosing the slower shipping option.

In most instances we are asked to allow a minimum of 3 months for delivery from the date and payment of the order however history has shown that this is often longer, sometimes over 4 months.

In the past the purchase of costumes has also been held up because not all costume payments for a class have been received. Because we purchase all the costumes for one class at once to save on postage as you can now appreciate if we order late we may not receive the costumes in time and this results in disappointment and frustration especially for those parents who have made the payment by the due date.

Will the costume fund cover everything?

No, the costume fund is used to pay for the actual costume. All other items such as shoes and tights need to be purchased by you. All children need the correct shoes for their performance i.e. ballet, tap, jazz shoes.

You may be asked to assist in making some accessories to help to reduce or keep the costs down. If you are not a 'crafty' person there will be someone to assist you.

Please understand that measuring/sourcing/ordering/collating and distributing of your child's costume is done by the goodwill of a few volunteers (parents) in conjunction with our schools teachers. This is done in their own personal time and as you can imagine with over 200 children at one school alone, with some of those children involved in 4, 5 or 6 classes there are 100s of costumes ordered each year.

Both teachers and volunteers are committed to sourcing the most economical costume option for your child. Please make your payment by Saturday 30th June 2018

Mid-Year Performances

Our annual mid - year displays will be held in June this year – Further details about these displays will come out in Term 2.

Murray Bridge Saturday 16th June - Unity College - Junior 5:00 pm Seniors 6:30 pm

Morphett Vale Sunday 17th June - Hopgood Theatre – Juniors 12:30 pm Seniors 2 pm

Murray Bridge Production

This year we will be holding the production in The Murray Bridge Town Hall and hoping this will be a popular decision. We will have a performance on Friday evening for the more senior classes and then everyone will be involved in the Saturday Matinee and Evening. More details later in the year but dates are Friday 30th November & Saturday 1st December.

Morphett Vale Production

Change of date due to double booking – **NOW SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER** still to be held at the Hopgood Theatre

Please note new rehearsal and production dates:-

Sunday 2nd December	Full Rehearsal Reynella East College 10 am — 4 pm
Sunday 9th December	Full Rehearsal Reynella East College 10 am— 4 pm
Friday 14th December	Full rehearsal Reynella East College 5 pm – 9 pm
Saturday 15th December	Production Hopgood Theatre 12:00 pm & 6 pm

NEW Classes

Singing and Acro at Murray Bridge

New Acro and Singing classes are now on offer in Murray Bridge on Wednesdays.

Adult Hip Hop at Morphett Vale

Tuesdays at 7:30 - fun beginner's class – get fit and funky!

Please support these new initiatives as I know people have been asking for them but I can't run them if enrolments are low.

Bring A Friend Promotion

At the bottom of this Newsletter is a "Bring a Friend" flyer which will I hope you will give out to friends to come and try out classes at Unlimited Feet. If they enrol you will receive a \$20 credit towards your next term fees.

In particular we really need to improve numbers in the junior classes in Murray Bridge and Drama in Morphett Vale though it would be good to improve overall enrolments so I can keep offering the best quality and diversity. You know how great we are so please talk us up!

Unlimited Feet Performing Arts Uniform

Being in the correct uniform is a requirement of enrolling at UFPA. All students should now be wearing the correct uniform to class, if you are a new student there may be some delays in obtaining your uniform but all other students **MUST** be in the UFPA Uniform. Hair must be up for all lessons and in a bun for classical classes – this may mean hair will need to be redone after a day at school.

VET Dance & SACE DANCE

For those students who are undertaking CSTD examinations you have the opportunity to get accreditation for Certificate 1, 2 or 3 in Dance – depending on level of exam. The students do a series of worksheets as well as their exam to gain qualification.

Stage 1 & 2 Dance.

We have the opportunity to deliver Stage 1 & 2 dance through the studio. Stage 1 in semester 2 2018 and both Stage 1 & Stage 2 in 2019.

Please contact Mr Smart for more details if interested.

Student Advancement Fund Committee

The Student Advancement Fund (SAF) committee is an integral part of the studio where the organisation of fundraising events etc., are discussed as well as other activities we would like to run e.g., Murray Bridge Pageant. We try to meet once a term for approx. an hour and anyone is very welcome to attend so please put your name forward if you can help.

Thank you to the SAF for the purchase of new portable Barres and air conditioner for Murray Bridge and the Pura Tap (due to be installed soon) in Studio 2 at Morphett Vale.

ANZ Home Loan Introductory Scheme

Thinking of a home loan or re-mortgaging? ANZ's Home Loan Introducer Program rewards businesses and community organisations for referring customers and members with their home loan needs to the ANZ. Through the ANZ Home Loan Introducer Program, the bank pays the studio Student Advancement Fund an upfront commission for successful customer referrals.

A signed referral form from UFPA needs to be received by ANZ at the time of the initial loan interview for the commission to be paid. Contact Jayson or Trish Watkins Trish.Arnold@anz.com for more details.


Please collect a pack from reception at Morphett Vale or Front Desk in Murray Bridge


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We'll reward Unlimited Feet Performing Arts for every drawn-down qualifying home loan referred to us using a signed referral form.

To find out how and to obtain your referral form, speak to Jayson Robert Smart of Unlimited Feet Performing Arts on 0414 499 669.

Then contact Trish Arnold, Home & Investment Lending Manager to book an appointment. Don't forget to bring your referral form.

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BRING A FRIEND

Do you have a friend that is interested in dancing, drama (*Morphett Vale only*) or singing and wants to try it out? Well here is the perfect opportunity as you may bring a friend with you to your regular classes. Your friend needs no experience and no special clothes (but should wear something easy to move in). She/he just needs to be prepared to have lots of fun and to learn some new things. If your friend enrolls at Unlimited Feet Performing Arts, your parent/caregiver will receive a \$20 credit to come off their next terms invoice.

Your friend's parent/caregiver must complete the bottom of this invitation and it must be returned when she/he arrives for the class.

Bring a Friend to Unlimited Feet Performing Arts

Friends Name: _____ Age: _____
 Class Attending: _____ Date Tried: _____
 Branch: (Please Circle) Morphett Vale Murray Bridge
 Name of friend who introduced you to Unlimited Feet: _____
 Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Previous Performing Arts Experience (if any): _____

I give permission for my child to participate in 'Unlimited Feet Performing Arts' class.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____