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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 17 March 1999.

A big thank you is extended to all who attended. Alison George has chonsen not to re-nominate for the President's position this year. We thank her for her leadership, diplomacy, kindness and generosity during her tenure. She is a wonderful ambassador for the Club and we thank her sincerely.

New President: Anthea Bottrell

Vice President: Margot Gourley

Secretary: Carol Hepburn

Assistant Secretary: Pat O'Meara

Treasurer: Rhonda Brebner

Note: All duty mothers are on the Committee should anyone have issues which they would like raised at upcoming meetings.

FEES

The Club has many ongoing commitments, please ensure the first term Fees have been **fully paid** prior to the Easter Break

PARENT'S SECTION MEETINGS

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and have any queries answered.

Tinies: Monday 29 March - 5pm with Melanie

Sub-Juniors: Saturday 27 March - 12noon with Maree Juniors: Wednesday 31 March - 6.30pm with Maree Inters: Thursday 25 March - 6.30pm with Maree

THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful helpers who gave up their Saturday on March 6th and did such a great job of cleaning out the costume room.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sharon Cochren has been with the club for 10 years. We extend to her our appreciation for her dedication and loyalty over the years. She is not only a great competitor but also a much loved and appreciated teacher of the Tinies section. Sharon has recently monitored and is now a qualified Level One Teacher. ONYA SHAZZA.

REMINDER TO PARENTS WITH TINIES

Young children are easily distracted and it is for this reason that we ask parents not to stay in the rooms where the children are taught. Melanie has a wonderful rapport with the littlies and they respond well to her. Please help her by staying in the Mum's room and having a coffee or going home while the lesson is on. There will be a viewing night in May to give everyone an opportunity to see their process.

COSTUME SALE IN MELBOURNE

Our thanks to Regina Napoli and Kerry Anthony for selling \$136.00 worth of costumes and so generously giving of their time. Costumes not sold were donated to a local school and were much appreciated.

REMINDER

Replacing a rold that went missing costs \$5.00. Ensure all rods are in covers. New clubs are \$20.00 and 2nd hand are \$10.00. Keep clubs in bags and off the floor. Girls are to wear a black leotard at practice and have their hair tied back. It is getting cooler so ensure the girls leaving at night have warmer clothes to put on over their leotards

TICKETS TO STATE TEAM CONCERT

The concert is on Sunday 27 June in the afternoon at the State Concert Hall. Tickets are \$23.00 Adults, \$18.00 Concession and \$15.00 children (16 and under). Please let your duty mum know if you are interested. Money must be paid by the end of May.

HOLIDAY PRACTICES

Tinies

No class Easter Monday Monday 12 April from 10 am to 12.30 pm

Sub-Juniors

No class Easter Saturday Saturday 10 April from 10 am to 12.00 pm

Juniors

Wednesday 7 April from 4pm to 7pm Monday 12 April from 12.00 to 6.00pm

Inters

TBA

OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS

Last weekend Pentland Solo Competitions were held. A number of Geelong girls entered the competitions and all performed beyond expectation with places gained in all sections. These girls are to be congratulated for all of their hard work and dedication.

The pupil skill committee have specially sent a letter to the club congratulating the coaches on their thorough training of the girls and preparation for the Exams. These teachers work tirelessly with the girls and are always giving that extra time and support despite having family and work commitments of their own. We acknowledge and thank them for their ongoing dedication and congratulate them all on the outstanding results which reflect so well on their training and precision.

SENIORS - YES, WE HAVE 10 OF THEM!!!

Welcome to all the Seniors and especially to the new members. It is lovely to have a full contingent in each secion again. We wish you all a very happy and successful year. Maree will be teaching and our own Cheryl Larkin (subbies), will be her assistant. If any ex calisthenics mums are interested in making up a march of 12 you would be most welcome. Seniors will be training each Monday evening from 6.00pm - 9.30pm.

GEELONG CONCERT

This will be held on Sunday afternoon 21 November (to avoid the annual clash with GSODA Players)

CROWN CASINO OUTING

We are organizing a social function for any interested parents and friends. There will be a trip to Crown Casino via bus, free lunch and a gaming voucher (\$4 or \$5), at a cost of \$12. It will be on the last Sunday in May - ie, 30 May. Please let your Duty mum know if you are interested.

EASTER

The Committee would like to wish everyone a happy and restful Easter and for those lucky enough to be going away on holidays, a safe trip.

TEACHER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Well, what a wonderful year the girls had in 1998. All sections performed very well and gained places at the Warrnambool Comps, C.V.I., Geelong Eisteddford, Geelong Comps, Northern and Ballarat Eisteddford. I thank all the teachers and assistant teachers, especially Donna Argent for such wonderful choreography with clubs and her solo girls and assistance in all sections. I thank Sherree Nash for her dance expertise and Suzanne Brebner for solo girls and assistance with the inters. I also thank Rhonda Brebner and Cheryl Larken for their assistance with the Subs and Juniors.

We had several girls do their levels this year. The results were quite outstanding. Once again I thank Donna and Rhonda for all their time and effort they put in.

Unfortunately we did not have a senior team in 1998 due to lack of numbers.

The Anglesea Camp was a wonderful success which enables the girls to get to know each other better and bond together as a team.

I would like to thank all the mums, dads and committee members for all their help and support in 1998 which makes our College a very happy and successful one.

Maree

Tinies started the year with 14 children and ended up with 22 beutiful girls performing at the concert. Some had only

joined the club weeks before.

The average age of the girls was around five. They performed at the Geelong Eisteddford, CVI and teh Geelong comps. The girls had lots of fun and there was a tear in more than one mum's eye as she watched ehr baby strut her stuff on the big stage.

I would like to thank my mum Pat for organising and making the costumes (not an easy task when you want a few extras a week before the concert). I would also like to thank my assistant teacher Sharon, my lovely helpers Kelly and Amanda Hepburna dn Sue the tinies duty mum.

Mel			

DIARY - see diary