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Dear Parents, Students & Teachers,

I cannot believe how quickly term 1 has flown. Well they say time flies when you're having fun.

I am very pleased to inform you all that one of our OC senior students Aisling Delahunt has been offered a lead role, the role of Diana Morales in an up and coming local production of A Chorus Line. We also have it on good authority that the auditions for A Chorus Line attracted more local talent than any other locally produced musical Canberra has ever seen. Aisling impressed the director and choreographer with her dancing, singing and acting abilities. The audition for a Chorus Line was Aisling's very first audition ever. On a recent visit to Canberra our schools patron (my sister Caroline O'Connor) gave Aisling some very valuable advice based on her own experiences with auditions and from her time spent as Diana Morales and Cassie in English productions of the show. A Chorus Lines opens in July I will announce the show times at a later date.

I am also very pleased to advise you all that one of our teachers Miss KJ (Kathryn Jones) has been invited to be the choreographer for the Queanbeyan Players production of South Pacific. South Pacific opens in May I will post the dates on the studio notice board at a later date.

Miss Cherry and Miss Laura spent a week at the RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) headquarters in Sydney recently to participate in an intense training course as part of their studies for their RAD teacher's certificate. We certainly missed them while they were away. It is lovely to have them back on board again. No doubt their new found knowledge can only mean very positive outcomes for all of their students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome our new drama teacher Miss Katie Woodward. Katie's father is Joe Woodward owner and director of the Daramalan Theatre (Belconnen). Katie not only has theatre in her blood line she has also secured a place at ANU to further her drama studies.

The class timetable will be run during the first week of the school holidays in order for students to catch up on classes they may have missed due to cancellations or from illness during the term 1. However if your child is enrolled in a class with very low numbers and cannot attend any of the make-up classes can you please let me know ASAP?

Before term 2 commences there will have to be some slight alterations made to our current timetable but this will only affect the Irish classes and some classes with very low enrolments. I will personally contact all concerned.

A special thank you to all of those parents and students who paid their fees during the first four weeks of the first term it was greatly appreciated.

Quite a number of term 1 fees are still outstanding it would be greatly appreciated if all fees were paid for in full by the **COB on Friday 11 April**. Please note:

Any students with Term 1 fees outstanding will not be eligible to commence classes in term 2 until their term 1 fees have been paid for in full.

I am also very pleased to announce that the feedback from most of our students re: their classes, class content and their teachers has been very positive.

Kindest regards,

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