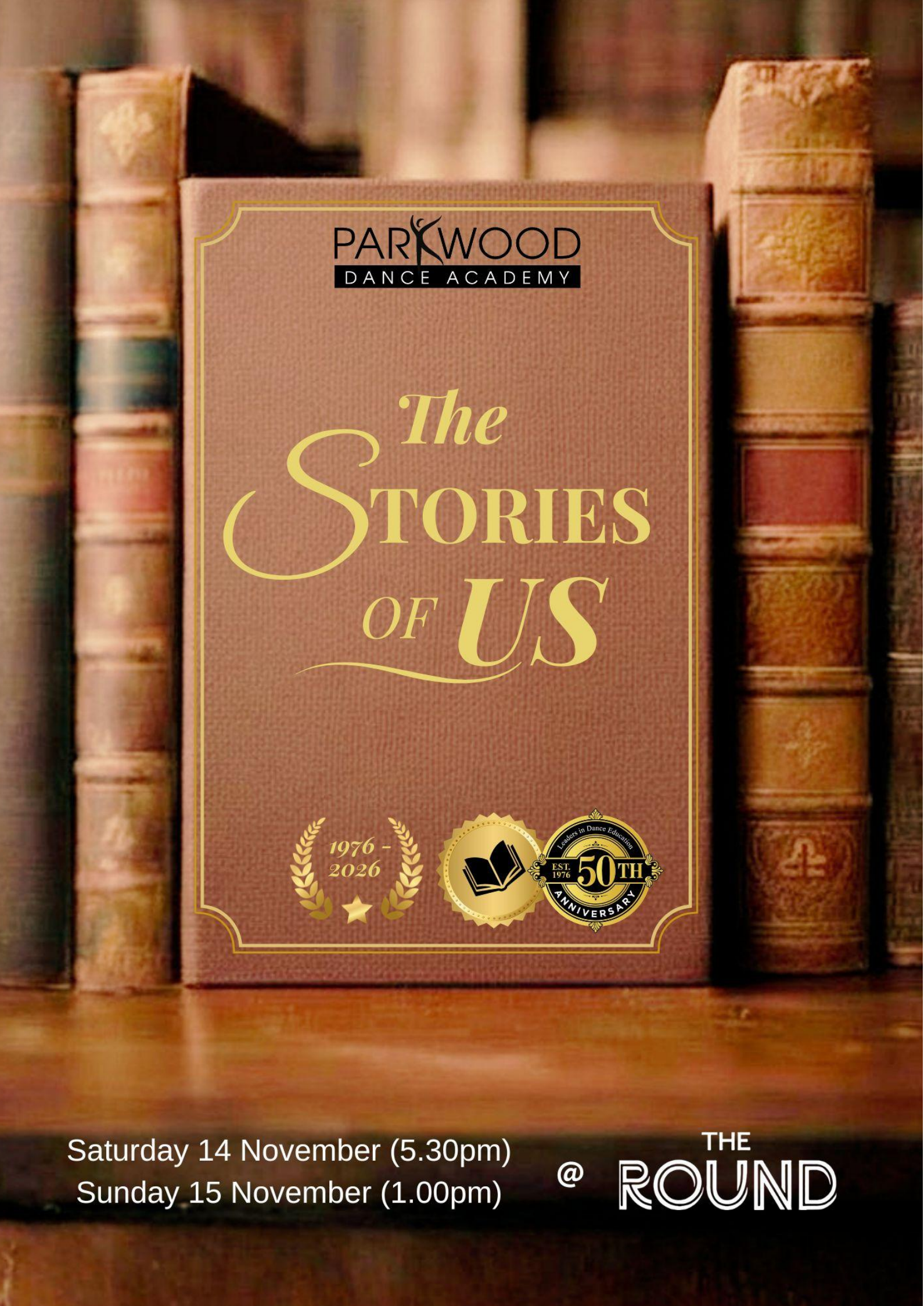
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Saturday 14 November (5.30pm)
Sunday 15 November (1.00pm)
@ THE ROUND

Dear parents

We're so excited to share this booklet with you—it's your complete guide to helping your child shine on stage at our November Concerts!

Over Term 4, students will be polishing their dances in class, and as parents, there are a few key things you'll need to know, especially if this is your very first concert with us. Your support and understanding make such a difference to your child's confidence. With you on board, they'll feel more relaxed and able to enjoy this special experience.

You'll notice the diary dates on the next few pages look pretty full!
After 50 years of concerts, we've worked hard to create a schedule that balances everyone's needs—students, teachers, families, and theatre staff—while making sure our dancers (and parents!) don't feel burnt out before the big weekend.

With that said, we understand your (family) time is important and we'd like you to count on us to aim to start and finish rehearsals on time, minimise rehearsal time for younger students when possible and minimise rehearsal time for students in one dance only.

During the coming weeks, you can expect to receive the following information by email:

- Concert Information Booklet (you are reading this right now!)
- Ticket booking details
- Tiny Dancer Social Story
- Rehearsal reminders
- Bun demonstrations
- Makeup tutorials
- Theatre directions

Please note that every dance created for this Concert is original and is the property of PDA. Parkwood Dance Academy (De Hofz Pty Ltd) does not give permission for any videography of any individual or group to be taken or reproduced without prior consent. ***Please also be mindful of the intended and non-intended reaches of social networks.***

Please do not provide students with any nuts in food boxes or aerosols (deodorant and hairspray) for use at rehearsals or concerts. We have several students and staff who will appreciate your consideration.

If you have specific information that you would like to offer regarding your child's health concerns, please advise Jess (preferably in writing) prior to rehearsal and concert events.

Child Safety:

- All staff hold current Working with Children checks
- PDA will endeavor to ensure that equality, personal modesty and privacy are respected

We're here to make this experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible for both you and your child.
We are always happy for you to pop in for a chat, or you can email us anytime at parkwooddanceacademy@gmail.com

Concert time is the highlight of our year —
We can't wait to celebrate it with you!

Yours in dance,
Jess

This page is for TINY DANCERS ONLY

DIARY DATES & TIMES

Monday 5 October	Term 4 classes commence		
Monday 12 October	Concert tickets go on sale (10.00am)		
Sunday 25 October Tiny Dancers (Sat 9.00am class)	Costume Rehearsal & Class Photo Day at DCC* Arrive 9.45am Sharp	Finish 12.20pm	
Saturday 31 October	Classes as usual (Melbourne Cup Weekend)		
Sunday 8 November Tiny Dancers (Sat 9.45am class & Sat 10.30am class)	Costume Rehearsal & Class Photo Day at DCC* Arrive 9.15am Sharp	Finish 11.45am	
Thursday 12 November	Term 4 classes finish		
Saturday 14 November All Tiny Dancer classes Tiny Dancer parents - Theatre Tour	Tiny Dancer Rehearsal at THE ROUND* (COMPULSORY) Arrive 10.45am Sharp Start 10.50am	Finish 12.00pm Finish 11.10am	
Saturday 14 November Tiny Dancers Includes Sat 9.00am class (NO Sat 9.45am & 10.30am class required)	CONCERT at THE ROUND* Arrive 4.45pm Sharp	Concert 5.30pm	Finish approx. 8.00pm
Sunday 15 November Tiny Dancers Includes Sat 9.45am & Sat 10.30am classes (NO Sat 9.00am class required)	CONCERT at THE ROUND* Arrive 12.15pm Sharp	Concert 1.00pm	Finish approx. 3.30pm
Saturday 28 November All dancers & families	Break-up Party at DRC* Arrive 10.30am	Finish 12.00pm	

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***DRC** *Domeney Recreation Centre*
***THE ROUND** - *379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading*

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Monday 5 October	Term 4 classes commence		
Monday 12 October	Concert tickets go on sale (10.00am)		
Sunday 25 October	Rehearsal at DCC*		
Pre Primary (Sat classes)	Arrive 9.45am	Finish 12.20pm	
Pre & Primary (Wed classes)	Arrive 9.45am	Finish 12.20pm	
Primary (Sat classes)	Arrive 9.45am	Finish 12.20pm	
All other dancers	Arrive 8.45am	Finish 2.00pm	
Saturday 31 October	Classes as usual (Melbourne Cup Weekend)		
Mon 2 & Tues 3 November	Select Concert classes may run as usual (Melbourne Cup Weekend) Further details will be emailed to relevant classes		
Sunday 8 November	Costume Rehearsal & Class Photo Day at DCC*		
Junior school dancers (Pre Primary, Primary, Pre Junior, Junior)	Arrive 8.45am	Finish 11.45am	
Senior school dancers (Pre Elementary & Grade 2 Ballet upward)	Arrive 1.00pm	Finish 4.15pm	
Thursday 12 November	Term 4 classes finish		
Friday 13 November	Full Costume Rehearsal at THE ROUND* (COMPULSORY)		
Pre Primary (Sat classes)	Arrive 4.00pm	Finish 7.30pm	
Pre & Primary (Wed classes)	Arrive 4.00pm	Finish 7.30pm	
Primary (Sat classes)	Arrive 4.00pm	Finish 8.00pm	
All other dancers	Arrive 4.00pm	Finish 9.00pm	
Saturday 14 November	CONCERT at THE ROUND*		
All dancers	Arrive 4.45pm	Concert 5.30pm	Finish approx. 8.00pm
Sunday 15 November	CONCERT at THE ROUND*		
All dancers	Arrive 12.15pm	Concert 1.00pm	Finish approx. 3.30pm
Saturday 28 November	Break-up Party at DRC*		
All dancers & families	Arrive 10.30am	Finish 12.00pm	

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REHEARSAL — Sunday 25 October at DCC*

- Normal dance class uniform to be worn
- Pre Primary & Primary parents are strongly encouraged to wait with their child during this rehearsal
- Parents should provide packed snacks
- Tiny Dancer (Sat 9.00am class) parents are required to wait with their child during this rehearsal. (These students will rehearse in costume and have class photos on this day)
- Tiny Dancers Sat 9.45am & 10.30am are not required for this rehearsal

COSTUME REHEARSAL & CLASS PHOTO DAY — Sunday 8 November at DCC*

- **Please do not arrive in costume**. Students will rehearse the Finale in class uniform first.
- Arrive with light makeup (for photos) and hairstyle for first dance.
- It is strongly recommended that all students have assistance (female only) for costume changes.
- Bring all costumes complete with correct undergarments, footwear, tights and hairstyle.
- Ensure costumes are stored correctly (hanging on a named coat hanger etc.)
- Each class will be photographed in costume for inclusion in our 2027 Prospectus. Please look your best!
- Tiny Dancer (Sat 9.45am & 10.30am) parents are required to wait with their child during this rehearsal. (These students will rehearse in costume and have class photos on this day)
- Tiny Dancers Sat 9.00am are not required for this rehearsal

FULL COSTUME REHEARSAL (COMPULSORY) — Friday 13 November at THE ROUND*

- (Tiny Dancers are not required for this rehearsal)
- **Please ensure you arrive by 4.00pm.** Families may need to make arrangements to leave school earlier than usual on this day to allow sufficient travel time and, where possible, give students some time to rest before the rehearsal commences.
- **Please do not arrive in costume**. Students will rehearse the Finale in class uniform first.
- Arrive with full Concert Makeup applied and hairstyle for first dance.
- Upon arrival at the Stage Door– please follow staff members to designated dressing rooms.
- **Parents are invited backstage to help their child 'set up' from 4.00-4.15pm only (unless registered to assist with dressing. See notes below).**
- Bring all costumes complete with correct undergarments, footwear, tights and hairstyle
- Ensure costumes are stored correctly (hanging on a named coat hanger etc.)
- All classes require assistance with costume changes in the Dressing Room. If you want to help, please register your name with Jess via email, text or in person. If you offer to assist, it is for all students in the class – not just your own child. Please don't bring other siblings.
- All costume items MUST be left at the theatre on Friday and Saturday nights. Please ensure they are sorted and ready for the next concert.

TINY DANCER REHEARSAL (COMPULSORY) — Saturday 14 November at THE ROUND*

- **All Tiny Dancer classes are required.**
- Upon arrival at the Stage Door– A PDA staff member will collect your Tiny Dancer and take them to the stage to rehearse.
- Parents are encouraged to stay for a short tour of the backstage area and Q&A opportunity.
- Normal class uniform (including ballet bun) and clean shoes to be worn. No makeup required.
- Tiny Dancers can be collected from the Stage Door at the end of the rehearsal.

CONCERTS Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 November at THE ROUND*

Tiny Dancers

- Tiny Dancers Sat 9.00am will perform in the Saturday 14 November concert ONLY.
- Tiny Dancers Sat 9.45am & 10.30am will perform in the Sunday 15 November concert ONLY.
- Upon arrival at the Stage Door– A PDA staff member will collect your Tiny Dancer and settle them in to their dressing area. **Parents are not permitted backstage at any time.**
- Tiny Dancers can be collected from the foyer at the end of the Concerts. (We'll show you where this is during the Theatre Tour).

All other dancers

- All costumes must be complete including correct undergarments, footwear, tights and hairstyle.
- All classes require assistance with costume changes in the Dressing Room. If you want to help, please register your name on the Dressing List that will be on display during rehearsals at DCC. If you offer to assist, it is for all students in the class – not just your own child. Please don't bring other siblings.
- Full make-up, costumes, hair, undergarments and clean shoes required.
- All costume items MUST be left at the theatre on Friday & Saturday nights. Please ensure they are sorted and ready for the next concert.
- Students can be collected from the Stage Door at the end of each Concert.

GENERAL INFORMATION for REHEARSALS and CONCERTS

If you have made the commitment on behalf of your child to participate in the concert, please make sure they attend all classes, rehearsals and concerts. Please note, Theatre rehearsals are COMPULSORY.

Your child may feel confident with their own dance steps, but absences cause difficulties rehearsing formations successfully. Rehearsals are paramount to the smooth running of the concert and confidence of your child on stage.

Please note:

- No jewellery, nail polish or body art
- Please prepare some activities for younger students during waiting times
- Please provide healthy snacks and meals for students as well as a named water bottle
- Please ensure all costumes are protected from harmful liquid, ink, dirt, etc.
- Do not wear costumes to and from the theatre.
- Please name all personal items.
- Theatre Management will not allow patrons (parents) into the theatre during a rehearsal.
- No audience backstage at any time before, during or after concerts.
- No students to go into the foyer before or during concerts.
- PDA Dance Shop items will be available at all rehearsals and before each concert.

DRESSING ROOMS

- Males are not permitted in dressing rooms **at any time.**
- Please keep the dressing rooms tidy to ensure maximum dressing and waiting space.
- Please consider the comfort and health of others by purchasing pump packs and roll-ons (non-aerosols) and by providing NUT FREE food items.

COSTUMES

Costumes are distributed in the following ways:

Tiny Dancer costumes – PDA will keep these costumes on site and allocate staff members to dress the Dancers in their costumes for the Rehearsals and Concerts. Parents are not required to do any dressing, sewing, storing or laundering.

Pre Primary & Primary costumes – PDA will hand out individual costumes to parents during Term 4. Parents may be asked to make small adjustments for their child and to bring the costumes to the Costume Rehearsals and Concerts. These costumes are collected at the conclusion of the Concerts - no laundering required.

All other costumes - There are Costume Representatives (Reps) allocated for every class who will distribute and collect the class costumes. They will contact you via phone (text or group chat), to advise the date, time and venue for the distribution and collection, as well as how to sew and launder your costume. If you have any questions about the costumes, please ask your Rep.

Our Costume Reps are generous people who offer to help – please respect their time and effort.

- Let your Costume Rep know if you are missing any costume items, immediately.
- Try costumes on and make any alterations necessary, please DO NOT CUT anything.
- Please name ALL articles but do not write on costumes or use iron-on tape.
- Do not remove sizing labels.
- DO NOT allow your child to "dress up" in costumes.
- Hand sew or safety pin only!!! Do not machine sew anything or use double-sided tape.
- Bring all articles to rehearsal and concerts that require hanging on a NAMED hanger and place everything else in a labeled box (child's name, class and articles for each item).

MAKE-UP

- Foundation and Blush (One shade darker than natural skin tone).
- Brown eye shadow, eyebrow outline (if fair skinned), Black Eye liner and Mascara.
- Red lipstick – we have the correct colour at the PDA shop (Fire engine Red, not coral).

HAIR

- Ballet items will require a bun using hair nets, french pins and bobby pins, hair ties and gel/mousse.
- Jazz, Tap and Contemporary items – your Costume Representative will advise the hairstyle.
- All students are required to have bobby pins, hair spray (pump pack, not aerosol) and gel/mousse on hand.
- Male dancers should have their hair slicked back with gel or hairspray.

TIGHTS for female dancers

- White Dance socks for all Tiny Dancers, Pre Primary & Primary (unless advised otherwise when given costume)
- Pink footed tights for Ballet items (Please purchase tights from DanceArt or PDA Dance shop)
- Beige footed tights for Tap and Jazz items. (Please purchase tights from DanceArt or PDA Dance shop)
- Contemporary items may require Beige convertible tights.

UNDERGARMENTS

- Flesh Dance briefs (hi-cut) for all Tiny Dancers, Pre Primary & Primary dancers
- Flesh leotard OR Flesh Dance briefs (hi-cut) and Dance bra (with clear straps) for all other dancers
- Male dancers (8 years +) wear a Dance belt (can be purchased from DanceArt)

SHOES

- Please ensure shoes are clean for the concerts.
- Pink (or black for males) ballet shoes
- Beige (or black for males) Jazz & Tap shoes (Advanced & Open require different colours based on costume)

PDA DANCE SHOP

Items are available for purchase before classes, rehearsals and concerts.

- All Pink and Beige tights (footed & convertible)
- White Dance socks
- Flesh leotards
- Dance briefs
- Bun kits; French and bobby pins, nets (Brown, Black, Blonde)
- Fire engine Red Lipstick

VIDEO RECORDINGS

Video recordings are now included in the Concert Package Fee, which will be added to Term 4 invoices.
Families do not need to order a video separately, as a recording will automatically be provided.
Once the recording is edited and complete, a private video link will be emailed directly to each family.

These recordings are a wonderful keepsake of your child's years at Parkwood and are G rated, making them perfect for your dancer to enjoy on their own or to share with a room full of family and friends!

TICKETS

Adults	$52.00
Concession	$45.00
Child (2-14 yrs)	$38.00
Family 2 Adult, 2 Child	$160.00
50th Anniversary Family Package 2 Adult, 2 Concession, 1 Child	$212.00

Please note, these prices include a **$5.50 booking fee** per ticket set by The Round Box Office.

- Tickets can only be ordered via The Round Theatre website, using the link below.
- You will receive your ticket allocations from The Round Box Office, upon purchase.
- Tickets cannot be refunded - you are advised to plan and check your requirements carefully before purchase.

Tickets on sale from
Monday 12 October (10.00am)
https://www.theround.com.au/Parkwood50