

## TESTIMONIALS – 2015

Miss Lorraine, the other teachers, Penny, the tremendous dancers, and the rest of the amazing concert crew

Congratulations to you all for your wonderful efforts and tremendous performances at the Wonderland concert over the past couple of days. [My daughter] is still floating around on a post-concert high (she got so much more from the experience than just the performance aspect). We can hardly believe the amount of creative input, professionalism and commitment that everyone has displayed in putting on such an amazing show. Thank you for allowing [my daughter] and the rest of our family to have been a part of this incredible experience.

Wishing everyone a restful and safe holiday period.

The show was absolutely fantastic. We had relatives come from interstate to see it this year and they were amazed at the standard. They want to come again next year! It was a visual feast and we can't wait for next years show either.

I am still catching my breath after the amazing performance of 'Wonderland' last weekend. It was a stunning show with costumes, choreography, music and backdrops 'top-notch' ... Congratulations on weaving the story of Wonderland so cleverly. I very much enjoyed the various genre of music used in the production, particularly some of Addie's solo work and of course Bridget's wonderful 'Where's my part' dramatic performance by the Black Queen – it was great theatre. Addie was a standout in her role as Alice and absolutely gave her all in the Saturday performance, bringing an incredible energy and presence to the character.

Congratulations on another fantastic show! All the kids had so much fun backstage and on stage. Again I was impressed by how helpful and caring the older girls were with the younger ones. They are great role models.

Thankyou so much for everything you do. You have my complete admiration. The show was, once again, so well done. I don't quite know

how you juggle it all, but I am very grateful! Thankyou for being such an outstanding teacher and director.

Thanks for such a wonderful wonderful show. We attended the 2pm performance and I was absolutely stunned by the quality of the performance, the beautiful sets and costumes, and of course the skill and grace of the dancers. Can I also mention how happy I feel knowing that [my daughter] has an opportunity to be part of a dance-school that does not sexualise young girls through age-inappropriate costumes or themes or choreography. I cannot thank you enough.. The older girls carried themselves with such class, elegance and grace, and in their performances, not once did I feel uncomfortable about my daughter (and son for that matter) being exposed to themes beyond their years. I also adore the themes of previous years' performances...beautiful stories for all ages. Please pass on my congratulations to your staff and your senior dances who are such wonderful role models for the younger kids.

Lorraine, I think a massive congratulations must go to you for the production of yet another amazing Show. I absolutely loved it however I guess I might be just a little bit biased 😊

I am writing to congratulate the staff, students and volunteers for the wonderful performance last Saturday 5th December of Alice in Wonderland.

We attended the performance to support our granddaughters [...] who love their ballet. We found the whole performance a delight and were particularly impressed with the grace and poise of the senior dancers.

We attended last year and hope we will be able to attend for many years

**I LOOOVED IT!!!!**

**What - another - great performance!**

... will be continued tomorrow ... ;-)

Sleep well and all the best for tomorrow! Big ,Alice' hug,

Thank you again for a amazing show. All the students dances so beautifully.

We were very proud. Thank you for being an amazing teacher and mentor. Our children love you.

*Dear Lorraine,*

### *Congratulations*

*I want to start of by congratulating you on the wonderful show you've put together! In my humble opinion everything was just perfect, perfect and more perfect! You are a creative genius! :-) I was totally "blown away" by the exceptional professional standard of every aspect of the show!*

*Some specific comments I want to make on the show:*

- The way that you catered for every student's level of ability were admirable;*
- The way that the boys in your show had their own special roles were precious;*
- Thank you for protecting the innocence of young people by your "modest" choice of costumes. From a parents' perspective this is really appreciated. The costumes was wonderful and beautiful without being "revealing". I comment on this as I've been looking at some photos of other dance schools way back when I was still looking for a dance school for [my daughter]. Some photos really made me "cringe" because of the "revealing" nature. Thank you again for protecting our girls.*

We are in the audience, excited to see all the wonders of your ballet school.

Best wishes for a great show.

The show was amazing. It was so great to see [students] performing, being in their element and enjoying it so much. It was incredible to watch.

We watched the ballet on Friday .. it was great. [My daughter's sister] was awestruck and wanting to be on stage too.

Hi Lorraine,

You probably get emails like this all the time but i just wanted to say what a great job you and your team did! I never did ballet as a kid so it's great to see my 6 year old really enjoying the opportunities of dancing ballet. I am so impressed by the choreography, costumes, and how the tempo varied and progressed thru the younglings to the professional performers. It was very impressive. Alice was really great too. We really enjoyed the show, well done!

A big thank you for such a wonderful show. [My daughter] so enjoyed being a part of it and I too enjoyed contributing to the volunteer team. A great effort by all.

I hope you have recovered from the concert and had a good night's sleep. The show was wonderful, we enjoyed it and so did the girls...

Firstly – congratulations on an AMAZING show!! We loved being a part of it and being backstage was definitely a worthwhile experience 😊 It was our first time and [my daughter's] response at the end was – mum, I am going to keep doing this ... forever.

[My daughter] had an absolute ball participating in her first show! Can't wait for next year!!

A huge congratulations to you! I love the way that you are deeply respectful of all the children you teach, encouraging each child wherever they are up to.

Thanks for a wonderful show. It was superb.

Also thanks for the lovely gift so [my daughter] will remember the experience.

See you next year, enjoy your well deserved break.

Also, congratulations again on 'Wonderland'. A joy to watch and I know [my daughter] loved being a part of it.

Firstly congratulations on a wonderful show - the whole family really loved it - even the bits [my child] wasn't in 😊

BTW, congratulations on another brilliant show. The girls loved their classes, exams and performance and are looking forward to continuing next year...

Congratulations on another wonderful show, [my daughter] enjoyed herself immensely and the extended family... were very impressed with the whole production!

Congratulations on another fabulous show! ... [My daughter] thoroughly enjoyed the hedgehog dance routine!  
With thanks for providing such a wonderful experience for our daughter!

Thank you for another amazing show! I don't know how you do it, but every year you pull off a miracle! The shows are always an absolute delight and [my husband] and I look forward to them as the start of our Christmas festivities.

Thanks again for all your efforts this year with the concert. It was amazing. I have had many friends and family members say they thought it was your best one yet. Thanks also to you and your staff for all your effort and care for our girls throughout 2015.

Congratulations on another absolutely wonderful ballet production!! Our family thoroughly enjoyed Friday nights performance! The principal dancer, and members of the performance group, were an absolute pleasure to watch. The other grades looked fantastic! And the littlies were just sooo cute!! The costumes and stage were wonderful!!

Thank you to all of the effort you put in!! Every year I am absolutely in awe of what you are able to achieve with so many young people, children (and perhaps us parents) in your charge.

[My daughter] thoroughly enjoyed the performance!! She has also grown as both a young lady and dancer under your wonderful care which has been a delight to observe over the year!

Congratulations!!

Congratulations Lorraine - you are an amazing teacher and the work you do for the concerts is so incredible – these [CAT Award] nominations are due to you and we as parents couldn't be prouder or happier for our kids being part of your vision.

Thanks again for your energy and creativity in putting together a wonderful show – [my daughter] gets so much out of it every year.

Thank you again this year for another brilliant show. [My daughter] loves being part of the whole performance and this is absolutely because of you and your staff. We couldn't be happier being part of CBCC and can't wait for next years Peter Pan show.

Thank you also for all the understanding and words of encouragement you have given her over the year... While I have no real aspirations for [my daughter] in dance, it is something she loves and gets a lot from. She now dance's from the heart on stage and her enjoyment and love shines though for all of us to see. Our move to your school... is why she still dances so I know that if she ever decides to stop dancing, it will be for the right reasons.

Both girls are excited about Peter Pan - and maybe I am too... ;)

Thank you to all who took the time to write. These testimonials are a culmination of the year's work and make the ride we call 'show time' even more worthwhile.

With much appreciation,  
Lorraine Bennett