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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware Thomas Acres Public School are offering new dance group opportunities for students in Years 1 – 6. Due to this, there will be a restructure of how dance operates at TAPS this year. The restructuring involves the renaming of the original 3-6 Selective Dance Group which will now be known as 'Cheer Group' for Years 3-6 and opening up a Dance Group alongside this for students in Years 1-6. These two opportunities serve two different purposes but allow for more students to participate in dance within the school:

Cheer Group

Cheer Group is a selective program for Years 3-6 run by Mrs Phillips and Miss Tuerlings. It provides the opportunity for students to perform at Campbelltown Football Stadium during a live game of NRL Football, as well as at school events such as CAPA Afternoons, special assemblies and end of year celebrations.

This program has a limited number of spots due to the legal requirements when taking students outside the school. The Cheer group will select a **maximum of 24 Stage Two students (Year 3 and Year 4) and 24 Stage Three students (Year 5 and Year 6) and will run on Thursday afternoons from 1:55 – 2:55 (last session during school time).**

Students are required to **pay a fee of \$20** if successful in the selection process in order to cover the cost of pom poms for each student for the day of the performance, as well as cover the cost of a shirt for the students to wear on the day and keep as a memento. Students will also be required to be **available on a Sunday** to attend the event and **parents will be required to drive their child to the event, purchase a ticket and remain at the football and meet teachers after the performance to pick their child up.**

It is expected that students who have auditioned for this group are committed to attending the outside of school event. Dates will be confirmed closer to the day and further information will be provided in regards to this day.

Dance Group

Dance group is being offered to students from Years 1 and 2, as well as students in Years 3-6 who are unsuccessful in auditioning for Cheer Group or are unable to attend the Cheer group event. This group will be run by Miss Moisy and Mrs Ballard. The Dance group aims to provide students with an opportunity to build their dance skills, confidence and self-esteem, as well as perform at school events such as CAPA afternoons, special assemblies and end of year celebrations.

There is **no payment required** for this group and it will be run **before school at 8:10am on Thursday mornings.**

Please Note: Depending on the numbers and interest of Years 3 – 6 students who aren't successful or aren't able to attend the out of school event requirements for Cheer Group, we may open up a second group on Tuesday mornings, but this will be confirmed once numbers for the group are finalised.

Mrs Phillips, Miss Tuerlings, Mrs Ballard and Miss Moisy are very excited to be providing these opportunities for students. With the restructuring of the dance groups, our aim is to cater for the large interest that students have shown during the early auditions this year and we hope that students are looking forward to participating in dance in one of the options on offer this year.

Mrs Phillips, Miss Tuerlings, Mrs Ballard and Miss Moisy
Dance and Cheer Coordinators