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TERM ONE 2018

The beginning of Term One has been a strong start to the year, with new dancers coming on board. I welcome everyone pursuing the beautiful art form of belly dance with an open heart, and look forward to seeing you blossom. I also thank all of the dancers who are continuing in this empowering form of dance.

With events, workshops and even a new baby in our troupe, 2018 is taking shape into an amazing year for the Bellydance Academy Gold Coast.

In Light & Love, Shira xx

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Shira - Director of Bellydance Academy Gold Coast/ Sheherazade Belly Dancing



Diamonds of the Desert, Robina



Dreams of the Desert, Helensvale

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day had a busy night in store for Katherine and I. The Indian Empire Restaurant held a special Valentine's Day night where I performed, while Katherine took my Wednesday night class. The restaurant was buzzing with many couples enjoying their night out together, with fine dining and entertainment. I would like to thank Miss Katherine for taking the class, and all the girls who attended.





DINNER IN DAMASCUS

Dinner in Damascus is an intimate and unique evening to treat all of your senses and create memories, forge friendships and be a part of raising funds for a local Brisbane organisation helping resettled Syrian Refugees in Queensland.

This event will be on the 16th of March at the Al Medina Restaurant, and the Stars of the Sahara will be performing to support them.

Dinner in Damascus has been organised by one of the Academy's beloved dancers, Jovana. This event has happily overreached its full booking capacity. We look forward to updating you on this event in the March Newsletter.



We would like to congratulate Amy Graham on the birth of her second child, Evie, and wish her son, Robbie, a happy second birthday. We enjoy the visits of Robbie and Evie when they come to classes with Amy.



FEATURED DANCER - KATHERINE VERNON-LEE

The talented & inspiring Katherine has been belly dancing since 2004, and this year we are proud that she celebrates her 10th year at the school. I have had the privilege of watching her grow over the years as both a professional performer and teacher of belly dance, and she has contributed much to the belly dance community.

Katherine loves the Tribal Fusion genre of belly dance, and often incorporates this into her performances, as well as classes as a sub teacher for the school.

Katherine regularly attends belly dance workshops. Last year, she had the wonderful opportunity to participate and perform at the Wollongong Belly Dance Festival 2017, where she learnt from international master teachers.

She is greatly admired for her enthusiasm and creativity, adding that extra spark to our classes and troupe performances.



My early morning business presentation in February for Business Network International, at Arundel Hills Country Club

BEHIND THE VEIL WORKSHOP

Our popular "Behind the Veil" workshop is all about... YOU. Expressing your goddess energy and learning to manifest your true beauty whilst exploring your sensuality through enticing and fluid movements in dance, with a beautiful chiffon veil.

For more information, visit the Behind the Veil event page on the Bellydance Academy Gold Coast Facebook page.

Date: Saturday 24th March, 2018 Location: Southport Masonic Centre; 76 Nerang Street, Southport, Queensland.

Cost: \$67 Prepaid by 18th March \$87 from Monday 19th March



Our raffle prize for the Behind the Veil workshop.

TERM TWO CLASSES

We are now taking bookings for term two classes, beginning Monday 16th April to the 21st of June.

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