

CANVAS BAG DRAMA



Newsletter Term 3 August 2019

Our **CANVAS BAG THEATRE PERFORMANCES** are fast approaching. Please make sure you follow all the instructions below appropriate to the group you are in.

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Performances take place over 2 nights and each class performs **twice** on **only one** of these nights as detailed earlier and described below.

CLASS	DATE of PERFORMANCE	TEACHER and ASSISTANTS	REPORT TO DRESSING ROOM AT:
Thursday Thumbelina 5-7 years	FRIDAY SEPT 20th	Annabel/ Felicity	4 pm
Monday Starfleet 7 –9 years	FRIDAY SEPT 20th	Gina	4.15 pm
Tuesday Quangle Wangle 9-13 years	FRIDAY SEPT 20th	Annabel	4.30 pm
Monday Thumbelina 5-7 years	SATURDAY SEPT 21st	Gina	4 pm
Thursday Starfleet 7 –10 years	SATURDAY SEPT 21st	Felicity/ Annabel	4.15 pm
Wednesday Quangle Wangle 9-13 years	SATURDAY SEPT 21st	Chelsea	4.30 pm

On both evenings:

The first performance commences at 5pm and the second at 7.30pm.

ALL PERFORMERS MUST ARRIVE IN DRESSING ROOMS AT THE TIMES SHOWN ABOVE. THIS IS TO ALLOW TIME TO WARM UP, MAKEUP AND DRESS UP. AFTER PERFORMING, CHILDREN CAN JOIN THE AUDIENCE TO WATCH THE OTHER PLAYS.

Each performance lasts about 1 hour. Performers need to be taken away from the theatre for a snack in between, **KEEP YOUR DRESSUPS ON PLEASE!** (there are plenty of eating places in Merivale and Papanui), but they must be back in dressing rooms at 7.15 pm for retouching makeup.

Each group is allotted a dressing room to which they report to at scheduled times. Supervision is by the group's tutor.

THEATRE LOCATION: The Theatre is situated on Merivale Lane. It is the same room we rehearse in.

DRESSUP: Performers will select their preferred outfits during class time around week 7/8 of term. Some additions in the way of teeshirts, leggings, small props may be required from home. Tutors will tell you these details. If you would like to help the tutor with selecting dressups and helping with wardrobe, please speak to the tutor next week. **We require parent helpers with wardrobe for Thumbelina and Starfleet classes. Please make yourselves known to the tutor next week if you can assist.**

MAKEUP: This will commence at 4pm for the first group. A professional makeup artist is employed but we also require some parents. Makeup for each show is designed ahead of time and it's only a case of following the pictures under supervision!

HAIR: We ask that parents do their own child's hair. Your tutor will have ideas for this but this is the time to get into the mousse, the gel, the fluro colour sprays, the ribbons and anything else that fits that nature of the story.

TICKET SALES: Online sales only through Patron Base at Rangī Ruru. A link for these will be emailed to all parents at the beginning of September. You have the choice of either a 5pm or a 7.30 performance. If you choose the latter then you will still need to collect performers from dressing rooms for grazing and watering at around 6pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for accompanying children, plus a standard booking fee. These monies go towards the cost of hire of venue for the week, lighting and sound technician, front of house, staff and props. **In order that the performers can be heard and appreciated by the audience we respectfully request that you do not bring babies.** Please DO ask extended family members and friends. This will be a good fun occasion.

SECURITY: For this reason only designated parent helps should remain in the classrooms after dropping children off. Please respond graciously and comply if you are asked to leave a classroom - this is part of our contractual obligation to Rangī Ruru School.

DRESS REHEARSALS:

These will take place the week commencing 16th September. It is **ESSENTIAL** that students arrive 15 minutes early to change into costumes in the foyer, and to allow for a full rehearsal that starts on time. Younger performers will be kept in the foyer at the conclusion of this rehearsal until parents arrive. Performers will be shown their dressing rooms at this rehearsal also. No parents to enter the theatre during the dress rehearsal unless by prior arrangement with the tutor.

FINALLY a big congratulations to all students and tutors who have worked so hard to produce the shows in the Performance Evening. A feast of creativity, imagination and energy with six exuberant original plays! Remember, this evening belongs to the performers, what really counts is the participation and enjoyment of the students. We look forward to seeing you all there!