



CANVAS BAG DRAMA

NEWSLETTER June 2017

**Term 2 ends 6th July. Term 3 starts 24th July**

**In Term 3 we can't wait for . . .**

## CANVAS BAG THEATRE

Our annual performance evenings involving all classes from the drama school will be held next term in The Theatre at Rangi Ruru. Classes and tutors are now deciding themes and scripts, casting and workshopping.

Dates are at the end of this newsletter.

The excitement begins!

Here's what you can expect to see on stage!



## **MONDAY THUMBELINA**

"The bell birds are worried they will freeze in their nest. Who will save them from the fierce southwest wind?"

The term three play for the Monday Thumbelina class is based on a charming story that the children enjoyed in class, rewritten with New Zealand creatures and plants.

Ruru and Kiwi have come to meet at the Old Kauri Tree where they discover ways of helping all of the creatures of the forest to fight the bitter cold wind, who, to make matters even worse, has come down with a nasty cold. In the auditioning process, the children participated in group role plays where they performed the different characters in the book. The children are then asked to choose their three preferred character choices.

***Last class for the term: 3 July***



## **MONDAY STAR FLEET**

Tangaroa, Tane Mahuta, and Tumataenga - the gods of sea, forest and fishing are very powerful. Can they teach Kahukura how to be really wise? The term three play for the Monday Starfleet is based on the Maori legend of Kahukura and the Sea Fairies.

Kahukura has had an inspiring dream where he is led by the gods to the place where the sea fairies fish. Using his wisdom and cunning he is able to trick the sea fairies, and bring prosperity to his people. Students perform various role plays as the characters of the book and devise some scenes also. Then they choose three parts that they would prefer for their choice. ***Last class for the term: 3 July***



## **TUESDAY QUANGLE WANGLE**

We are making up an event based around characters who think THEY are THE hero being upstaged by delightful others. The story involves twin Princess cats, a Shapeshifter, a Dragon, a Travelling Banana, a Soldier, a Sheep, a Know-it-all Adult, a Sword Warrior, a Bunny, a Ninja, a Superhero and a Little Girl with a pull-along T-Rex.

The plot (maybe there is not much of a plot)! thickens... or at least the complications do.

***Last class for the term: 4 July***

## **WEDNESDAY QUANGLE WANGLE**

There is a King who suffers what many parents suffer, the disdain of their beloved elder daughter. There is a Dragon who loves treasure and hates knights on horses. Then there are the villains of one kind and another — the Werewolf Assassin, the Evil Mouse, the Villain Villain and V. I. V. (the very important Villain). As well, there is a Unicorn, the Rebel Twins, a Comedian, a Bear, a Secret Agent, a spoilt-brat, younger sister Princess plus two other characters yet to be revealed in this new script in the making.

***Last class for the term: 5 July***





## THURSDAY THUMBELINA

How do you make an impossible dream come true? In the Navajo legend of Jumping Mouse you simply have to put one paw after the other and begin the journey. Along the way Jumping Mouse encounters all sorts of problems which she deals with by responding

primarily to the needs of others, with scant regard for her personal safety. Children loved getting to know North American landscapes and creatures, and this play will use ensemble skills to deliver the rich dialogue. After extensive workshops, children chose the part they wanted, giving me a first, second and third choice from which to make the final casting. ***Last class for the term: 6 July***

## THURSDAY STAR FLEET

We explored stories from Greek mythology and because everyone in the class wants a main role — we strung three stories together in order that everyone has a chance to shine. Arachne the spider girl, Echo and Narcissus, and Arion the Dolphin will give everyone a chance to be centre-stage. Casting was a little complex because everyone wanted to be Echo! However second and third choices, and even the creation of entirely “new” non-verbal characters; a mirror and a harp, have ensured that everyone is happy! ***Last class for the term: 6 July***



## **Canvas Bag Theatre Production Week 18 – 21 September**

Performances are **22 and 23 September**, and each class performs on ONE of these evenings as scheduled below.

There are two shows, approx. an hour long each, the first at 5 pm and the second at 7:30 pm.

A \$15 surcharge is added to all Term 3 accounts. This covers expenses in connection with additional premises hire, lighting technicians, props, makeup, and health and safety compliance.

### **ONLINE TICKET SALES**

This year all ticketing will be done online through Patron Base.

There will be NO DOOR SALES!

We will be using the portal available through The Theatre at Rangi-Ruru school, which will be available from the beginning of September. A link will be emailed to all parents. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

All information about this will be available nearer the time!

### **Groups performing on Friday 22nd are:**

Thursday Thumbelina, Monday Star Fleet, Tuesday Quangle Wangle

### **Groups performing on Saturday 23rd are:**

Monday Thumbelina, Thursday Star Fleet, Wednesday Quangle Wangle

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