All the Nitty Gritty Details
and FAQs for Arts a Go Go Production Week
Sunday 15th November – Sunday 22nd November 2026

Summary

Everything from 15th -22nd November is at Lower Hutt Little Theatre.

You committed to this schedule back in June. Nothing has changed.

The theatre schedule replaces normal classes. No classes at The Spot.

It is costumes every time.

Hair and makeup are only needed for the final dress rehearsals and shows, unless you want to practise it earlier. You have been sent an email with what is required. You do this at home. Parent contacts of those who have offered to help have also been sent.

For the rehearsals, please arrive in time for the beginning of the rehearsal as scheduled, unless you are wearing a mic and your time will be given.

For shows, arrive one hour before the start of the show. If you are wearing a mic, please arrive 90 mins before the start of the show. **HOWEVER**, please keep the show morning free in case you are called in for fix-ups. You will be told the night before if this is the case.

Students must sign in and out each time they are at the theatre. They must wait for you inside the foyer for safety reasons.

For urgent matters, please message Nikki Martin, rehearsal desk manager 0211840277
Ticket enquiries are managed directly through iTICKET: support@iticket.co.nz

Frequently Asked Questions and Questions You Didn't Know to Ask!

What days and times does my child need to be at the theatre for rehearsals?

A copy of the production week schedule is below. Nothing has changed from the commitment that you signed up to in June, and these must take priority over any other activity.

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

(All arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup.)

Who is needed and when?

9am-10.00am: 3.30pm Weds Drama class
10.00am-11.00am: 4.45pm Weds Drama class
11.15am-12.15pm: Monday Junior Combo Class
12.45pm-5.00pm: 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes
5.30pm-6.30pm: 6pm Weds Drama class
6.30pm-7.30pm: Advanced Drama class
7.30pm-8.30pm: Musical Theatre class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER
Technical Rehearsal
(Please arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup.)

Who is needed and when?
3.45pm-4.45pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama class
4.45pm-5.45pm: Monday Junior Combo Class
5.30pm-6.30pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama class
6.30pm-7.30pm: 6pm Drama Class
7.30pm-8.30pm: Musical Theatre class

Please note, those who are wearing mics might be called earlier.
This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER
Technical Rehearsal
(Please arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup.)

3.45pm – 7.30pm: 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes (Joseph: 1st of 2 techs)

Please note, those who are wearing mics might be called a bit earlier.
This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping

WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER
Technical Rehearsal
(Please arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup.)

3.45pm – 7.30pm: 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes (Joseph: 2nd of 2 techs)
7.30pm – 8.30pm: Advanced Drama class

Please note, those who are wearing mics might be called a bit earlier.
This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER
Dress Rehearsal for Show B "Colour & Shine": 3.45pm-7.30pm
Show B performing (Costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early to be ready on time, unless you have an exam.)
Student Audience: Show A is watching as the audience. This is compulsory unless special permission is sought to miss it.
Student audience arrival time is 4.30pm and pizza for those who have ordered it will be delivered soon after. Regular clothes for the student audience. Link for the audience to order pizza is below. Student audience can be picked up at 7.15pm. (all going well!) Younger student audience members can arrange with the front desk to leave earlier if need be.
Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering or chaperoning a child by arrangement.
Pizza link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/TGKaGT50JJ
(Orders close 7pm Tuesday 17th Nov)

FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER
Dress Rehearsal for Show A "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" 3.45pm-7.30pm
Show A performing (Costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early to be ready on time, unless you have an exam.)

Student Audience: Show B is watching as the audience. This is compulsory unless special permission is sought to miss it.
Student audience arrival time is 4.30pm and pizza for those who have ordered it will be delivered soon after. Regular clothes for the student audience. The link for the audience to order pizza is below. Student audience can be picked up at 7.15pm. (all going well!) Younger student audience members can arrange with the front desk to leave earlier if need be.
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SHOWS SATURDAY 21st and SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
Please note: The evening shows start at different times on the Saturday and Sunday
Show A is 11am combo & 1.30pm combo "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
Show B is 3.30pm drama, 4.45pm drama, 6pm drama, advanced drama, Weds musical theatre, Monday junior combo
You will be told the night before if you are needed for any last minute fix-ups on the morning of the shows.

Saturday 21st November	**Call Time (Please also keep the morning free in case you are called for any last minute fix-ups.)**	**Saturday 2.00pm**	**Saturday 6.00pm**
Show A Joseph	**Arrive 1.00pm (or 12.30pm if mic'ed)**	**Show A performs and is then picked up.**	
Show B Color & Shine	**Arrive 5.00pm (or 4.30pm if mic'ed)**		**Show B performs and is then picked up.**
Sunday 22nd November	**Call Time**	**Sunday 2.00pm**	**Sunday 6.30pm**
Show A Joseph	**Arrive 5.30pm (or 5.00pm if mic'ed)**		**Show A performs and then older students help with packout.**
Show B Colour & Shine	**Arrive 1.00pm (or 12.30pm if mic'ed)**	**Show B performs and is then picked up. Older students should come back after Show A to help with packout.**	

What about carpooling?
I will put parents in touch with others who indicated on their form that they would like to help or needed help with transport.

Do I sign my child in and out?
Yes. There is a desk set up in the foyer of the theatre managed by Nikki Martin and parent volunteers. (If they are old enough, they may sign for themselves.) The children then go to their dressing room and wait there quietly until they are called.

Can my child wait for me outside at the end of each rehearsal?

No. For safety, they must wait for you inside. (Some flexibility with older teenagers.)

Can parents and grandparents watch the rehearsals?

No. The rehearsals are "closed rehearsals" unless you are helping. You are very welcome to let me know if you can help.

Will my child have breaks to eat when they are rehearsing and performing?

There isn't usually a set break time, and students will eat when they have downtime. Please pack a large lunch box of healthy snacks, food for dinner and water to sustain them for every rehearsal and on show days. Students must bring a dressing gown or large buttoned shirt to wear over their costume when eating.

What dressing room is my child in?

We have helpers showing them where to go.
Dressing Room 1: 3.30pm drama girls, 4.45pm drama girls, 11am combo girls
Green Room: Monday junior combo girls, 6pm drama girls, Adv drama girls, 1.30pm combo girls
Dressing Room 2: quick changes
Dressing Room 3: All boys
Dressing Room 4: Office & Radio mics

What does my child do while waiting in the dressing room?

Please send your child along with quiet games, activities, colouring in and devices. (They are responsible for these items) The children will be supervised. (We need more helpers please, so please contact Rachel if you can volunteer.)

Can I go into the dressing room to help my child get ready and/or stay with them?

No. There are parents and senior students assigned to supervise and help your child get ready. For security and safety reasons, this is strictly enforced. Those who are helping will be wearing a security pass. If you would like to help, please contact Rachel as we need more volunteers in this area.

Can I still hand in raffle money and buy more raffle tickets at the theatre?

Yes! Please hand these in at the front desk. Please look out for the silent auctions too.

Dress Rehearsals call time for performers is 3.45pm and that isn't enough time after school to get into costume and do hair and makeup. Can they be late?

No. For this special event, can you please ask your child's teacher if they can leave school early this day to allow enough time to get to the theatre ready in costume with hair and makeup done on time. Students with NCEA exams can arrange a later start with Rachel. We aim to finish rehearsals on time, but please know that sometimes we have to run over.

How long is each show?

Show A (Joseph) is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes plus interval. Show B (Colour & Shine) is approximately 1 hour 40 minutes plus interval. At the end of each show on Sunday, there will be thank yous and the raffles will be drawn, so do allow extra time for this.

If my child is performing in more than one show, can they stay between shows?

Yes they can, or you can choose to take them away and have them back in time for their next call. (Please sign them out if they are leaving.) There will be no food provided for between shows so if they are staying, they must either bring their own or you can drop them something down.

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When is the raffle drawn?

Gift basket prizes will be drawn at the end of each Sunday show. Please also take a bid on our silent auction items. The winning bidders will be contacted in the week following the show.

What do I do if I have a child with me who starts making a noise during the show?

If little ones with you start crying or calling out during the show, we ask that you please take them away from the theatre until they are settled. The performers on stage have worked really hard and it can be distracting for them and hard for others to enjoy the show. It also makes filming and video editing more difficult.

What happens once the performers have finished their show for the day?

After the child's final show for the day, they will return to their dressing room to make sure it is tidy and collect their belongings to take home. The children will then meet you in the foyer and will sign out. (Please do not go backstage into the dressing rooms.) Please don't leave behind anything, including costumes, unless you have been told to. Students cannot leave part way through a show and are part of the curtain call at the end. After the final show, we would love as many parents and students as possible to help with packing out the theatre.

Costumes and accessories, should I leave them behind after the final show?

No. Unless you have been told otherwise, please take the costume home. These must be returned on Costume Return days. Instructions will be given to you about whether to wash the costumes or not.

Can I get a video of the show?

Videos are in the form of a digital link that you can watch or download on your device, computer or TV etc. The cost to purchase the digital video is $45 and you will receive both Shows A and B for this. Payments can be made into the show account for the video any time from now on and need to be clearly referenced with your child's name and the word "video". Please allow up to 4 weeks after the show for the video to be ready. There is to be no other filming or photography in the theatre of any sort, including on cell phones. Please note: costing is based on friends not just ordering once and sharing. We rely on honesty.

Can I get photos of the show?

This year, these will be taken by photographer Bentley Stevenson. In 2026, everyone will be sent the photo link! There is not going to be a separate photo payment this year, as we are trialling a new system and in 2026, this will be covered by Arts a Go Go.

What if I have volunteered to do a job?

If you have volunteered for a job, you will soon receive a roster. It's not too late to volunteer, particularly for supervision and packing in and out of the theatre. Please report to the parent manager at the front desk when you arrive. They will give you a pass and tell you where to go. Thank you!

What if my child is sick during production week?

There is truth in "the show must go on", but parents are to be the judge as to whether their child is too sick to perform. Good hand, cough and sneezing hygiene is essential. Certainly, feeling tired or just not feeling like going to the theatre, can never be an excuse as absences impact everyone on and off stage. For urgent matters, please text Nikki Martin on 0211840277.

Thank You!

Thank you very much for your support. We know having your child involved in shows like this is a lot of work on your part. At Arts a Go Go the process is just as important as the final product - rehearsing hard, learning performance etiquette, being part of a show backstage and practising teamwork is a huge part of this life experience. We hope you love the shows and seeing your children perform on stage as much as we do. We could not do these shows without all of your help.