

The 2018 SHOW

COMMITMENT

NOTICE

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the Arts a Go Go! 2018 Show.

“Another World”

(Seussical Jr and Worlds Beyond)

Key things:

The show date is Saturday 17th November at Lower Hutt Little Theatre.

The week before the show there are compulsory rehearsals at the theatre set out in the schedule attached.

Class time rehearsals begin in term 3. If you enrol for term 3, you are also committing to attending in term 4.
You cannot just attend term 3.

A serious commitment is required to attend all classes in term 3 and 4 before the show, unless there is an illness, something important that is prearranged that you have notified me about or a family emergency.

Are you going away? Does your child have school camp? Is your child in another performance in the same week? Do you have difficult child care arrangements or transport problems?

Does your child have exams?

PLEASE TALK TO ME NOW. I CAN TRY TO MAKE IT WORK.

The Lower Hutt Little Theatre rehearsals in particular must take priority over other activities, such as sports, music lessons and birthday parties. It not only affects the confidence of your child if they miss class and theatre rehearsals, but also the confidence of the other children around them as they try to learn lines, manage props and remember stage directions and blocking.

We try to keep a balance between overloading families and children with lots of extra practices, and also producing a show that we can all be proud of. We therefore do the majority of rehearsing during normal class times. Our shows have a very strong reputation for quality but equally for the joy that students get from being part of the process. Please note: There are some extra rehearsals for the Upper Hutt combo classes this year because of the nature of doing a Broadway Jr show.

**If you lose a notice or want to double check something, please see
www.artsagogo.co.nz/current-show-information-for-parents-and-performers**

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE COMMITTING?

The 2018 Arts a Go Go! show is made up of **short plays** (performed by the Wednesday drama students), **Irish dancing** (performed by the Irish Dancing students) and **a musical** (performed by the Upper Hutt 11am and 1.30pm combo classes combined). *This year, the Tawa class will be doing their own showcase in Tawa.*



Your child is in the musical section of the show: Seussical Jr

This is a one hour version of the Broadway musical "Seussical the Musical". We have paid for the rights and show kit to do Seussical Jr. You will recognise a blend of many Dr Seuss stories and characters in this musical. The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whos, including Jojo, a Who child who gets in trouble for thinking too many "thinks". Horton faces a double challenge--not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Tickets and Fundraising

Tickets go on sale later in term 3. Ticket income does not cover all the costs associated with putting on our show. Arts a Go Go! does not aim to make a profit on its shows, with much time volunteered. To cover costs, we will be running extra fundraising and applying for grants. We very much believe in the show's worth, as I know parents do too from all the feedback we get, but there does need to be help from parents and an additional fee to make it possible. Our major fundraiser is the raffle, and details will come out about that next term.

Show Fee

As well as the normal term fee, there is an **additional show fee per child to be paid in term 4. The show fee for the Seussical Jr cast is: \$50.** This helps cover extra costumes and accessories, The Broadway Jr Show Kit, make-up, hair products, thank you presents, holiday rehearsals and other miscellaneous show costs. (Other costs including lighting, sound, venue hire, set, props, printing and staff are covered by ticket sales, grants and fundraising.)

Volunteers

An email will be sent next term asking for volunteers. There are all sorts of exciting jobs to do in theatre work and we appreciate your help very much.

Costumes

A costume notice will be emailed with items that you may have to find, mainly from home, \$2 shops and second-hand stores. Some costumes for Seussical Jr will be ordered online or bought at shops on your behalf and if your child's costume is one of these, the cost will be kept under \$45 for you. We have started collecting items which we will costume some children in. You will be notified of a date for costuming. If you are interested in helping with Seussical costumes, we would love to hear from you now.

Reading the Rehearsal Schedule and Notices

Please carefully check the theatre schedule and this notice before committing your child to be in the show. I'd appreciate it if you could please do your best to refer back to this notice, the schedule, emails and other notices before contacting me, particularly when close to the show. If you lose any information, you can find it on the special show page on our website www.artsagogo.co.nz Coordinating a show of this nature with around 120 children is exciting but not easy. Please look out for extra emails and facebook posts during this time. (You can join our facebook page if you wish to at www.facebook.com/artsagogo) Communication is always emailed, with really important things being given in hard copy too. A week or two before the show, there is a "Final Details" notice sent home with all the details for the smooth running of the production week.

Extra Seussical Rehearsals in both the July and October School Holidays

The Seussical Jr cast has some extra rehearsals in the holidays:

1. Singing Rehearsal for ALL CAST Saturday 21st July 1pm-4pm @ The Spot
2. Rehearsal for ALL CAST Thursday 11th October 11am-4pm @ The Spot
3. Rehearsal for ALL CAST Friday 12th October 11am-4pm @ The Spot

Labour Weekend

All Saturday classes continue over Labour Weekend.

Term 4 Combined Seussical Rehearsals

On the Saturdays in Term 4 leading up to the show, there will be some combined Saturday 11am class and 1.30pm class rehearsals. We will notify you of those closer to the time. They will run 11am-3.30pm.

Other

Some students may be needed for extra rehearsals after class on Saturdays and on Thursdays. This will be arranged with you individually.

The Rest of the Term 4 after the Show is Over

A timetable will be sent for Christmas Parades and Arts a Go Go! Parties and Prizegivings.

The Production Week Schedule and Commitment Form to Sign are Below

PRODUCTION WEEK 2018
COMPULSORY THEATRE REHEARSALS AND SHOW DAY
ALL AT LOWER HUTT LITTLE THEATRE

Please Note: A lot more details are given closer to the time in the "Final Details" notice.

***SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

A change from previous years: **you will place your costumes in dressing rooms this day**

Who is needed and when?

9.00am – 10.30am: Irish Dancers

10.30am-3pm: Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

3.30pm-4.30pm: 3.30pm Weds drama class

4.45pm-5.45pm: 4.45pm Weds drama class

6pm-7.00pm: 6pm Weds drama class

7pm-8.30pm: Advanced Weds drama class

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

*** MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER**

Pack-in Day (Teachers, Crew and Parent Helpers)

Technical Rehearsal 1

Time: 4pm – 8.00pm

Who is needed?

Some students will be called. (They will be notified closer to the time.)

***TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 2

Who is needed and when?

4pm-7.30pm Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

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

***WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 3

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm-4.45pm: 3.30pm drama

4.30pm-5.30pm: Irish Dancing

5.15pm-8pm: 4.45pm drama, 6pm drama and Advanced drama (all together)

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

***THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 4

Who is needed and when?

3.45 – 6pm: Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

6pm-8.00pm: Call backs (please keep this time free in case your child's scene is called back)

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

***FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER**

Dress Rehearsal (but no hair or make-up)

Who is needed and when?

3.30pm-8.00pm: ALL

(Young cast members may be able to leave earlier by prior arrangement. Please check with Rachel)

Note: Please ask your school teacher if your child can leave school early the dress rehearsal day so that we can start in costumes bang on 3.30pm. Parents are able to stay for this rehearsal if they wish to.

***SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER: Show Day** (Shows 2.00pm and 6.30pm. Students do both shows.)

Who is needed? ALL

Time: Students arrive at **11.00am** and stay with us supervised all day until the end of the final show. Fish n Chips can be ordered for tea. Hair and make-up is done by parent volunteers. It is a super fun and exciting day for the kids.

2018 Show Commitment Slip

Please complete and return this slip to your child's teacher
or please email it to rachel@artsagogo.co.nz by **Saturday 23rd June**

Child's Name: _____

will be attending Arts a Go Go! in terms 3 and 4, 2018.

Please tick 

Parent

We have read all the information and dates given and can commit to the show requirements as stated in the show commitment notice.

If you find reading difficult, I do ask that you contact me in confidence and I will be more than happy to talk through the details of this notice with you.

Child

Parent(s) Name: _____

I have concerns about my child attending class or rehearsals on these dates during terms 3 and 4 (eg, school camp, exams, being overseas, medical):

My contact cell phone number is _____

(Please advise if this changes before the show as we keep a record in case we need to contact you while at the theatre.)

Is there anything we need to know about your child medically while we are at the theatre? (PTO)

Signed _____

Date _____

Car Pooling (Please complete only if you would like to be put in touch with other parents to car pool to theatre rehearsals or are willing to help others.)

I would like help getting my child to the theatre. yes / no

I can help others with transport. yes / no

My email for passing on to other parents is _____

The school my child attends is _____