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Dear Parents,

Listed below are important times/dates and reminders for you to keep close at hand.

1. Costumes should all be at school ready to go as of today!
2. Wednesday 12th August from 9-11am, we will be taking a group photo of each class, in their costumes, for the concert program. (Any costume coordinators or backstage costume helpers that have a spare morning, could you come in and help the classes put their costumes back after their photo)
Once the programs are finished, each family will get one sent home with the youngest child. Extra ones can be bought from Penni or Sharon in the Arts Centre Foyer on each concert night for a gold coin donation.
3. Thursday 13th August is a full dress rehearsal for all students and it will take place at school at 11:30-1:15. You are more than welcome to come and take photos of your child/ren while they are in their costume and/or dancing. Photos/videos are not permitted to be taken in the Arts Centre.
4. Tuesday 18th August is a full day of rehearsals at the Arts Centre. All students will travel by bus to Mildura and will spend the day there. Please send enough food and drink for the day. They will be bringing their school bags with them. Students can bring iPods/ipads/activities/games if they wish but are responsible for them and their care. There will be a lot of sitting and waiting so we are happy for students to bring them and use them responsibly. Under no circumstances will they be allowed to take photos of anyone.
5. Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th are the concert performance nights.
DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD/REN: Your child will need to be at the Mildura Arts Centre between 6-6:30pm. You can bring them as early as 6pm, but **NO LATER** than 6:30pm as the concert will start promptly at 7pm. All actors and Grade 4/5C students will need to arrive at 6pm or soon after. You need to drop your child off at the back of the Art Centre at the door with the ramp in front of it. You can drive your car to the back car park, to drop them off.
6. **PICKING UP YOUR CHILD/REN:** If you are not watching, your child will need to be picked up by 9pm both nights. The concert will finish at approximately 8:30pm, but all students will need time to get out of their costume and back into their clothes. (All costumes will stay with us, even after the last performance we will sort them all out and send your costumes home asap)

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An adult will need to sign your child/ren out both nights.

If your **child's** surname begins with the letters **A-E**, you can pick them up from the **Arts Centre foyer** (where you enter to watch the show).

If your **child's** surname begins with the letters **F-O**, you can pick them up from the **back roller door** (out the back 20 meters from where you dropped them off)

If your **child's** surname begins with the letters **P-Z**, you can pick them up from the **back door exactly where you dropped them off.**

7. Your child will be very tired throughout this experience so please try to avoid any extra late nights leading up to the concert. We know it's a lot, especially for the infants, but it is worth it!
8. We will be videoing the concert and copies will be available for order for approximately \$25 each. No videoing or photography is permitted during the performances.
9. Unless you are rostered on to help you will not be allowed backstage. It can become a safety issue if we have too many people in such small spaces. There will be at least 2 adults and 1 teacher assigned to your child's class.
10. Your child will need to come to the Arts Centre dressed in comfortable, easy to get in and out of clothes and footwear on both nights, as their costumes will remain at the Arts Centre after both performances. Your child's costumes will be returned to them in the week after the concert. They will not be able to go home in costume. Please make sure the clothes your child comes in are clearly labelled, as we will have over 280 outfits and over 560 costumes to look after.
11. If you think your child will need a snack and drink, please send them with a water bottle and a small snack on each performance night. They don't need to bring any devices to the performances, as they won't have time to play with them because they will be very busy performing.
12. Please read the back of this note for shoe and hair detail, as each class is a little different. There will also be a helpful checklist you may like to use.

Come and see me anytime, if you have a question.

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Listed below is a checklist you can use with your child to help with concert organisation.

| Job | Done |
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| Costumes sent to school | |
| Organised appropriate footwear for each item. Prep/1/2s don't any shoes for their dances. Grade 3/4/5/6s have shoes on stage. | |
| Concert tickets purchased | |
| Returned permission note for dress rehearsal | |
| Electronic device for Tuesday 18 th full dress rehearsal day at the Arts Centre. (Students are responsible for own device) | |
| Organised to have child/ren at the Arts Centre between 6- 6.30pm both nights | |
| Know hairstyle for concerts and Wed 12 th for photos (see next page) | |
| Drink bottle and snack organised for performance night | |

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HAIR

All girls will need to wear their hair tied back in a neat, pony tail or braid unless told otherwise below. **Boys** to wear their hair neat **unless told otherwise below**. All students will need to wear their hair this way for both concerts and to school on Wednesday 12th August, as we will be taking photos for the program on this day.

Prep R – Pig tails or similar

1T - 2 side buns, but leave enough space behind their ears for a headband to sit. (Princess Leia-Star Wars!)

2J – **Boys & girls:** Messy hair of any sort, you can use hairspray etc if you would like.

2D – Low ponytail as all students will be wearing a hat

3C & 3D – Pig tails with or without plaits or just 2 side plaits (cowgirls)

4/5C – Hair curled or made extra special any type of way. (They are the opening dance)

SHOES

Some classes require different shoes for their 2 items. Please ask your child to explain if you are unsure. Remember they need to be suitable to dance in.

ACTORS - Black slip-ons, ballet flats, sneakers, jazz shoes or canvas sandshoes for acting.

Prep P, Prep R, 1T, 1F, 2D & 2J – Bare feet, no shoes needed for performing. But all students must wear comfortable shoes to & from the Arts Centre.

3C & 3D – Boots or sneakers for their cowboy dance. Bare feet for their second item.

4V – Bright sneakers or similar for both items

4/5C – Bare feet for first dance. Bright sneakers or similar for second item.

5/6G – Black or white sneakers or similar for first dance. Bright coloured sneakers or similar for second item.

5/6S – White/black or grey converse shoes or similar and girls the same or sparkly/nice flat dressy shoes. Bright coloured sneakers or similar for second item.

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