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From the Primary School

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PRODUCTION WEEK and PERFORMANCES

Dear Parents,

With our final rehearsals under way and our costume team finalising their amazing creations, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" is shaping up to be an amazing musical! The cast and crew are very excited as we begin to count down the days to the performance.

There is quite a lot of information you and your child will require for Production Week, which will commence from next Monday 7 August (Week 5 of this term). All the information you require is below. As always please feel free to email me if you require clarification for any of the following information:

(A) PRODUCTION WEEK

The whole cast will be rehearsing at the J in Noosa on **Monday 7, Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August**. Transport will be provided for your child on these days. The following schedule will occur for these rehearsals and transportation:

Monday – leave school at 10.00 am and return to school at 2.50 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday – leave school at 8.10 am and arrive back at 2.50 pm

Thursday – leave school at 8.10 am and arrive back at school by 1.00 pm

The buses will be leaving from the *top drop off area* on all 4 of these mornings. On **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**, please ensure your child arrives no later than **8.05 am** in plenty of time to board our buses. Cast members should make their way straight to the bus at the top drop off area and not their classroom on these 3 mornings. Mr Robert Paterson and Mrs Tiana Mercer will be taking a roll as your child boards the bus. Mrs Candy Elley and one of our GAP students will also be accompanying the cast to the theatre. Mr Ben Dean and Ms Heather Swift will meet the students at the J.

On these four rehearsal days, cast members are required to wear their black 'Chitty' T-shirt with a pair of dark coloured long jeans or leggings and their school runners. Children will require morning tea, lunch and water Monday – Wednesday (morning tea required for Thursday) and can have lunch at school on Thursday. These should be packed inside their school excursion bags. Please ensure your child does not bring any electronic equipment or money to the theatre.

We have obtained a list of all medical requirements for each cast member, however, if your child requires an EpiPen, inhaler or other medication, please contact me so that we can make arrangements for your child.

Thursday Dress rehearsal

Please ensure your child brings along any costume items that have not already been left in our costume room for our final dress run on **Thursday 10 August**. At this time, the children will leave all costume items at the theatre unless they are required to be worn for school the next day.

(B) PERFORMANCE NIGHTS

These are held on Thursday 10, Friday 11 and Saturday 12 August. The following information concerns important points for these three performance nights.

Hair and Make Up:

Please see the attached letter regarding your child's hair and make-up. All cast members including boys are required to wear make-up. Cast members should arrive at the theatre with hair and make-up already complete, unless otherwise discussed with Ms Swift.

Arrival:

Cast members should arrive via the stage door (please see the attached map of the J) no later than **5.15 pm** on show nights. The stage door will be open from 5.10 pm if your child wishes to arrive earlier. All cast members should wear their black 'Chitty' T-Shirts with jeans when entering or exiting the theatre. This not only identifies cast members to our security and back stage staff, but also ensures a standard of dress. Any footwear may be worn to evening performances including runners, school shoes, or other flat closed in shoes.

All costume items including cast T-shirts, school shoes and shirts if required, should be clearly named and brought along each show night.

Parents are not allowed back stage unless prior arrangements have been made with Ms Swift. If this is the case you will be given a back stage pass on your arrival.

Please note: Only children wearing black 'Chitty' T shirts and adults wearing back stage passes will be allowed back stage at any time. Your child will not be allowed to leave our back-stage area until the end of the performance. This includes the interval, so please pack a healthy snack and some water for your child during this time. Some suggestions for snacks include sushi, sandwiches, banana, apple, muesli bar, cheese and crackers. Please do not send along items that may potentially drop on to our costumes such as oranges, strawberries, yoghurt, soup, juice or cordial. Please also consider that some students are allergic to nuts, so avoiding nut products would be appreciated.

Children should have their own green bag which is easily identifiable to them (a hair clip or ribbon works well). This will be used to place their costume items and day clothes into. As mentioned in the costume letter in Term Two, girls should wear bike pants and a black singlet to ensure they feel comfortable changing in front of others.

Departure:

You should collect your child from the stage door at the end of our performance. We will not allow any cast members to leave our back-stage area without an adult. Please allow time for your child to hang their costumes and collect their belongings after the performance has ended. Approximate finishing time for our cast members is **9.15pm**. This may be slightly later on the Saturday evening due to our acknowledgements.

And finally... I hope you have your tickets!!! All three nights are sold out so it is sure to be a superb atmosphere on each performance night!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Primary Musical. It has been an incredible journey and we are about to see all the hard work put in by our cast members pay off.



Ms Heather Swift
MUSICAL DIRECTOR