

# WAKAKIRRI

Performing Arts - Wakakirri Story Dance 2024

Newsletter – 9 August, 2024



**Show Date – Friday 23 August**

Frankston Arts Centre: 7.15pm – 9 (approx.)

Dismissal – 9-9.30 from the dressing rooms

## **Our Story: The Magic Faraway Tree**

Children visit the Magic Faraway Tree. The Land of Magic and Birthdays are both fun but in the Land of Detention they are thrown in the school jail. How will they escape?

1. Children visit lands above the Magic Faraway Tree
2. The Land of Magic
3. The Land of Birthdays
4. The Land of Detention
5. Children are thrown into the school jail
6. The Great Escape

## 7. Celebration

Key Message: Your imagination can open up many worlds

Behind the scenes stories: This is the first time that St Leonard's primary school have entered. The team have been very excited to perform for the school, the families and even the preps for 2025.

Festival Motif – Belonging: St Leonard's used the "Belonging" motif to our rehearsals. Our students all belong to the team. As such, they help, support and care for each other. Students have taken on the teaching of dances to other students and appreciated the unique gifts and talents that each member brings to the team.

Why this story: St Leonard's primary school performed "The Magic Faraway Tree" for our 2024 concert. We picked our favourite lands and re told a different version of the story. We want to remind everyone of the importance of story telling, reading and using your imagination.

Puppet Play: To encourage the students at St Leonard's to improve their story telling abilities and tap into their imagination, the Wakakirri team are offering "Puppet Play" twice a week for any interested students.

## **Wakakirri Story Dance at Frankston Arts Centre What happens on Friday 23 August?**

Costume bags will be at school

Wear: Sports uniform and runners

Long hair: Pony tail, pig tails or bun (as per your group)

Bring:

- Dance shoes if not in costume bag
- Hair brush and hair tie (long hair)
- Deodorant
- Moisturiser and face wipes (if needed)
- Book to read for quiet time
- Food and drinks (as below)
- A warm jacket
- Bag (does not need to be a school bag)
- Medication

Food and drinks:

- 2 water bottles
- Morning tea

- Lunch
- Afternoon tea
- Snacks

(Food needs to be easy to eat and please provide more than they will need)

Staff: Cathy Ellis, Anthony Adaman, Bianca Campi (PM)

Parent helpers: Tina Sasso, Melanie Harper, Helen Babic (PM)

Lighting: Justin Harper

Transport (after the event): All available (I will be in touch with details)

8.45am: Students go to their classroom for morning attendance

9am: Meet in the function rooms (community centre)

9.00 – 10.30: Rehearse

10.30 – 11.00: Eat

Bus will arrive at 11am

Load the bus and drive to Frankston Arts Centre

Arrival at Frankston about 11.45

Unload props

Meet with Wakakirri Staff

Eat Lunch

Get into costumes (no make-up)

### **1.15 – 1.45: Rehearsal on stage**

2 rehearsals with lighting and all props

During this time, the judges will watch and offer suggestions

1.45 – 4.00: Get out of costumes and back into sports uniforms, Watch other schools rehearse, Rest time, Eat

### **4.00 – 5.00 – Hair, make-up and costumes**

5.00 – 7.00: Professional Photos (these can be purchased)

Students read and rest

7.00: Pack up and be ready for the show

### **7.15: The Show begins**

We will find out the order of the show late afternoon. I will send a text message to families when we are notified.

9.00pm (approx.): Show ends

9.00 – 9.30: Students get out of costumes, pack up

Parents collect from dressing rooms and go home.

It is always really busy while all parents are trying to collect their children. We will wait 10 - 15 minutes to avoid the congestion. Parents – don't rush. We will just relax backstage and enjoy the last part of the evening.

**Parents helpers to transport props.** Please take them home and bring to school when convenient and leave in the Performing Arts room.

**Schools performing:** Clyde Secondary College, Hallam Primary School, Keysborough Secondary College, Mount Dandenong Primary School, Somerville Primary School, St Leonard's School

**Contacting Cathy Ellis:** It is not normal practice for teachers to give mobile phone numbers, but my situation is different as I run my own Performing Arts school and my number is readily available. I can be contacted either through the school email or on this number via text message.

**Cathy Ellis – 0416 040 120 – Text Messages only**

Many thanks,  
Cathy Ellis









