



# PRODUCTION NEWSLETTER

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## Still going ahead, despite any lockdown.

Most importantly, please know that 'Mind Games' will be performed by students, in Term 4, regardless of lockdowns and restrictions.

As announced several weeks ago, we have moved away from a traditional stage performance, as this is highly unlikely to be able to occur. Rather, we are preparing for all students to perform 'Mind Games' in a movie format, filmed at school during Term 4. We have other contingency plans as well, in case they're needed.

The students have put so much work into preparing to perform Mind Games. We will ensure that this preparation is rewarded with a performance and that the school community has a further positive experience to look forward to.

## Video trailer of Mind Games, for those who haven't yet seen it.

We have become aware that there are some families who haven't yet seen the 'trailer' we have produced for 'Mind Games'. Please see the links previously distributed on Flexischools and Facebook to view this if you haven't done so already.

## “Scripts down” for all cast members.

Our Grade 5/6 students (and a few younger students also) have been working hard to memorise their lines and cues. Last week, we announced to the Grade 5-6 students that we are now rehearsing ‘scripts down’, or in other words, without using scripts at all.

This is a big step, and a vital one for an effective performance. It takes trust in yourself to make this transition, and we have seen many of our students take that ‘leap’. It has been a privilege to witness the personal growth that has come from this.

## Please keep costume items in mind. Due date TBA.

With lockdown continuing for an unknown length of time, we understand that families may not be able to source costume items at this time.

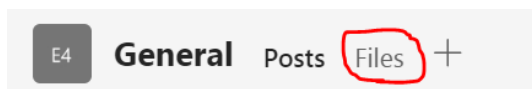
We do ask that families please bear in mind items that will be needed for costumes, finding or obtaining these items for their children as opportunity arises.

Once students are back at school, we will advise the school community of a due date for all costume items to be at school.

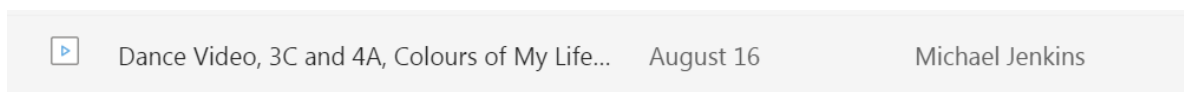
Details about costumes went home to families in July, via Flexischools. We have become aware that some families missed this information one way or another, so we will distribute the same information again shortly.

## Videos of Dances can be accessed online.

All classes have a video of their dance item available. This can be downloaded from the ‘Files’ section of Microsoft Teams, as shown here:



*In your child's class' Teams account, press on 'Files' at the top of the screen.*



*Search through the list for a file entitled “Dance Video...”. Right click, download, and use at your leisure.*

## Wellbeing activities for cast members

For our Grade 5-6 Main, Intermediate and Minor cast members, we are running several 'Well-being' activities to help raise comraderie, build confidence and help prepare them for performing in front of a camera.

The main cast members put in a big effort on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, participating in their online 'Evening Workshop'. This started at 4:00pm and, with different groups coming and going, concluded at 9:00pm. We are very proud of all their efforts and how much they have progressed.

The intermediate and minor cast have 1 hour well being workshops scheduled for this Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. We are eagerly looking forward to this. For the Grade 5-6s involved in the 'Drama Ensemble', we will be meeting with them, in a similar fashion, early in Term 4.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

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Thank you to everyone for your support. Despite COVID and lockdowns, we are looking forwards to show-casing our student's talents with the whole school community.

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