



NEWSLETTER

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PRESENTATION DAY IS COMING!

"WHAT DID YOU DO AT DRAMA TODAY?"

We often hear parents ask this of their children as they pick them up after class. The responses are varied, from "Lots!" to a full run-down of each aspect of the class! However, parents sometimes tell us that their child is not very forthcoming with details of all the work they have participated in. This is perhaps because each lesson is filled with a variety of activities that are both energetic and dynamic, and children often don't have the energy to relive it immediately after class! Try asking them later that evening, or even the next day, and they may be ready to talk about their activities in class.

So, What Have Students Been Up To In Class This Term?

We Can't Wait To Show You!

In Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, we will be inviting family and friends of all **PRIMARY STUDENTS** to a special "Presentation Day". Students will be showing an interesting cross section of work covered in classes this term. It is an ideal time for you to see various units of work in action, and for your children to show you some of their achievements so far this year.

Please feel free to bring along any friends and family who may like to see the classes in action. (The presentations will be shown during the **LAST 35 MINUTES** of each class.)

Children are also most welcome to invite their school teachers to attend.

(Youth Theatre students do not present a mid-year presentation for parents. Instead, they cover a wide diversity of material during the year, and concentrate on performance in our year end shows in Term 4.)

Details of Parent Day Presentations in **Primary classes** are as follows:

ACADEMY WEEK 9

Friday 28th June

Kalamunda

Saturday 29th June

Mundaring

(Class starts at 10:30 – 11:30am to allow time to set up. Parents arrive at 10:55am please.)

ACADEMY WEEK 10

Monday 1st July

Swan View

Tuesday 2nd July

Dianella

Wednesday 3rd July

Forrestfield

Thursday 4th July

Morley



In all cases, **CHILDREN ARRIVE AT NORMAL CLASS TIMES**, and audiences will be invited in to **ATTEND** the **LAST 35 MINUTES** of class.

Please diarise this very **special occasion**. Children and their teachers are looking forward to having you in class!

Term 2 Information



Western Australia Day Public Holiday Classes

Although **Monday, 3rd June** is the Western Australia Day Public Holiday, **CLASSES WILL BE HELD AS USUAL!** As Primary children are working each week towards their presentation, it would be appreciated if every effort could be made to attend on this public holiday, so that the class does not fall behind! Thank you for your co-operation.

Drop-Off & Collection of Students - Reminders

- As our teachers are **not able to supervise children** outside of the classroom, when delivering your children to class, **please remain with them** in the foyer or entrance until the teacher is ready to bring them into the room.
- If someone other than a child's parent or guardian is collecting them at the end of class, the class **teacher must be informed**, in writing. To make this easy for everyone, each teacher has a "Signing Book" on the table, just inside the door. When children are being dropped off at the beginning of class, parents or guardians can use the Signing Book to let the teacher know if someone different will be collecting their child that day. This is as simple as filling in the child's name, the name of who is collecting them, and a signature. We understand that in some cases, it is not always possible to do this as some parents do share lifts. In this case, please inform us once, in writing, the names of adults who will be collecting your child from class. The teacher can then store the information permanently in the Signing Book.
- If any children have permission to ride or walk home without parent supervision, please **inform us, in writing**, so that our teachers can also store this information in the Signing Book.
- As you also hear each week, we ask **children to remain in the hall** with their teacher, if their parents have not yet arrived to collect them. Please remind your children of this rule when you bring them to class each week!



Thank you all for your co-operation. ☺



"I Need To Go To The Toilet!"

Parents, we request that you encourage your children to **go to the toilet before and after class**, as it can be quite disruptive to the lesson if they need to go part way through! If children do visit the toilet during lesson time, they are sent in pairs, which also means that two children are missing part of the activity! Thank you all for your help in this matter. ☺



Community News

Recently, our five Academy Principals ran some fun drama workshops for children and teenagers who were involved in the Cancer Council Relay for Life. This was held at the Challenge Stadium over the weekend of 13th and 14th of April and was attended by some very special people fundraising for Cancer research. We were very proud to be involved in the entertainment side of things and loved working with the young children involved. Well done to everyone who participated!

"Have A Go Day"

On Sunday 14th April we participated in the "Have A Go Day" organised by the City of Bayswater. This was a fun morning held at The Rise in Maylands with many groups represented from various clubs and organisations. It was very exciting to be involved in allowing community members to "have a go" at our drama activities and let them know how fantastic our classes are. We are looking forward to the next event in September this year at the Morley Sports and Recreation Centre and we hope to get some of our students who are currently enrolled to help out at this fun event! A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped on the day. ☺ Stay tuned for more information for the next event!

WEBSITE, BLOG AND FACEBOOK

Don't forget to regularly check out our **Blog** with all things Academy in it. This is where we post class photos, newsletters and other important info. Check it out at:

www.helenogrady.net.au

If you are a fan of Facebook, don't forget to become a fan of our Academy **Facebook page!**

www.facebook.com/helenogradyp Perth

Our Blog and Facebook page includes news, photos, competitions, important dates and lots of other information. Please "like" us, or become "our friend" today so that you can keep up with all the news!



AWARDS!

For the second year in a row, we have been nominated in the What's On 4 Kids Junior Awards! Thank you so much to the families who nominated us - what great feedback! We would love now to receive enough votes to become finalists again this year in the category of **Best National School Age Activity**.

To vote for us, visit:



<http://www.whatson4littleones.com.au/awards-voting-2013.asp>

Voting closes on 28th May at 5.00pm, so please don't leave it too late to cast your votes!!!



DRESS UP DAYS

As we are having Presentation Days at the end of the term for our Primary students, and will begin working on our Improvisations to be presented in a few weeks' time, we are fitting in one more dress-up, as follows:

Week Beginning Mon 27th May - Lower and Upper Primary classes will be involved in an Improvisation set in a Lolly Shop! Children should wear bright colours/stripes and could tie ribbons etc around themselves!



Presentation Day (see front of Newsletter for dates)

- **Lower Primary** classes will be presenting an Improvisation set in a bakery. Teachers will let children know a few weeks before if they need to dress as a baker (hats, aprons, etc), or a Cookie person (bright colours, spots, stripes, wigs etc).

- **Upper Primary** classes will be presenting an Improvisation set in a Hawaiian Hotel. Children to wear Hawaiian style clothing (the Academy has plenty of leis and grass skirts that can be borrowed!)

