



NEWSLETTER

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“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 class in greater detail!

PRESENTATION DAY IS COMING!

In Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, we will be inviting family and friends of students in our **Primary Classes** 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 their achievements.

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 30 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 ►

<u>ACADEMY WEEK 9</u>	<u>ACADEMY WEEK 10</u>
Monday 24th June Canning Vale	Monday 1st July Spearwood
Tuesday, 25th June Thornlie	Tuesday 2nd July Bull Creek
Wednesday 26th June Willetton	Thursday 4th July Atwell
Friday 28th June Applecross	Friday 5th July East Fremantle
Saturday 29th June Kardinya	

IN ALL CASES, CHILDREN ARRIVE AT NORMAL CLASS TIMES, AND AUDIENCES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE LAST 30 MINUTES OF CLASS.

Please diarise this very special occasion. Children and their teachers are so 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 consideration.

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!
- As all of our teachers are busy people, and often have other commitments after class, **it would be appreciated if children could be collected promptly after 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. 😊

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 will include news, photos, competitions, important dates and lots of other relevant 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 our 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 the presentation 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 an Hawaiian Hotel. Children to wear Hawaiian style clothing (the Academy has plenty of leis and grass skirts that can be borrowed!)

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!

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

For every full year attended, our students receive an Achievement Certificate. These are presented at the end of Terms 2 and 4 for Primary students and at the end of Term 4 for Youth students. The following students are due to receive their certificates at the Presentation Day. **If for any reason you believe your child should be receiving a certificate, and his or her name is not on the list, please phone our office, immediately!** To avoid disappointment on the day, if your child is not due a certificate this term, please explain to them when they will receive theirs! (Either at the end of Term 4, or at next year's Presentation Day.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

APPLECROSS

Izac Thong	1
Georgia Bennett	1
Jonathon Leech	1
Sasha McDonnell	1
Sophia Stiles	1
Colton Lauder	2
Benjamin Stoner	3

YRS

CANNING VALE

Joshua Fomison	1
Melody Moorman	1
Alexandra Pascoe	1
Nicholas Smith	1
Shwetha Rajkumar	2
Samantha Shenton	2
Naveen Nimalan	4

YRS

THORNLIE

Tiarne Turley	1
Bonnie Ward	1
Emily Parks	2
Ashanti	
Harrington-Gordon	2
Carmen Coules	2
Elizabeth Gallaway	3
Joseph Beets	4

YRS

ATWELL

Alisha Kok	1
Larah Roberts	1
Anja Bosanac	2
Maddison Gill	2
Chloe Davis	2
Luke Day	2
Amber Thomas	3
Sharnee Miller	3

EAST FREMANTLE

Finn Grieve	1
Jasper Prestage	1
<u>KARDINYA</u>	
Vincent Miragliotta	1
Sharni Crouch	1
Jacob Parkes	2

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WILLETTON

Ella Donnes	1
Kristine Singh	1
Chloe Arbel	1
Stephane Migui	2
Megan	
Chow Li Xian	2
Vienna	
Spencer-Jones	2
Roisin Beesley	4

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BULL CREEK

Caroline Loach	1
Emily Brown	1
Aaron Crawley	2
Leah Crawley	2
Sophia You	2

SPEARWOOD

Rhiannon Da Luz	1
Elizabeth Rumble	2

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