



## Whole School Production - Madagascar Jr. Thursday 27 October

### **Rehearsals**

On Thursday 27 October, the whole school will attend the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham during the school day for a dress rehearsal of our school musical, Madagascar JR. **It is important that all students attend this rehearsal so they are familiar with the backstage of a working theatre prior to the evening shows.**

**Students in Grades 3 to 6** will leave school at approximately 9:30am, and travel by bus to the Cardinia Cultural Centre. On arrival we will complete a technical rehearsal, break for lunch, then students will take part in a full dress rehearsal and return to school by approximately 3:00pm.

**Students in Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2** will leave school at approximately 11:30am and travel by bus to the Cardinia Cultural Centre. On arrival the children will have a lunch break before taking part in a full dress rehearsal and return to school by approximately 3:00pm.

Children are asked to bring their snack, lunch and a water bottle - there will be no canteen on this day.

All students will return to St Johns by approximately 3pm. This information has also been provided in Operoo with permissions required before Monday 10 October.

### **Evening Performances**

On Thursday 27 October students will take part in two evening performances of our whole school production, Madagascar JR. at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham. **Show times are 6pm & 8:30pm. All students MUST be dropped off at the theatre between 5:15 - 5:30pm.**

**Asthmatics/Allergy/Anaphylaxis & other medical:** Personal spacers and ventolin, epipens and medications held at school for students will be taken to the evening performances as with a daytime excursion.

**Students with prescribed medication to be taken in the evening** will need to provide this medication and consent to administer - please indicate on the Operoo form if this is the case for your child and you will be contacted by the office.

## Please note the following to ensure the night runs smoothly:

### Drop off of students:

- All children must meet their teacher in the main foyer **between 5:15 – 5:30pm (NO LATER than 5:30pm).**
- Students will remain under the supervision of their class teacher and other school staff throughout both the 6pm and 8:30pm shows and in between - **Please note:** parents will not have access to students during this time.
- If your child is being collected by anyone other than parents please advise your child's teacher when you drop them off.

### Meals/Food students must bring:

- Students should have a small meal prior to being dropped at the theatre.
- Snacks - please send your child with a selection of snacks ie. Cheese & biscuits, vegetable sticks, biscuits, fruit (grapes, cut apple etc).
- Dinner - please provide your child with a meal to be eaten between shows ie. Sandwich, wrap etc ***Please note: we are not able to heat meals for students and parents are not able to drop off meals to students.***
- Water - Please ensure all children have a full water bottle - please no soft drink or coloured drinks.
- **WHAT NOT TO SEND - Please do not send lollies, chocolate, yoghurt, soft drink/cordial, fruit that can drip onto costumes etc.**

### Collection of Students after final performance:

- The final performance will conclude at approximately 9:45pm, children are to be collected from the **stage exit at the outside rear of the building** once they have gathered their belongings. Ushers will direct you to the stage exit.
- **Please be patient with this process and note the following to assist us to get everyone home as quickly as possible:**
  - The doors will remain closed until we are organised and able to oversee the collection of students
  - Please send **one representative per family to collect students to avoid crowding the area.**
  - **Full details of the collection process will be shared to all families early next week.**

**Emergency contact during the evening:** If you must contact school on an urgent matter in relation to your child during the evening please call 0409 981 653.

## **Costume requirements:**

**Backstage crew** – All black clothing and black closed-toe shoes (Please wear this to school on Thursday 27 Oct and to the theatre for evening performances.)

**Grades FD, FW, 1/2B, 1/2O, 1/2H, 3/4M and 3/4K** - Black leggings, pants, skirt or shorts to be worn (Please wear this with your school top and school shoes or runners to school on Thursday 27 Oct and to the theatre for evening performances.)

- (Coloured t-shirts and all other costume items will be provided by school and remain at the theatre.)

**Grade 4/5M** - Casual Clothing (School uniform to be worn to school. Bring casual clothes to school on Thursday 27 Oct. Evening performance - wear casual clothes to the theatre. Please note: Shoes must have a closed toe ie. runners)

- Students in 4/5M (with the exception of some Grade 5 students) play members of the general public, visiting a zoo and catching a train. Clothing that is comfortable and easy to dance in would work best.

**All other students in Gr 5 & 6** have specific roles and will have full costumes provided by the school (School uniform to be worn to school on Thursday 27 Oct. Night performance - casual clothes including shorts and singlet to wear under costume.)

**Please ensure personal clothing items, including footwear are clearly labelled.**