



7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## PRODUCTION UPDATE

### 'MAUI AND THE GENIE'

Preparations for our school production for 2020, 'MAUI AND THE GENIE', are well underway. Lead characters are working hard to learn their lines, classes are practising their items, costumes are starting to be put together and Whaea Rangi has started painting our backdrop today.

Of course, we know that we are living in uncertain times, and changes in alert levels along with rules around gatherings, may affect the way we organise this year's production. We are hoping to be back at Level 1 by production week, and that the organisation and seat availability will be as outlined below.

If we are still at Level 2, with a gathering size of 100, we still plan to go ahead with the production, but with limited audience capacity. We will keep you updated and ask for your patience and understanding.

We have included some information below for 2020's production organisation that will hopefully answer any questions you might have.

## PERFORMANCE DATES, TIMES & VENUE

**You must phone the office to book your seat. Seating is limited to 100 people only (if still under Alert Level 2)**

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 21st September	Matinee: 11am	Kura
Tuesday 22nd September	Matinee : 11am	Kura
Wednesday 23 September	Evening: 6pm	Kura

Please note that the Wednesday evening performance starts at the 6.00pm. We have decided to keep all tamariki with speaking parts at school to relax, unwind and have dinner with us. After dinner we will have time to get their makeup and costumes on before the show. NB: We will ensure that the parents of these tamariki are all contacted prior to the show.

All other tamariki will be sent home on the bus to unwind and relax before the evening show. All children will need to be back at school by 5pm for makeup and costume fitting. Class teachers will let you know what time your child needs to be at school and what time they can be collected after the show.

**All students are expected at all performances.**

If, for some reason your child/ren are not going to be present, please let their class teacher know as soon as possible. We realise that it is quite a tiring week for students so we will be allowing longer breaks during the day for them on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

This year, each class, will perform for a portion of the performance. Our Kapahaka team will be performing an item before the show.

### **PERFORMANCE ORGANISATION**

1. Before performances, students need to report to their classrooms for costumes and makeup.
2. During performances, students stay in their classrooms until they are called for their item.

They will have the opportunity to watch the full performance at our dress rehearsal.

3. After performances, all students will return to their classrooms and will wait to the end of the show. They will then be called back to the stage for their encore as a whole school.

After the encore, tamariki will then return to their classrooms and can be collected from classrooms.

**FREE ENTRY – There is no cost for entry into our production,  
it is a gift from our students to our whanau**

### **PRODUCTION VIDEO**

We are in the process of arranging to have the performance filmed. Is there any whanau member willing to do this for us? If so, please contact me at school as soon as possible, thank you. We were hoping to have the video edited by some of our senior students as part of their digital technologies programme, and digital copies will be available for sale in Term 4.

This is our first school production in 15 years and it is a highlight for all of us. For some of our year 8 students, this is their only production here at Whangamarino School, and it is a fitting way to show leadership before they head off to secondary school.

Thank you for supporting our tamariki and helping to make this a fantastic experience for them.

Nga mihi

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