

'ON WITH THE SHOW' CIRCUS COSTUMES

Preparations are well underway for our 2017 Circus Production 'On With The Show'. An important part of any performance is costumes. It has been fantastic listening to the children discussing the kinds of costume they would like to wear. Included in this notice are some suggestions to assist you and your child to pick the perfect costume as a performer.



Children are encouraged to assemble their own costume and as the holidays are approaching, we thought it would be a great opportunity for students to begin thinking about and sourcing their costume. You do not have to go out and spend lots of money, costumes can be whatever you make them. Below are some guidelines for students' costumes:

- Brightly coloured, outrageous clown clothing that clashes badly!
- Clowns are not known for their sensitive or tasteful sense of fashion.
- The sort of clothing you WOULD NOT normally wear down the street.
- Suggestions include; stripes, checks, bold or fluoro colours, funny hats decorated with flowers, fruit or other funny stuff, big bow ties, oversized baggy clothes, tights/leggings.
- Dress-up boxes, Op Shops, as well as your friends and family may be good sources of funny costume materials.
- Some children may even be able to get a clown or circus costume made up by a parent or grandparent with sewing skills. Though this looks good, it's often more exciting and fun, as well as less expensive, to make your own costume cobbled together from odds and ends with creativity and imagination.
- Avoid clothing: in black, brown or other dark colours, with any visible writing or logos, that reference characters not in our circus e.g. Batman, Hawaiian tourist etc.

If your child is in a stilt routine, the school will supply this costume which they will use just for that routine. Please be aware that if your child is a part of the gymnastics routine they will need to make sure their costume is secure with no dangling/loose parts due to the movements required. Children need to keep in mind how comfortable their costume will be during their performance.

During the week of Monday 14th August, Miss Ruscitti will meet with all year 5 and 6 students individually to see how they are going with their costumes. During this week we ask students to bring their costumes in, show some photos or have a note provided from a parent describing their costume. This provides us with a clear understanding of their costume as sometimes student descriptions don't do them justice.

The two performance nights are Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September. Within the first few weeks of Term 3, your child will be informed about which night they will be performing on. Depending on numbers for some of our skill groups, some children will be performing both nights. Keep an eye out early next term for ticketing information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your class teacher or Miss Ruscitti.

Thanking you,
Miss Ruscitti and Year 5 and 6 Teachers.

