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Information Letter School Musical 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are pleased to open the expression of interest period for all Year 4-6 students who are keen to be a part of our 2026 School Musical – **Porridge!** Please find key dates and important information below for your consideration and family discussion prior to the official sign-on day on Friday 6th Feb. Our Hilder Road School Musical is a much-loved experience that we are very proud to be able to offer, however it is a large commitment. Please take into consideration all the information below before deciding if it is the right fit for your family.

Performance Dates

We are thrilled to be returning to the beautiful **Joigny Theatre at Stuartholme School** for our performance this year. The musical will consist of **1 technical rehearsal** and **3 performances** across the dates of **Saturday July 25th – Sunday July 26th**. Please note all students will be required for the **FULL** day/evening on both **Saturday AND Sunday**.

Interschool Sport

At Hilder Road we are fortunate to be part of the West District Friday afternoon Interschool Sport program which offers students the opportunity to select a Friday afternoon activity to partake in such as soccer, netball, orienteering etc. To enable us to have the show ready for performance, participating students are required to choose the musical as their selection for Friday afternoon sport. This allows us a solid block of in-school rehearsal time throughout Term 1 and 2.

Rehearsal

In addition to Friday afternoons, the musical commitment does extend beyond the interschool sport calendar. As such there will be some outside school hour rehearsal required. All students will need to be available for rehearsal from 1pm – 5pm on the following Sundays:

- **Sunday 7th June**
- **Sunday 14th June**
- **Sunday 21st June**
- **Sunday 12th July**
- **Sunday 19th July**

(We may not require ALL these times. Should we be running ahead of schedule, these will be reviewed and potentially reduced at a later date.)

We also run rehearsals on a **Wednesday afternoon** after school for some selected students. These additional rehearsals work on a rostered basis for the larger speaking roles. Students wishing to be considered for larger roles should expect that they will likely be required for some Wednesday afternoon rehearsals and ensure that this is possible. These are likely to begin in **Week 4, Term 1** on **Wednesday afternoons between 3:15 – 4:45pm.**

We understand that many of our students have outside school commitments and do our very best to accommodate these where possible, however we do ask for parent support in ensuring your child understands the need to uphold their commitment to being part of our school musical **before** they decide this is the right choice for them.

Cost

While all Friday interschool sport activities incur a cost, the musical fee is slightly higher to accommodate all that goes into staging a full-scale production. The fee for musical participation this year is **\$150 per student**. This includes a **COSTUME LEVY** due to the character specific nature of the show. As costume items are unlikely to be things students already own we will be providing the bulk of costumes this year. (Some small wardrobe items may be requested such as jeans, joggers etc.) This amount also makes up our musical budget which goes towards microphone hire, script printing, props and sets, moving costs for performance weekend and live streaming.

This will also include a 2026 Hilder Road Musical T-shirt for students to keep and wear to school on a Friday as well as across performance weekend and any additional promotional performances.

We are so excited to embark on this adventure with our students. We aim to provide a wonderful and meaningful experience which will stay with them for years to come. Next Friday, all students will be asked to finalise their Friday afternoon sport selection. We hope this gives you a good overview of the musical commitment if this is the oath your child is wanting to take. Any questions, concerns or clarity needed, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs Harrison via the contact details below.

We look forward to having you along for the ride!

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