

SPOTLIGHT

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Term 2 Semester 1
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Fridge File

Production Dates

- *Hinterland (Senior Play) (in rehearsal)*
Friday 1 June to Saturday 9 June
- *Pinocchio (in rehearsal)*
Monday 9 July to Saturday 18 August
- *Elf Jr The Musical*
Monday 1 October to Saturday 3 November
- *Disney's Sleeping Beauty Jr*
Saturday 24 November to Saturday 8 December

Elf Jr The Musical

- Production Information Meetings
Sunday 3 and Monday 4 June 2018
- Auditions: Sunday 17 June
- First rehearsal: Friday 29 June

Disney's Sleeping Beauty (Kids)

- Production Information Meetings:
Sunday 19 and Monday 20 August
- Auditions: Sunday 26 August
- First rehearsal: Friday 7 September

Special Events

- *Junior Theatre Celebration (JTC)*
 - Auditions: Sunday 1 July
 - Parent Meeting: Sunday 29 July
 - JTC event: Friday 26 & Saturday 27 October
- *So You Think You Can Act Monologue Competition*
 - Year 2 to Year 6: 6.00pm Sunday 29 July
 - Year 7 to Year 12: 6.00pm Sunday 5 August
- *Singing Recital*: Thursday 1 November
- *CONDA Ceremony*: Saturday 1 December

Theatre Term 2 School Dates

- Monday 30 April to 25 June
- Tuesday 1 May to 26 June
- Wednesday 2 May to 27 June
- Saturday 5 May to 30 June

YPT General Meetings (3rd Tuesday each month)

- Next Meeting: 7.00pm Tuesday 19 June at the theatre
All parents & carers are welcome.

Parent & Student Production Information Meetings (refer Fridge File)

YPT provides detailed information about productions so that families can make an informed decision before committing to a production. Meetings are scheduled prior to auditions for each production. Two meetings are convened - one on an afternoon and the other in the evening – families need to attend one meeting only. Attendance at a Production Information Meeting is an **audition eligibility requirement**.

From the President.....

Welcome to Janene Fox, Natalie Peattie and Katie Heath who have joined the Management Committee. Thank you for accepting the challenge!

The Sparkle and Shine Concert was, once again, a huge success with 140 performers entertaining two very full houses! Thank you to all involved.

Congratulations to Mikala Boyd, winner of the 2018 *YPT Remembers Reuben Scholarship*. The scholarship, presented on Friday 27 April at the *Sparkle and Shine Concert*, is open to application by Year 6 students.

Congratulations to Taylor Reece and Shoba Alexander, who received the 2018 Arthur Boswell Award. Taylor and Shoba, who have demonstrated outstanding commitment over many years, are worthy recipients.

The Office remains as busy as ever but, with the imminent release of the YPT website and the revival of Skoolbag, we are hoping that technology will start to distribute some of the information we have been providing by email and phone.

Enrolment Forms will be posted over coming days. If you don't receive your enrolment forms within 10 working days, please email the Office. If you have changed your address and not told us, your enrolment form will not find you! Please read the covering letter and note that there has been a slight increase in fees.

Deadline for Semester 2 enrolments: Saturday 30 June

Monica Skehan, President

YPT Skoolbag Relaunch

A communication hub for all theatre school notes and dates

YPT has relaunched Skoolbag! Many of you will already be familiar with Skoolbag as many schools use this App. Skoolbag is an App you can download on your mobile device. It will give YPT families quick access to:

- Theatre School Notes including rehearsal schedules
- Events Calendar including performance dates + cast
- Term start and end dates

We are asking all parents and students with a device to download the Skoolbag App. Instructions as follows:

1. Go to App Store and download *Young People's Theatre Newcastle Skoolbag*
 2. On your phone turn Notifications to 'On' for this App
 3. Access Notes and Events information at anytime
- We encourage you to check Skoolbag before emailing the office. You will find many of your questions answered and you may get the information faster. Please contact the office if you have any feedback or questions. We want to ensure our families can access information easily.

Katie Heath, Office Assistant

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Claire's Corner

Welcome back to Term 2.

Thank you to our dedicated tutors who engage and inspire our students. We continue to have Waiting Lists for many drama classes as YPT proves to be more popular than we have vacancies in classes.

Some things to note:

- *Private Drama Tuition*: focussing on Years 2 to 5 will be held in August/September.
- *Musical Theatre Classes*: Monday for seniors and Tuesday for juniors at the theatre – some vacancies
- *Tap Dance and Jazz Classes*: between 4.00 and 7.45pm each Wednesday at the theatre – let us know if you are interested
- *Singing lessons*: you can view current vacancies and sign up for a lesson timeslot by going to the SignUp Genius Link <http://bit.ly/yptsingingleasons>

Claire Thomas, Principal

Artistic Director writes...

Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. has been a phenomenal success and I'd like to pass on my congratulations to everyone involved. I would hope this production serves as symbol for the power of stationary and highly conceptualized set design. Hinterland is coming up at an alarming rate and I appreciate the stress this is placing on volunteers; I will be taking this under review in future planning.

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the work that we do at YPT. With an ever-increasing office, it is important that we remind ourselves that our students are prospering in drama, dance, singing, advanced senior classes, technical theatre and in production roles. Our intention is to continue to provide these experiences, but we must consider the workload on our volunteers. I do not have a simple solution to this problem but ask that we all hang in there and try to automate as many processes as possible.

EOI's are currently open for 2019 directing teams. We have already had several responses from interested parties. These will be reviewed after the deadline for submissions, ie. June 1.

Aaron Taylor, Artistic Director

YPT Policies: keeping you informed

- *Audition Policy* eligibility criteria include attendance at a Production/Audition Information Meeting, 75% attendance record in Theatre School classes, appropriate behavior and participation in classes, and age and experience required for the role.
- *Theatre School Attendance Policy*: to maintain a place in class, students must maintain 75% attendance and appropriate participation in classes
- *YPT Dress Code*: students wear a YPT logo black T-shirt to classes, auditions and program photos
- *Theatre School Refund Policy*: unless special circumstances are demonstrated, fees are not refunded after the first three classes
- *Photography Policy*: taking photos or filming students engaged in YPT activities is not permitted
- *Working with Children legislation*: YPT employees (above the age of 18 years) and all volunteers are required to submit a Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) before engaging in YPT activities.
- *Safety Policy*: shoes are to be worn in the Theatre at all times; student in productions, parents, volunteers and employees are to sign in/out each time they enter and exit the buildings
- *Late Pick-up Policy*: parents who are late picking up their child from classes will incur a late pick-up fee. "Late" is defined as more than 15 minutes after the designated end of the class.

Box Office News

Tickets are on sale for our senior production, **Hinterland**, which opens on Friday 1 June. Suitable for high school age and above - why not organize your Book Club or other social group to come and have a great night out?

Thank you to the whole YPT community for their support of *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jnr*, another sell-out success. *Pinocchio* opens on 9 July - book online at ypt.org.au/book-online. *Elf Jr the Musical* and *Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids* tickets available soon! In response to demand for EFTPoS facilities in the Canteen, we have introduced a canteen voucher which is purchased at the Box Office via EFTPOS. Minimum purchase is \$10; vouchers will be available at each performance.

Robyn McLean, Box Office Manager

YPT Office & Box Office Hours

Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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YPT Ticket Policy

YPT has a 24 hour Box Office service!!

Ticket purchases may be made through the YPT website and Facebook (ypt.org.au)

Tickets must be paid for at the time of booking - this also applies to phone ticket sales.

Phone bookings can be made during Office/Box Office Hours using a Visa or MasterCard

Ticket Gift Certificates are available at the Box Office