

Year 5 Drama Open Classroom Event 2024

Dear Year 5 Parents,

We are excited to invite you to an *Open Classroom* event, a special occasion to commemorate the Year 5 boys' remarkable voyage into the world of shadow puppetry and storytelling. This exploration is a pivotal component of our Drama curriculum and unit titled – ***The Waves of Immigration to Australia.***

Throughout this unit, the boys have explored immigration, a vital feature of Australia's history and national identity. They began by exploring who calls Australia home, starting with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have lived on this continent for over 60,000 years and concluding with more recent immigration stories.

The boys have delved into oral and written stories through various drama conventions, all achieved through the Drama curriculum.

The decision to use shadow puppetry was inspired by its connection to the storytelling history of many cultures. The Year 5 boys have embraced this art form to combine their learning uniquely and engagingly.

The boys will participate in a workshop session with the internationally acclaimed Shadow Artist and Theatre Director, Dr Lynne Kent, prior to the open classroom session. Dr Kent's artistic focus on puppetry and contemporary visual theatre, and her collaborations with various prestigious institutions, will significantly enhance the boys' understanding and practice of shadow arts.

Please be aware this is not a rehearsed and polished performance. It is a unique opportunity for the boys to showcase their learning journey. Your son may not be a narrator, but he could be a puppeteer or have a non-speaking role. We strongly encourage you to initiate a discussion with your son about his role and to explore his learning journey with him, so that you can make an informed decision about attending the open classroom session.

We invite you to join us on **Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 11.15am** in the Junior School Assembly Hall to witness the boys' journey and celebrate their remarkable creativity and learning.

Please indicate your attendance at juniorschool@scotch.vic.edu.au

This will help to ensure available seating as other year levels may attend.

We look forward to sharing this special event with you.

Regards,

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