



Medical emergency: "Dr Warner" and "Dr Warmest", played by Ben Keno and Liam Edwards, attempt to revive shot pizza delivery guy, played by Sam Wilkes, in a *Shortland Street* takeoff.

Time for a great show

Beehive hairstyles, old television themes, lime green pant suits and sonic screw drivers.

Upper Hutt's Arts a Go Go's annual show held on November 12 at Lower Hutt's Little Theatre had it all.

The script, written by Arts a Go Go! drama teacher and Chapman Tripp nominee Phoebe Smith, had five children watching *Doctor Who* sucked into the television with a creature's desire to use their energy forces.

Instead the kids were sent to a scene from *Doctor Who* back in 1963.

In an amusing attempt to get back home, the kids travelled through time and space in a

tardis into the hypnotic history of television.

One hundred Arts a Go Go! performing arts students aged six to 15 acted, sang and danced, allowing the audience relive such shows as *The Munsters*, *The Brody Bunch*, *C'mon*, *The Love Boat*, early *Shortland Street* and *Father Ted*.

"Writing a script that gives every child an opportunity to shine, while incorporating the many aspects of Arts a Go Go! with drama, dance, singing and Irish dancing is not an easy task but one we aspire to every year," says director Rachel Main.

"Co-ordinating all the groups into one dramatic storyline, rather than a concert format is

always a challenge but one that is very worth it."

The show once again involved significant sound and lighting and added to that this year were 14 projector cues.

"The people of Upper Hutt were very supportive and where possible Arts a Go Go! creates set, props and costumes using products from local businesses. Thank goodness for secondhand shops," says Ms Main.

The rest of the year for Arts a Go Go! sees an informal show for their four and five-year-old students at "The Spot".

This is followed up by a fun time for the six-year-olds and over in the *Upper Hutt Leader* Santa Parade on December 3.