

**NEWSLETTER 1, 2018**

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**WELCOME**

2018 already! Where does the time go! I am excited to be back and getting things ready for another fantastic year at Arts a Go Go! after an amazing holiday and complete break in America with my family (of course the highlight for me was seeing shows on Broadway...I was in tears, as was Holly!)

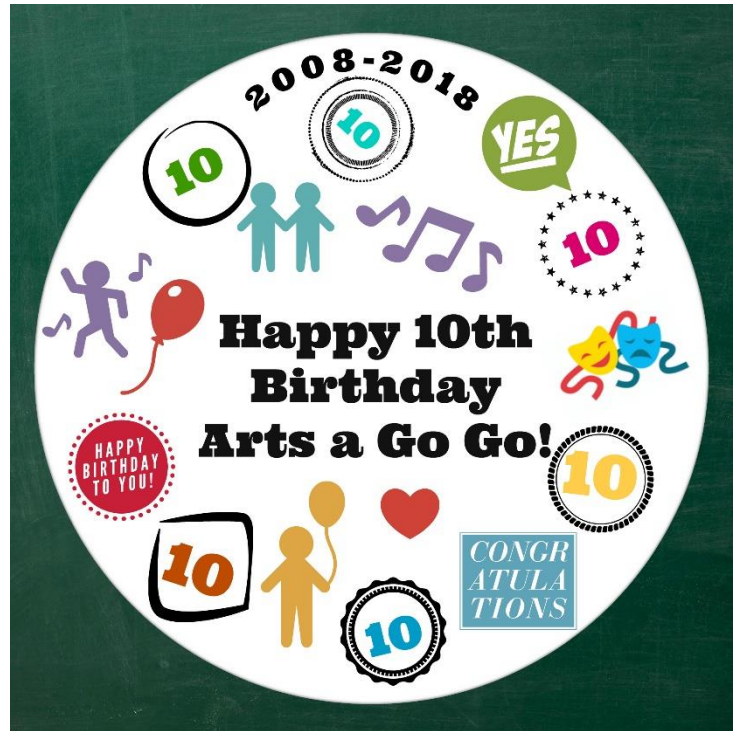
Congratulations to the Arts a Go Go! Upper Hutt Christmas Parade Float, one of two floats receiving a highly commended!

This year is a celebration as it is 10 years since I began Arts a Go Go! The first class was in May, 2008 held at St Margaret's Church in Silverstream. I had started getting the business set up during my pregnancy with Ciara in 2007, knowing there would be no time with her as a newborn and the twins. Stu and I ran a combo class together (with 4 1/2 month old Ciara in her buggy beside me with a baby sitter) and after just one term it was time to move to somewhere that could accommodate more classes. We were lucky enough to spend the next few years at the YMCA in Heretaunga before purchasing and completely renovating a very run down building owned by Upper Hutt Baptist Church and turning it into "The Spot". In 2013 we opened another branch in Tawa and now kids attend our Arts a Go Go! classes from all round the Hutt Valley, North Wellington and Porirua. We could not have done it without an incredible team of talented teachers and such wonderful kids and parents. Happy Birthday Arts a Go Go!

Have a great Term 1! If there are ever any concerns, do contact me.

Rachel ☺ Ph 021 144 1641

PS. Be sure to look out for some new classes this year! Do follow us on Facebook as another way of staying up to date.



**TERM 1 DATES**

Your child is automatically enrolled in 2018 unless I hear from you. As some classes have waiting lists, you will be charged for any classes you do not show for if I haven't heard from you. If your child would like to pick up an additional Arts a Go Go! class, or swap to a different class, please let me know. They are welcome to try it first. If your child has been in the Intro Class, and has now turned 6, please discuss with me about moving into another class if they wish to. For consistency of fees throughout the year, Arts a Go Go! terms run for 9 classes (or rehearsal equivalents) per term, regardless of the length of the school term.

**All Saturday Classes:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> April (no class the Saturday of Easter)

**Little Mozarts:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> April (no class Easter Monday)

**Irish Dancing:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> April (class will still run on the Tuesday of Easter)

**Wednesday Drama:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> April

**“Script Writing and More” NEW CLASS!** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 12<sup>th</sup> April (please see next page for more details!)

**Wednesday Drama and Irish Dance Class Times**

You will be emailed the suggested class for your child.

# Thank You!

Thank you once again for all your support with our 2017 Show, "All is Calm, All is Bright – Christmas Unwrapped". Your feedback has meant the world to us and congratulations once again to our incredible kids. DVDs, USBs and photos can still be ordered from [www.glassgeckofilms.co.nz](http://www.glassgeckofilms.co.nz)

Thank you for all the raffle and silent auction donations, and for the selling of raffle tickets. Because of you, we raised approximately \$1300 from the raffle and \$470 from the silent auctions – all going towards the show.

## NEW CLASS: SCRIPT WRITING AND MORE!

A brand new Arts a Go Go! class in creative and script writing with Arts a Go Go! drama teacher Dr. Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch. Hannah is a multi-award-winning scriptwriter, as well as being a business content writer, senior communications adviser, editor, poet and designer. Hannah has a PhD and MA in creative writing and scriptwriting; a BA in Theatre and Film; and years of experience writing, assessing, tutoring, working for universities and educational institutions, and helping young people and adults find the words they're after. Hannah has written scripts for Arts a Go Go! that you may have seen performed by our students, including "Syria", "The Little Matchstick Girl", "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater – *Orange is the New Hack*", "Silent Night at the Somme", "The Willing Horses and the 1945 Christmas Dance" and "Pride and Prejudice and Parchment".



The class is suitable for students of intermediate and high school age who have a love of writing and of communicating stories. Your child does not need to be a technically perfect writer -they do need to love writing! Creativity is the focus and students with dyslexia are welcome. Content will be designed around the particular group of students in the class and may include writing for performing arts (theatre, film, TV and the gaming industry) as well as writing for life such as: writing for video blogs, public speeches and presentations.

When: Thursdays (starting 15<sup>th</sup> February)

Time: 5pm – 6.30pm

Where: @ The Spot, Upper Hutt

Cost: \$170 per term

Class Size: Limited to 10 students

For more information: please email [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz)

## CALLING FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ANOTHER NEW CLASS

### Arts a Go Go! Musical Theatre Graded and Certificate Exams

**TRINITY**  
COLLEGE LONDON

The international exam board for the performing arts and English language

I am looking into possibly running additional exam classes in Musical Theatre through Trinity College London, whereby students work through grades toward various awards and qualifications. These would be separate classes. Exams and assessment will not be incorporated within our existing classes as doing so does not meet the philosophy of those classes. If you are interested in this exciting new option, please email me to find out more at [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz). The Grades and Awards I am exploring are suitable for students aged 7 through to adults.

## TERM 1 FEES

Fees are due by the third class of each term and internet payments are preferred. (Please contact Rachel if you need to arrange a cash payment).

Invoices will be sent per class towards the end of January, however Term 1 fees can be made from right now on as I am aware some people like to pay these early, and this is always appreciated.

Please reference with your child's name and the term you are paying for, for example, *Joe Bloggs Term 1* (please change the term number each term)

- 2 Hour Combo Class: \$230 (\$210 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child in the family attending the same class)
- Little Mozarts: \$65
- Intro Class: \$120
- Junior Irish Dancing: \$115
- Intermediate and Senior Irish Dancing (non-competition students): \$140
- Intermediate and Senior Irish Dancing (competition students): please enquire
- Wednesday Drama: \$135
- Wednesday Drama – 90 min Advanced Class (invitation): \$160
- Creative Writing: \$170

## Bank Accounts

### Upper Hutt Classes

06-0545-0894606-00

### Tawa Classes

06-0545-0894593-00

Receipts are only issued on request.

## TEACHERS: Welcome Back to the Team!

**Joanne Roelofs:** Little Mozarts, Extension Singing, Business Support

**Lisa Kelly:** Tawa Supervisor and Dance

**Amalia Calder:** Tawa Drama and Singing

**Bop Murdoch:** Wednesday Drama

**Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch:** Upper Hutt Combo Drama, NEW CLASS "Script Writing and More"

**Lucy de Jong:** Irish Dancing

**Anna Bate:** Intro Dance

**Rachel Main:** Director, Upper Hutt Combo Dance and Singing, Intro Drama and Singing, Extension Singing

**Stuart Grant:** Co-owner, reliever, technical



for teacher profiles, please see your class enrolment pack or go to [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz)

## 2017 PRIZE GIVING AWARDS – Congratulations!

### **Tawa**

**Senior Performer Trophy** – Maxwell Rayner

**Junior Performer Trophy** – Rose Fairbrother

**Spirit of Arts a Go Go! Trophy** – Aurora Gritt

**Drama Merits** – Emily Keates, Kyle Own, Catriona Clarke, Jazz Calder-Clayton

**Singing Merits** – Jorja Robinson, Corrie Milne, Maya Pigou Mackie

**Dance Merits** – Jazz Calder-Clayton, Aurora Gritt, Maya Pigou Mackie

**Most Improved** – Emily Martin, Frankie McKerracher

### **Wednesday Drama**

**Senior Drama Trophy** - Piper Elliott

**Junior Drama Trophy** - Isabella Andrews

**Merit for Acting** -Crystal Taylor, Juno Schaer-Mills, Jasmine Loveday,

Sofia MacDonald, Jorja Robinson, Holly Collins, Luke McCarten,

Josh Franken, Brierley McMillan, Tomas Fuller

**Certificates for Commitment to Character**

Brinn Robinson, Ysabella Snow, Kate Henderson

**Advanced Class Merit Certificates**

Janelle Pillar --- Vocal finesse and on-stage maturity.

Cara Hepi --- Constantly expanding comfort zone

Jesse Marshall --- Electric energy and imagination-led acting

Piper Elliott - Radiant confidence and consistently creative performance

Lia Zanetti --- Careful crafting and creative delivery.

Ruby Bartlett --- Radical improvement in craft and confidence

Natalya Clark---- Always executing thoughtful performances.

Liam Edwards --- Strong technique, clarity and bold creative offers

**Acting Improvement**

Isabella Dobbelaar, Kalan Avenell-Stempa

**Spirit Merit** – Tomas Fuller

### **Spirit of Arts a Go Go! Trophy : “Creative, Courageous, Caring”**

Ruby Bartlett and Jake Wakeham (Upper Hutt)

Aurora Gritt (Tawa)

### **Upper Hutt Combo**

**Combo Drama Trophy** - Stacey Duncan

**Singing Trophy**- Jack Penman

**Choreography Trophy** – Renee Payne

**Singing Merit Cup** – Violet Edwards

**Certificates**

Mascot Acting - Jack Sullivan

Improvement in Acting - Rebecca Steere

Most Improved in Acting - Noah White

Ensemble Excellence - Jessica Greaney, Grace Seamark, Bob Danstead, Diana Hicks, Jake Wakeham

“On to It” - Grace Gardiner, Ella Simpson, Emily Bognuda

Merit in Comedy Acting - Lewis Collins, Tyson Matehe

Merit in Singing, Acting and Dancing - Christopher Horne, Holly Main-Grant, Ciara Main-Grant, Noah Jefferson

Merit in Acting and Dancing - Ashleigh Halstead, Renee Payne, Lola Stamenic, Thomas Lloyd

Merit in Acting and Singing -Stacey Duncan, Violet Edwards, Lewis Collins

Merit in Singing and Dancing: Sophie-Rose Ward

Merit in Acting - Laura Clark, Alice Payne

Merit in Singing - Jack Penman

Merit in Dance - Phoebe Thompson

Spirit - Sophie-Rose, Renee Payne

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## **Irish Dance**

**Senior Trophy** – Delaney Windelburn

**Beginner Trophy** – Ella Simpson

**Merits** – Niamh Shannon, Ciara Main-Grant, Annie Barling, Emily Bognuda

**Most Improved** – Aidan Fitzgerald

**Spirit:** Kianna Dawson

## **Intro Class**

**Performing Arts Trophy** – Evadine Smith

**Merits**

Saleen Brunenberg, Celia Turley, Brieah Williams, Annebelle Zerf (singing)

**Most Improved** - Krithikaa Karthikayan

**Congratulations to all students who received their “1 year” to “9 year” awards throughout the year!**

## **WELCOME TO “THE ART ROOM” right here @ The Spot**

After 6 ½ wonderful years together at The Spot, Seido Karate has moved into its own new premises in Queen St Upper Hutt. We wish Graeme and the team all the best in their new dojo and we will miss you. Without Graeme by my side, we never would have been able to purchase our building in 2011 and turn it into what it is today. You created a stunning dojo and were a wonderful tenant. I would now like to officially welcome "The Art Room" Art School to the Spot! Owned by well-known Upper Hutt people Rosenda Upton and Pip McKay, this art school right here in Upper Hutt is going to be AMAZING. What a creative hub The Spot will be!



## **THE ART ROOM**

**Learn, make and create with us**

Website

[www.theartroom.nz](http://www.theartroom.nz)

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/theartroom.nz](https://www.facebook.com/theartroom.nz)

# **P**

## **Painting & Drawing**

We offer Painting and Drawing classes for children aged 6 through to mid teens.

# **P**

## **Pipsqueaks**

Parents and preschoolers are welcome to join us for some time to create in The Art Room. This is followed by coffee & cake for the adults and playtime for the children.

# **C**

## **Crafternoons & Workshops**

Come and get crafty at The Art Room. Every term we offer a range of crafts for all ages.

# **H**

## **Holiday Programmes**

Every child deserves time to learn, make and create in a relaxed space during the holidays. We offer exactly that for the first week of every school break.

*Plus: Evening Classes for Older Teens and Adults!*