

newsletters can also be accessed on our website [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz)

**WELCOME**

Welcome back to Term 2!

Exactly 10 years ago we started our first Arts a Go Go! classes – Term 2, 2008! One of the best decisions I ever made. I love our students, teachers and families and how lucky am I to work doing a job that combines my greatest passions – children, young people, teaching and the performing arts. Happy Birthday Arts a Go Go! and thank you to you all for being part of it. I'm sharing some of my favourite photos of the last 10 years on facebook over the next few weeks, so do look out for them.

Also in this newsletter: shows and dates are announced, many congratulations made and sadly we farewell our Wednesday drama teacher Bop.

Have a great Term 2! If there are ever any concerns, do contact me.

Rachel ☺ Ph 021 144 1641

PS. Do follow us on Facebook as another way of staying up to

**TERM 2 DATES**

**Extension Singing** – starts the week of 30<sup>th</sup> April, HVPACS vocal competitions 1<sup>st</sup> week of the July School Holidays

**Little Mozarts:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> July (no class Queen's Birthday Monday)

**All Saturday Classes:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday classes continue over Queen's Birthday weekend)

**Irish Dancing:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> July (Competition dancers have an extra lesson 1<sup>st</sup> May) Irish Dancing Competitions: Capital City Feis 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May

**Wednesday Drama:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Quiller Instinct – Creative Writing** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you for going through the process of enrolling through Enrolmy. Almost everyone is now loaded. 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.

**Pinehaven couple offer performing arts classes**

by ROSEMARY McLENNAN

PERFORMING ARTS classes for children are being offered by a new Upper Hutt-based organisation. Pinehaven residents Rachel Main and husband Stuart Grant are putting together a programme of classes called Arts a Go Go! to be offered on Saturday afternoons to 6-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds from the beginning of term two.

Rachel is a school teacher with a performing arts background and experience in musical theatre and children's entertainment.

She will be teaching singing and creative dance while Stuart teaches drama.

Both have a passion for introducing children to performing arts.

"They learn so much through the creative arts including problem solving and confidence," says Rachel.

It's also a great way for kids to keep fit and improve balance and co-ordination, she says.

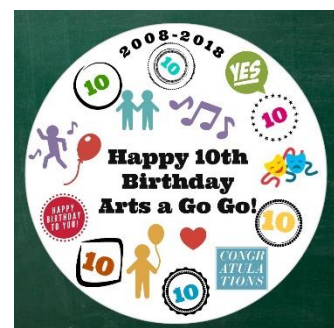
The couple, who have lived in Pinehaven since 2006, already have a waiting list for the 6-7 year olds but there is still space for 8-11 year olds.

The couple have hired space at St Margaret's Presbyterian Church which has good facilities, Rachel says.

She says there are lots of opportunities to learn dance in Upper Hutt but less in the "one stop shop" of dance, singing and drama.

More information about Arts a Go Go! is available at [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz) or phone 977 7887.

Rachel Main with twins Holly and Angus Main-Grant who are growing up in a household where both parents are passionate about performing arts with children.



## 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 are now sent automatically through Enrolmy.

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
- Little Mozarts: \$65
- Intro Class: \$120
- Junior Irish Dancing: \$115
- Senior Irish Dancing: \$140 (plus extra classes for competition students)
- 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

### Soon we will farewell Wednesday Drama Teacher Bop Murdoch

Sadly, we will soon be saying goodbye to our much loved Wednesday drama teacher Bop Murdoch. This has been a big decision for Bop who is leaving a job that she loves and her students who she adores. She has used the words "heartbroken" to be leaving us, and I know many students and parents will feel the same, as do I. Some of you may remember that Bop and her two colleagues started a social enterprise in Wellington called "CoLiberate" with the aim of promoting a positive gym type culture for mental health - to nourish the mind. The business has expanded significantly, including moving into new premises, and now requires even more focus from Bop. On top of this, Bop continues to produce and direct top notch theatre in Wellington, with her recent play "Committed" winning the Parkin Development Award at the Fringe Festival. Bop will still be around at the start of term to take the classes and see the students. We are currently advertising and interviewing for her replacement. Hannah, Stu and I will take Wednesday drama after Bop leaves until the perfect person comes along. So far we have had some excellent applicants.

### Thank You to Lucy de Jong

Irish Dancing teacher Lucy has gone above and beyond to transition teacher Shannon last term and be there to support our students, particularly our beginners and students doing their grade exams. Lucy will be heading overseas to work in California later this year. We look forward to seeing Lucy support our girls at camps in May. Laura Kelly from Reeljig School of Irish Dance, the umbrella school that our students compete under, has praised the quality of both Lucy and Shannon's teaching.



## The Rest of the Team

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

**Lisa Kelly:** Tawa Manager and Dance

**Amalia Calder:** Tawa Drama and Singing

**Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch:** Upper Hutt Combo Drama, Quiller Instinct- Creative Writing

**Shannon Hullett:** Irish Dancing

**Anna Bate and Holly Main-Grant:** 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 on [Enrolmy.com](http://Enrolmy.com) or go to [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz)

## Congratulations!

- Congratulations to advanced drama students Ruby Bartlett, Lia Zanetti, Holly Main-Grant, Phoebe Thompson, Cara Hepi and Brierley McMillan, and ex-student Janelle Pillar for working as extras on the NZ Feature Film “Daffodils”. Rachel also worked as an extra on the movie. A wonderful experience film acting with an award winning production team and well known actors. We look forward to the movie coming out next year.
- Congratulations to Irish Dancers Delaney Windelburn, Annabelle Barling, Ciara Main-Grant, Lauren Quilty, Isabella Andrews and Savannah Allen for all achieving either honours or distinction in their Irish Grade Exams last term. Well done to teachers Shannon and Lucy.
- Congratulations to drama teacher Hannah McKenzie Boornebosch for being cast as Emily Brontë in Stagecraft’s “Brontë” at the Gryphon Theatre in Wellington in May. Please see the email sent for the opportunity for our senior students to go along.
- Congratulations to drama teacher Amalia Calder and crew Lisa Kelly for a successful season of Kidzstuff Theatre’s “Bad Jelly the Witch”. Excellent reviews and I hear Amalia made a very wicked witch!
- Congratulations to drama teacher Bop Murdoch for the play she directed for the Wellington Fringe Festival “Committed” winning the 2018 Parkin Development Award.
- Congratulations to music and singing teacher Joanne Roelofs for going full time in her music teaching business and developing “Joanne Roelofs Music” [www.jrmusic.co.nz](http://www.jrmusic.co.nz)
- Congratulations to combo student Violet Edwards for playing a mega sassy blackbird, amongst other characters, in Mana Little Theatre’s pantomime “Red Riding Hood”.

## End of Term Certificates

Just a reminder to ask your children to show you these. Each gives a summary of what the class has focused on for the term (along side some crazy clipart to match the crazy names that the kids select for their groups each term!)





# Arts a Go Go! 2018 Show Season

For your diary

## ANOTHER WORLD

Seussical Jnr and  
Worlds Beyond

when? 17th November

*(please block out the whole week before)*

where? Lower Hutt Little Theatre

who?

Seussical Jnr musical: Upper Hutt Combos

Worlds Beyond plays: Wednesday Drama

Worlds Beyond dance: Irish Dancers

## TAWA SHOWCASE

when? 1st December

where? Linden Community Centre

who? Tawa Combo Class

## INTRO CLASS SHOW

when? 8th December (morning)

where? The Spot

who? Intro 4 & 5 year old class

more details will come

