

DRAMA KIDS ROTORUA
SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing to enrol your child in Drama lessons for 2023.

Lessons are invoiced every **eight** lessons for **four** semesters. These dates may vary from school terms, but follow the same school holiday breaks. Please note, classes do not run during the school holidays, unless you wish to book additional private exam tuition.

The first classes for 2023 will be held in the week beginning **Monday 13 February 2023**. After-school classes are held at **Shambles Theatre**, 8 Amohau Street, through the Pak n Save carpark. Friday classes are held at **John Paul College** for JPC students during school time.

Fees for 2023 are as follows –

Little Stars/Pre-Grade (30 mins) **\$100 per semester**

Speech & Drama (60 mins)

Grade Initial to 4 **\$175 per semester**

Grade 5 **\$185 per semester**

Grade 6 **\$195 per semester**

Grade 7 **\$205 per semester**

Grade 8 **\$215 per semester**

ASB/ATCL **\$225 per semester**

Drama Club

Junior (8-13 years) **\$160 per semester**

Senior (14 years and older) **\$180 per semester**

***Students enrolled in both Speech & Drama and Drama Club classes will receive a \$30 discount per semester.*

A \$25 deposit is required to secure your child's place in a class for 2023. This will be credited towards your first semester's fees. If you choose to withdraw your child from classes before the first session you must give at least 21 days' notice for this deposit to be refunded.

- Please ensure your child brings a Clear File (40 Leaf) to class each week to contain their notes and scripts etc.
- Speech and Drama practice should be a regular part of your child's homework routine. Encourage your child to memorise lines, do voice warm-ups, prepare, and practice their pieces at home on a regular basis.

Exam and Competition fees are extra. *Speech New Zealand* exams are available in April, July and October or via Zoom in the last week of each month. **Rotorua Competitions will be held Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 2023. Please make note of these dates now if you are planning holidays.**

Regards,

Jennifer Wicks

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TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT 2023 – Jennifer Wicks Speech & Drama Classes

1. A \$25 deposit is required to secure your child's place in a class for 2023. This will be credited towards your first semester's fees. If you choose to withdraw your child from classes before the first session you must give 21 days' notice for this deposit to be refunded.
2. Unless otherwise arranged with the teacher, term fees are paid in advance by the commencement of each 8-week Semester. An invoice will be sent at the previous Semester's end. Charges will be held valid if 4 weeks' notice of removal is not given. There will be no refund given if a student fails to attend or withdraws through the semester.
3. Interest will be charged on overdue accounts at a rate of \$10 per month unless otherwise arranged with the teacher and any expenses, costs and disbursements incurred by the teacher in recovering any outstanding monies including debt collection agency fees or solicitor costs shall be paid by the customer.
4. An Automatic Payment option can be set up weekly/fortnightly into the Speech and Drama account. This will incur a \$20.00 annual fee to cover admin and set up costs.
Bank a/c details are: 03-1552-0181182-25 J Wicks Westpac
5. Classes are invoiced every 8 lessons for a total of four semesters. It is expected that all students enrolled for a full year will receive a minimum of 32 lessons, and most will receive additional lessons free of charge in the final school term.
6. In the event of a teacher being unavailable to attend (due to illness, public holidays, etc) the 8-week semester will be adjusted and invoicing for the next semester will be adjusted accordingly. Lessons missed by the student are not refunded but can be made up at the discretion of the teacher by joining a different class or sending material remotely for teacher feedback.
7. 4 weeks' notice minimum is required if your child wishes to withdraw from any speech class. No refund will be given to students who withdraw without this notice. Fees for the following Semester will be held valid if this notice is not given.
8. New students are entitled to a refund of their fees if they decide after 2 classes that they do not want to continue - provided fees are paid up front on day 1, ie not by automatic payment. After 2 classes, no refund will be given if the student withdraws.
9. Tuition may be ceased if these terms and conditions or reasonable conduct is not observed by the student or parents. There will be no refund of tuition fees if stopped due to a breach.



About Classes

Little Stars (5-7 years)

Little Stars classes are for pre-exam age students (Year 0 to 3) who want to explore the world of drama.

These classes will involve lots of drama games and activities to encourage confidence, teamwork, communication, problem solving, imagination, creativity and of course, fun.

Pre Grade (6-8 years)

This class is for students who already have some Drama experience and would like to challenge themselves with more focussed study of the Speech and Drama skills alongside their skill-based games. Students will prepare and memorise a poem, learn basic mime and improvisation skills, and work together on a group play. Pre Grade students may enter the Speech and Drama Competitions if they wish.

Speech and Drama (8+ years)

Speech and Drama classes work towards the Rotorua Speech Competitions and the Trinity and/or Speech NZ examinations. Classes begin at Initial level and run right through to Grade 8 and then Diploma level. These classes cover a wide range of Speech and Drama skills including but not limited to public speaking, impromptu skills, characterisation, reading, poetry, and discussion skills. Higher grade classes also learn the theory behind Speech and Drama work.

Drama Club (8+ years)

Drama Club is for students who want to hone in on their acting skills without the pressure of exams and Competitions. This is a relaxed class focussing on gaining acting skills, confidence, and teamwork through games, improvised acting and short scripted scenes. Senior classes will work more on refining and mastering their acting technique.