

## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kirwan High is proud to entertain the Townsville community with its 32nd musical, *Seussical*. This show continues our school's tradition of outstanding musical entertainment with high energy singing, dancing and acting.

This tradition began thirty-three years ago and we have enjoyed great community support and success each year since. In fact, our musical has become a highlight in Townsville's entertainment calendar.

The Director, Lindsay Nobile, Vocal Director Suellen Onslow and choreographers Kylie Tillack and Fiona Cochrane are respected in the local musical theatre community. They have been working hard with our talented team of teachers to make *Seussical* a great musical theatre experience for the whole family.

Our enthusiastic cast of students are all very keen to contribute their own piece of magic. I am confident you will all be highly entertained and our school community will be very proud. *Enjoy the show!*

**Meredith Wenta - Executive Principal**

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

With the success of *Bring It On* flashing in our minds, the musical team put their heads together to find a show that could shine just as brightly and suit the new venue. After much deliberation, we decided we would dive into the world of Dr Seuss and have loved every minute of it!

Our voyage into the world of Dr Seuss began at the end of last year as students of all ages auditioned to play one of the iconic Seussian characters. It has been a mad dash for the students and the teachers to wrap their heads around the wacky world of *Seussical* and it is through sheer dedication and hard work at our weekly rehearsals that we have made it to the finishing line with such pizzaz. We have all learned to embrace our inner child to bring to life Dr Seuss' nonsensical characters, many of whom I am sure you will recognise.

On behalf of the musical team we hope you enjoy the wacky, wild and wonderful world of Dr Seuss as it comes to life right in front of your eyes!

**Lindsay Nobile, Director**

## SYNOPSIS

Welcome to the amazing world of Dr Seuss. *Seussical* is an amalgamation of many of Seuss's most famous children's stories, with the majority of its plot being based on *Horton Hears a Who!* The Cat in the Hat is our narrator who tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust floating through the air and realizes that there are people living here, so small they can't be seen - the tiny citizens of Whoville. Horton vows to help them and places Whoville safely onto a soft clover. The Whos include the Mayor's son Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks." Horton and Jojo hear each other and become friends when they realize their imaginations are so much alike - they have found that "one true friend in the universe who believes in me."

The rest of the jungle thinks Horton is losing his mind, except for his neighbour, Gertrude McFuzz, who is not noticed by anyone, least of all Horton. Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. We follow Horton's adventures as he persists to protect Whoville, despite what others think of him and the challenges in his way. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant and we are reminded that "if you open your mind, oh, the thinks you will find".

## CAST

Blake Ballard	Caroline Eseli	Annie Hiller	Connor O'Neill	Kaitlyn Schmikey
Ebony Bern	James Faint	Tyla Hislop	Nikita Packwood	Rhianna Shaw
Keely Blackford	Chloe Foreman	Madeline Hughes	Grace Quin	Jacynda Solomon
Charli Buse	Sarah Friend	Ruby James	Ally Quinn	Leah Stark
Verity Cahill	Molly Gardner	Sophie Jones	Callum Riley	Addy Whitburn
Liam Carroll	Ella Gausden	Maddy Lindgren	Tiarna Riley	Lydia Wigmore
Alex Cockburn-Dahl	Hannah Girling	Tamara Lobley	Maddie Royal	Xanthia Williams
Paige Crawford	Hayden Gregori	Kia Mills	Cezar Salada	Jayda Williams
Sana Douglas	Eirinn Haynes	Callysta Morris	Ava Saldana-Lopez	Janaye Williams
Jason Eltagonde	Stella Hering	Lillian Musu	Madison Schmidt	Mikayla Zahirovic



## PAST PRODUCTIONS

1984	O What a Lovely War	2003	Annie
1985	Oliver	2004	Grease
1986	West Side Story	2005	Oliver
1987	The Boyfriend	2006	Disco Inferno
1988	King and I	2007	Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
1989	Oklahoma	2008	The Sound of Music
1990	Evita	2009	Grease
1991	Puttin' on the Ritz	2010	Pirates of Penzance
1992	Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat	2011	Back to the 80s!
1994	Bugsy Malone	2012	All Shook Up
1997	Oliver	2013	Disco Inferno
1998	Dazzle	2014	The Wedding Singer
1999	Wizard of Oz	2015	Hairspray!
2000	Viva Mexico	2016	The Wizard of Oz
2001	Pirates of Penzance	2017	Bring it On
2002	Back to the 80s!		



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proudly presents

# Seussical

23-26 MAY 2018

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# LEADS



## CAT IN THE HAT - Taylor Buse

Taylor Buse, a Year 10 student, takes to the stage in her first lead. Taylor loves to sing, dance and act, and dreams of performing when she graduates school. The musical is Taylor's favourite part of the year, and she believes the incredible experiences and memories they create will stay with her forever. Taylor hopes you love the show!



## HORTON - Liam Carroll

Liam Carroll has ventured from the depths of the pit to take to the stage for the first time. A saxophone player by trade, Liam has transitioned from the sax to singing. He is excited to star in his first musical and has even learnt all of his lines - an elephant never forgets!



## JOJO - Paige Nugent

Year 10 student Paige Nugent is a certified triple threat - singer, dancer and actor. The role of Jojo is her first lead in a school musical, and she is ecstatic about the opportunity to share her passion for performing with you all.



## GERTRUDE - Ameya Ransom

Ameya Ransom is only in Year 8, but she loves to sing and perform - both at school and at special events, musical eisteddfods, and studying for her musical theatre exams. Ameya hopes that you all enjoy the show, and she would like to thank the cast and crew for an amazing experience.



## MAYZIE LA BIRD - Yazi Schellhorn

Year 12 student Yazi Schellhorn has essentially dedicated her life to music and the glamour of performing. From playing alto saxophone to singing and dancing, she has developed a passion for the complexity of the creative arts. Yazi hopes you enjoy the quirky story of *Seussical* and that it brings out your inner child.



## SOUR KANGAROO - Abbie Cook

Abbie Cook, Year 12, has performed in all of our school musicals since she was in Year 7. Musicals are indeed her passion, and the highlight of each school year. She can't believe that this will be her final Kirwan High musical!



# LEADS



## YOUNG KANGAROO - Marina Reed

Marina Reed is a Year 8 student who is heavily involved and passionate about the Creative Arts at Kirwan High. This is Marina's second lead role, after having a solo in last year's *Bring it On*. She is extremely excited to be in this year's musical and hopes you enjoy the show and have a good laugh!



## GENERAL GHENGIS KHAN SCHMITZ - Jayden McInnes-Stewart

We welcome Jayden, Year 9, to the stage in his first ever musical. Jayden has enjoyed the amazing experience of developing not his only character, but his performance skills. Jayden has thrived on the challenge of the role, and has loved every minute.



## MR MAYOR - Caleb Mario

This is Caleb Mario's first KSHS musical, although he is not new to performing as he loves to play the saxophone. One of our talented Year 10s, Caleb hopes you enjoy the spectacular spectacle of *Seussical*.



## MRS MAYOR - Taleisha Riley

Year 9 student Taleisha Riley has been performing, dancing and singing for only three years. She truly loves performing, and is very excited about her first lead role.



## THE GRINCH - Kai Wilson

Every year at school, the number one event for Kai Wilson, a Year 11 student, is the school musical. Kai has a huge passion for acting and drama, and hopes to pursue this in the future. *Seussical* is one of Kai's favourite musicals, and he thinks you will all enjoy the show!



# PRODUCTION TEAM

**Director:** Lindsay Nobile

**Assistant Director:** Jamie Hunt

**Producer:** Jamie Hunt

**Publicity:** Joanne Thomson, Jamie Hunt & Emily Hall

**Vocal Direction:** Suellen Onslow & Erin Darrigan

**Accompanist:** Ronda Cooper

**Choreographers:** Kylie Tillack & Fiona Cochrane

**Musical Director:** Ashley Baxter

**Stage Manager:** Raelene Frantz

**Assistant Stage Managers:** Chris Nobile & Emma Baynes

**Crew Chiefs:** Daniel Lobley, Emily Surgeon

**Crew:** Ella Bligh, Jordan Bush, Jace Collins & Libby Hawken

**Set Design and Construction:** Chris Nobile

**Set Painting:** Olivia Croxson, Sarah Potts, Adriana Hering, Kristina Arnost, Tayla Rosevear, Chloe Elliot, Liz Payne, Elias Biuggeli, Stella Hering, Zack Blad, Libby Hawken & Ethan Fraser

**Props:** Olivia Croxson, Emma Baynes & Kristina Arnost

**Costume Coordinators:** Lindsay Nobile & Beckie Mastro

**Costume Helpers:** Lisa Hill, Debbie Downie, Emma Baynes, Debbie Quirk, Lisa Murray, Beckie Mastro & Jodie Rule

**Sound:** Mark Campbell

**Lighting Design & Operation:** Nate Leslie

**Follow Spot Operators:** John Cochrane & Jessica Logan

## THANK YOU TO:

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Jasmin Caferri  
Meredith Wentia  
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## THE SEUSSICAL ORCHESTRA

**Musical Director:** Ashley Baxter

**Bass Guitar:** Brad Quantrill

**Cello:** Carole Radovanovic & Margaret Loftus

**Drums:** Luke Gallagher

**Guitar 1:** Dylan Russell

**Guitar 2:** Alyssa Clay

**Keyboard 1:** Andrew Chen

**Keyboard 2:** Jonathon Chappell

**Percussion:** Bradley Martin & Brody Milton

**Reed 1:** Rianta Belford

**Reed 2:** Ruby Johnson & Christie Campbell

**Reed 3:** Michael Thrum

**Trombone:** Brett Northeast

**Trumpet 1:** Mark C Smith

**Trumpet 2:** Kelly Clarke-Flessner & Michael Hayes

**Violin 1:** Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

**Violin 2:** Stephanie Sloman