

2021 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

MECC LINKS TO THE CLASSROOM

A MONKEY BAA THEATRE COMPANY PRODUCTION

PETE THE SHEEP

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY EVA DI CESARE, SANDRA ELDRIDGE & TIM MCGARRY

BASED ON THE BOOK BY JACKIE FRENCH AND BRUCE WHATLEY



Shaun is the new sheep shearer in Shaggy Gully. Since shearing is such hard work, all the other shearers have sheep dogs to help them, but not Shaun. His partner is Pete, a sheep-sheep! The other shearers in the shed are not happy with Shaun and his sheep-sheep.

Following rejection by the shearers and their dogs, Shaun and Pete set up their own Shearing Salon in town where they are inundated with woolly clients who delight in Shaun's styling prowess. This hilarious musical comedy, imaginatively told by four performers playing shearers, dogs and sheep explores the challenges and rewards of being an individual, and will be a lasting tribute to honouring your own spirit and strength, whilst working with the flock!

SHOW DETAILS

- Term 3, Week 5
- Tuesday, 10 August - 9.30am & 12.30pm
- 50 minutes, no interval
- Recommended for children 4+

PRICES

Admission \$16.50

For every 10 students you will receive 1 complimentary teachers' ticket, every teacher above this threshold will be charged at \$16.50 each.

SUBJECT LINKS

Literacy:

- Respond to, read and view texts.
- Recognise that texts are made up of words and groups of words that make meaning.
- Understand that language can be used to explore ways of expressing needs, likes and dislikes.
- Recognise that texts can lead to different interpretations and responses

The Arts:

- Explore dramatic action, empathy and space, play building and scripted drama to develop characters and situations.
- Explore children's book illustration Bruce Whatley.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

By well-known picture book legends Jackie French and Bruce Whatley, Pete the Sheep is a tale that challenges stereotypes. At the heart of this story lies the continuing battle for tolerance and integrity and the resounding lesson for us all, that a bit of diversity can make our life richer and...give us fabulous haircuts!

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Pete the Sheep represents a world that still exists in rural Australia. Shearers are not just historical figures that live in folklore or are represented in framed oil paintings.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: JACKIE FRENCH

Jackie French is a full-time writer and lives in the Araluen Valley in New South Wales. Her book Hitler's Daughter won the Children's Book Council's Younger Reader Award in 2000 and her best-selling Diary of a Wombat, illustrated by Bruce Whatley, was named an Honour Book in the 2003 Children's Book Council Awards, as well as winning the Australian Booksellers' Association/Nielsen BookData Book of the Year Award. Jackie has won numerous other awards for her books, both here and overseas, and they have been translated into over twenty-one languages.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: BRUCE WHATLEY

Bruce Whatley is one of Australia's best-loved and most-respected author/illustrators. The Ugliest Dog in the World and Tales from Grandad's Attic, were named as Notable Books by the Children's Book Council in 1993 and 1996 respectively. Detective Donut and the Wild Goose Chase, co-written with Rosie Smith, was named an Honour Book by the Children's Book Council in 1997. He has illustrated over forty books, and his award winning collaboration with Jackie French has proved extremely popular.

EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

A comprehensive teacher's resource kit will be made available upon making a reservation to see this show.

TEACHING ARTIST WORKSHOPS

With content tailored to Pete the Sheep, Monkey Baa Theatre will be offering Teaching Artist workshops using Drama based activities to explore the plot, themes and production of the show on the road. Engaging local school

communities, the workshops will provide an enriching experience for students and professional learning for teachers. The workshops connect school groups to the production before they see it, building excitement, understanding and ownership of the production.

Times and dates to be confirmed.

Early bird gets the worm for this one - confirm your interest today!

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FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Community members will have the opportunity to workshop with an experienced artist to create their own Pete the Sheep craft. Further details to come.

Date: Thursday 2 July, 10am to 11am

Duration: 60 minutes

Where: MECC Lynette Denny Space

Registrations: Coming soon

USEFUL LINKS/REFERENCES

> Monkey BAA <https://www.monkeybaa.com.au/education/>

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