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## CSS Mary Poppins Jnr Musical Production Launch this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

This **Sunday from 1-2pm** we will be holding the **production launch** of the musical for **ALL CAST AND CREW** in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join or leave their children for the hour. ***If they haven't already, encourage your child to watch the Mary Poppins Jnr musical on YouTube (there are several versions available) e.g. [Ottoson Middle School Presents - Mary Poppins Jr. \(youtube.com\)](#)***

This Sunday will give us a chance to:

- Get the **student cast and crew together for the first time.**
- **Introduce the Producer, Directors, Choreographers** who will be working with the students to bring the story to life!
- **Outline expectations of the students** in terms of time, commitment and attitude if they want to be part of the musical. Students will be expected to sign a production agreement so it will be good for them to have a think about whether they can commit before first rehearsals start.
- **Introduce students to the different groups they will be working with** – cast, ensemble choir and backstage crew.
- **Get a better understanding of what areas the students are interested in contributing in** (acting, singing, dancing, lighting, sound, costume, stage assistance etc) to understand what roles they can play.
- **Sing an ALL CAST song** – 'Anything Can Happen' – which will hopefully get the students excited and give our musical directors Christina and George a chance to hear the vocal range and technique of the choir ensemble members.
- **Collect parent permission forms** from the 20 or so parents who I have not yet heard from.
- **Get parent and teacher musical volunteers together in person for the first time.** If you have not yet been in touch and would like to get involved, please come along! We are likely to need help with rehearsal supervision, costume, set design, tickets and merchandise sales, and front of house operations. I will be in touch with those who have already been in communication over email before Sunday.

**Please see attached the 'Character Descriptions'** for your information. These explain all the characters and ensemble choir groupings. The creative team will encourage teamwork among cast members, with everyone getting a moment, rather than focusing on principal or lead cast members.

**On May 5th at the first rehearsal, we will be announcing all roles and featured ensemble groups as well as running through the synopsis and all songs** in order to introduce all the characters and get the children excited about their role in the production. We hope this approach will help with any disappointment for those children who do not get the roles they hoped for. We may also make adjustments to roles as we go along, if we think that is needed, so please **encourage your child not to be fixated on doing any particular role (as hard as that may be!)**

As always, please reach out at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. See you Sunday!

Kind Regards,  
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