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AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST PERFORMING ARTS EVENT FOR SCHOOLS

STORY-DANCE PROGRAM

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CAUGHT IN THE WEB

STORY BREAKDOWN

- A group of primary students enter the school yard after having spent the entire weekend exploring the latest social media app.
- Soon students begin to obsess over their social media presence, constantly checking their notifications and likes.
- Other students start to compare themselves to others, feeling inadequate or left out when they see what their peers are doing on social media.
- The situation becomes serious when several students, who are the target of online bullying, break down in tears during class.
- The teacher recognises the need to take action and begins a series of lessons about the responsible use of social media.
- A social media campaign called #BeYourself is started by the students. They share photos of themselves with no filters or edits, and encourage others to do the same.

THEME: SOCIAL MEDIA

A group of primary school students explore the latest social media app that promises to connect them with friends and peers across the world. But as time passes, it becomes clear that its impacts are not entirely positive.

SOMETIMES WE NEED TO DISCONNECT TO RE-CONNECT WITH PEOPLE

FEATURED SONGS

- 'On Social Media' by The Pet Shop Boys.
- '#Selfie' by The Chainsmokers.
- 'Jealously Jealously' by Olivia Rodrigo.
- 'Pretty People' by Sophie Pecora.
- 'You Need to Calm Down' by Taylor Swift.
- 'The Internet' by Jon Bellion.



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RADIO GAGA

STORY BREAKDOWN

- The bell rings for lunch, students discover an old radio in the playground and turn it on.
- 60's music begins to play and out jumps Elvis Presley!
- Turning the dials, John Travolta appears from the 70's, disco dancing.
- Changing the radio once more to the 80's, Michael Jackson emerges moonwalking.
- Lastly, J-Lo appears from the 90's with the other icons all dancing together.
- The radio switches off and all the icons disappear as the students return to class.

THEME: HISTORY

For many years the radio shared with audiences exciting sounds and stories. Turn back the dial to explore how music & dance evolved in a historic journey through time. Radio what's new? Someone still loves you.

MUSIC AND DANCE WILL ALWAYS BRING US TOGETHER AND SPARK JOY

FEATURED SONGS

- 'Jailhouse Rock' by Elvis Presley
- 'Disco Inferno' by The Trammps
- 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson
- 'Lets Get Loud' by Jennifer Lopez
- With underscore from 'Bring it On' the musical.





THE PRICE TAG

STORY BREAKDOWN

- A billionaire walks out of a bank, carrying a bag full of money.
- The billionaire walks past a homeless person and busker but does not give them anything.
- The next day, the billionaire visits the doctor who reveals they only have one week to live.
- The billionaire goes on a shopping spree, hopeful this will make everything feel better. It only makes matters worse.
- The billionaire spends the rest of the week giving back to the community.
- At first, nobody goes to the billionaire's funeral, but then slowly those who had been helped out begin to arrive to show their gratitude.

THEME: SOCIAL DIVERSITY

A billionaire with an elitist attitude treats everyone poorly, including those in need. But when faced with their own mortality, will the next choices be made for the money or for love?

'TRUE WEALTH IS NOT OUT OF POCKET, BUT OF THE HEART & MIND' - KEVIN GATES

FEATURED SONGS

- 'Money' by Pink Floyd
- 'Mo Money Mo Problems' (clean version) by The Notorious B.I.G
- 'I Need A Dollar' by Aloe Blacc
- 'Billionaire' by Glee Cast
- 'Mad World' by Gary Jules
- 'Money Money Money' by ABBA
- 'Money On My Mind' by Sam Smith
- 'Dancing In The Sky' by Dani & Lizzy





DANCE REVOLUTION

STORY BREAKDOWN

- Friends arrive home eager to play their favourite video game.
- Both friends are suddenly sucked into the game!
- They then have to dance to different styles of music in order to win.
- One friend isn't getting enough points in the game.
- The other friend suggested banding together to pass the levels.
- They both pass and return home, better friends than before.



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THEME: MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

What happens when life suddenly becomes a game? Inspired by a popular Dance video game, watch how friends overcome obstacles and work together to showcase dance moves reminiscent of classic eras in music.

LIFE ISN'T A COMPETITION HELPING OTHERS, HELPS YOURSELF'

FEATURED SONGS

- 'Life In The Arcade' & 'Wreck It Ralph' from the Wreck It Ralph soundtrack.
- 'Let's Twist Again' by Chubby Checker.
- 'Blame It On The Boogie' by The Jackson 5.
- 'I Wanna Dance With Somebody' by Whitney Houston.
- 'Celebration' by Kylie Minogue.





HER STORY

STORY BREAKDOWN

- Opening in 1901 during Australia's first federal election, men prepare to vote while the women are left in silence.
- A Prime Minister is elected with his constituents surrounding and applauding him, the oppressed women look in from afar.
- The Women's Suffrage Movement begins to gain attention, with women voicing why they deserve the right to a national vote.
- The campaign gathers momentum and numbers increase as the government starts to listen to the public.
- Legislation passed in 1902, women are given the right to a vote!
- The women continue to band together, moving forward to make further changes and fight for more gender equality in Australia.

THEME: HUMAN RIGHTS

An homage to The Women's suffrage movement that was achieved in Australia after decades of peaceful yet determined campaigning by thousands of women. However, there is still more work to be done before all Australians gain equal rights.

THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STORY INSPIRES US TO BE BRAVE, PERSISTENT & TO TAKE ACTION!

FEATURED SONGS

- 'Mad World' by Jasmine Thompson
- 'They Don't Care About Us' by Michael Jackson
- 'Run The World (Girls)' by Beyonce
- 'Everybody's Free (To Feel Good)' by Kylie Minogue
- With voice overs from various political and women activists in Australia.





A NEW WORLD

STORY BREAKDOWN

- An Astronaut travels on a rocket ship and lands on a new found planet.
- The New World is filled with beautiful forests and mysterious creatures.
- Soon 'The Others' arrive and decide to build a concrete colony.
- The Others start to wipe out all of the natural resources on the planet, capturing the creatures and locking them in cages.
- The New World has been destroyed and becomes a barren wasteland, the Others leave.
- The Astronaut saves the forest and creatures, and over time the planet returns to life!

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL

An Astronaut lands on a new found planet filled with luscious forests, only to discover mysterious creatures that live there too! Soon, The Others arrive and start to destroy everything in their path. How will this world survive?

PROTECT OUR PLANET! IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE'VE GOT!

FEATURED SONGS

- 'Raining Like Magic' & 'Life is a Magic Thing' from the 'Ferngully: The Last Rainforest' soundtrack .
- 'The Destruction of Hometree' from the 'Avatar' soundtrack.
- 'The Transformation' from 'Lego Movie' Soundtrack.
- 'Spybreak' from 'The Matrix' soundtrack





A NIGHT AT THE MUESEM

STORY BREAKDOWN

- Students enter a Museum for a school excursion.
- A couple of students sneak off from the group and they find a famous statue on display.
- The kids blink their eyes and the statue comes to life and all the statues in the room begin to move and twirl.
- Excitedly, the students run into the next room to find formal and impressionistic art work that also begins to jump out from the frame and dance.
- They rush into one more room. This display is full of experimental and modern colourful paintings that also interact with the students.
- Suddenly, the rest of the excursion group enters the room and the paintings are frozen back to their original state. The kids share their excitement over the adventure, but do the others believe them?

THEME: CULTURE

An ordinary excursion to the museum takes an unexpected turn. Some students learn more about the arts than they could have imagined.

‘ART IS THE ONLY WAY TO RUN AWAY WITHOUT LEAVING HOME’
- TWYLA THARP



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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

STORY BREAKDOWN

- A new student is nervous to start at their new school.
- They enter the schoolyard to see all different types of friendship groups.
- Eager to fit in, they try to join in with a fashionable popular group and they are laughed out of the group for trying to match their trends.
- The student tries another group who are artistic academic types and is similarly bullied out of that crew.
- The student tries a 3rd group who love sport and are very athletic. The student doesn't fit in there either.
- Finally, the new student decides to embrace their individuality and creates their own trendy style and dance moves that the school kids all love and join in with.

THEME: ANTI-BULLYING

In a school full of stereotypes and cliques, the new student is forced to embrace their uniqueness to find acceptance.

‘DANCE TO THE BEAT OF YOUR HEART, STEP TO THE RHYTHM OF YOUR PULSE, MOVE TO THE MUSIC OF YOUR SOUL.’



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