

Gangway

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ROB'S RAMBLINGS

Hi Gang! Welcome to Gang Show 2012 – **The Gang is Back** and ready to be **simply spectacular!**

We have a fabulous opportunity ahead of us, to put together a show where we all get a chance to reach for the stars and **achieve** something that you never **dreamt** you could do. It all it takes is a **belief** in yourself and an unrelenting enthusiasm to do it.



Yes, it's another excitement filled, fun-loving, smile-loaded journey on the Cumberland Gang Show road to adventure for 2012. Thanks for coming along for a ride

you'll never forget. It's going to be quite a journey!!

And of course it goes without saying that it will take every bit of your energy and enthusiasm; and every bit of your smiles and dedication to get there. And along the way you're going to have mind-blowing moments when you'll think that you're never going to make it; and life changing memories when you do!

But above all, it will be huge FUN as we put the "spectacle" back into spectacular and impress the socks off our audiences when we perform the 2012 production of "**The Gang is Back**".

Last week we started out on a journey that will take us to a bunch of interesting destinations on the way to the top of the hill called "performances".



I mentioned last week that we have a stunning selection of 23 songs and sketches for 2012, including some absolutely great items from the archives along with

some fabulous new material. The result is an action-packed programme with some great stuff to laugh at, some catchy songs to sing and more action than you can shake a stick at! The final result will be two hours of great family entertainment that the audience just won't be able to resist. I must say I am just delighted with the show – all we have to do now is to dream, believe & achieve!

And gee we started the season with a lot of fun last week! We gave our mini-audience a preview of the some highlights from the show in our "**Gang is Back Megamix 2012**" medley – but that's just a taste of what's to come! Over the next few weeks you'll find out that there's a lot more exciting stuff on the way.



But we achieved heaps in just one **fun day**. We got to know each other, learnt some great skills which we will need through the season, had a huge turn-up of parents and we actually performed some of the best items from the 2012 show. It just goes to show what can be achieved in 45 minutes of rehearsal (or less). Imagine what we'll achieve when we have a few months to perfect it?

We even had an unrehearsed rendition of "Nanna Technology" from the Production Team which was luckily quickly forgotten in the light of the catchy counter-melodies in "Achieve" – well done!

To the cast – congratulations, because you're going to have the time of your life this year. I think we've got a great show, a talented and motivated team and every opportunity to hit new heights. I can't wait to see the result! And it's not just about fun - it's also about self confidence, motivation, working in a team, leadership and sharing a grand **dream** and turning it into reality. We're gonna learn that together we can create the future we aspire to, so step up and let's make it happen!

INNOVATION
SUCCESS
EVALUATION
DEVELOPMENT
GROWTH
SOLUTION
PROGRESS
MARKETING



To the parents, friends and supporters of Gang Show – thank you! Without your help we couldn't continue to deliver this miracle called Gang Show.

And to the audiences – sit back and be entertained. We've got a show and a half just bristling with excitement, good clean fun and a tribute to what young people can achieve when they try. Now that's what GS is all about!

So start selling those tickets! We each have 30 we are aiming to sell. The first 10 are already yours, because they're part of



your \$290 cast fee. Then after you sell another 10, you get a \$20 gift card, and every 10 from then on, you get another gift card until you've sold 50. If you're clever you can completely reimburse yourself for the cast fee (by selling your 10 free tickets at the adult prices) and then make up to \$80 more in gift cards! Wow!

Get selling NOW! I expect the whole season to be sold out well before opening night this year!

So, that brings me to tonight - our first rehearsal of items in the 2012 show. Have a great time! Learn heaps! Enjoy every minute of it (just as I do) and remember to...

Keep smiling!

Dr Rob.

Rob



PRODUCER'S JOKE OF THE WEEK

Try this quick Quiz...

Q. Mary's father has five daughters - Nana, Nene, Nini and Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

A: Nunu?

No - of course not!
Her name is Mary.



Read the question again☺

PATROL BRIEF – Senior PL's

Hi everyone, what a fantastic start we had to the 2012 Gang Show last week - we hope you all had fun.

We are your Senior Patrol Leaders and we will be giving you this *Patrol Brief* each week, full of very important information and handy hints.

This year is a little different, in that you have not just one, but two Senior Patrol Leaders -

Ray Cullen and myself, Jodie Richards.



- First of all, have FUN!
- At the final Patrols meeting last week, we gave you a package of goodies. It contained your script with casting details (inside), Rehearsal CD and booking information. This week you should be learning as many songs as possible. Rob expects that by the first camp, you should have worn your CD out completely, from over use! Hands up in your Patrol, those people who have already listened to ALL of the songs?? We



expect all cast members to learn the songs in the script; you never know what songs will be in finale!

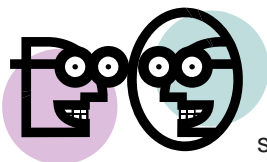
- Your CGS 2012 rehearsal CD is very important – use it and don't lose it! You have just three weeks to learn every song in the first act. After the first camp, scripts will not be allowed on stage for first act items. Following that, you will have another three weeks to learn all the songs in the second act. If you don't practice with your CD at home every day, you won't keep up.
- Your casting slip (inside your script) tells you what items you are in. It also has your cast number on it (in front of your name) - memorise it! If you are in the Junior Cast, your cast number has either a **G** or an **S** in it. This tells you whether you are in the Gilbert or the Sullivan cast. Also, if you are a junior, on the slip is your '**Buddy**'. This is the person who has the same cast number as you in the other half of the cast. Make sure you know this person, introduce yourself if you don't. The two of you will be sharing the same positions on stage and quite often the same costumes - you can't get closer than that! If you are not sure how to read your casting slip please ask your PL, or ask Ray or myself.
- From now on, when you arrive each week, go straight to the Check-in table to get your name ticked off by Personnel. Rehearsals commence promptly at **6pm**, please don't be late!
- Patrol time (straight after singing) is when you sit together in your Patrol, and your PL can pass on important notices, any production issues (which affect your Patrol) and check your Scouting and Guiding progress
- All notices will be in Gangway and not announced at parades. If you wish to tell the Gang anything, make sure your PL gets the message or notice at the rehearsal the week before you wish it to be published. Keep your Gangway safe, it contains phone numbers you may need as well as most of the messages that you may have forgotten. Also, the PL will write your name on it each week, so we will know if you don't take it home for your parents to read!
- If you are sick or going to be late to a rehearsal, please ring your PL or the Scouter in Charge, phone numbers are in the script.
- If you are going to miss a rehearsal (which I hope you won't), please give your PL the **Request to be Absent Form** at least two weeks beforehand for approval by the PL and the Producer. The Producer will not consider forms with less than two weeks notice unless there are exceptional circumstances. (Obtain forms from Personnel).



- Make sure you read your Gang member's Manual (yellow pages at the front of the script) **THIS WEEK**. There are lots of important things to find there! If you have any questions please speak to your PL or come and see us.
- Remember that the PL's and APL's have the task of ensuring that things go as planned. Make life easier for them and for yourself, by being on time, listening to what they have to say and cooperating with them.
- Battleaxes and Oscars - what are they? Who's going to win the Patrol competition? What's a Smile Award? Ask your PL during Patrol Time.
- One last thing to remember - ENJOY yourself and have fun, because this is Gang Show!



HANDY HINT of THE WEEK



When you sing - watch yourself in the mirror, that way you will know what the audience sees when you are on stage! Practice smiling! Sounds silly - but it works!!

PRODUCTION NOTES

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

For those of you new to the Gang this is the **column** where the production notes will appear from next week onwards.

Any changes to items will appear in this **column** and it must be read before bracket rehearsal time begins!

**WOE BETIDE ANYONE
WHO GOES ONTO A FLOOR
AND HASN'T READ THEIR PRODUCTION NOTES**

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

TO ALL CAST and CREW MEMBERS

This year we have a cast member who suffers from a severe allergy (anaphylaxis) to nuts and nut products.

For the safety of this cast member, we are endeavouring to make Gang Show "**NUT FREE.**" We strongly request that you do not bring any peanut or tree-nut products of any description, to any of the Gang Show Rehearsals, Camps, Warehouse or the Theatre.

Thanking you - in anticipation of your co-operation.



FROM THE SCOUTERS & GUIDERS

Scouters and Guiders are there to help you and ensure rehearsals run smoothly. If you have any questions, ask your PL or Scouters.

Gang Show is a Scouting and Guiding activity - remember your Law and Promise at all times.

Good manners and respect for self and others is expected at all times.

- Information you need to know will be printed here each week. Give your Gangway to Mum and Dad - there is stuff for them to read also.
- **Listen Carefully.** There will be lots of announcements and directions given out during the season.
- Scouters and production members **will raise their hand and expect quiet immediately.**

Things to Do:

- Write your name in your shirt - **inside the collar on the thick part of the seam.**
- Return your Application forms (even if incomplete) and please pay any outstanding fees ASAP.
- Wear your **NAMETAGS at all times** and only **around your neck.**
- Move quickly between floors.
- **Turn off** mobile phones – check your messages at drinks break if necessary.
- If you need to leave early, you must:
 1. Seek permission from the Scout Leader
 2. Sign out in **green book** - Scouter's table
- Keep hats in your bags during rehearsals.
- Chewing Gum is banned at all times.
- **GS Shirt** and a **GS or Group Scarf must be worn at each rehearsal.**
- ALL CAST are to use underarm deodorant. **Aerosols** are prohibited. Use roll-on, stick or a pump pack (not indoors). Pump Deodorant is always available at the Scouter's table.
- Be aware that Catering can issue Battleaxes
- Return ALL cups into the bowls provided.
- A **Dress Code** has been agreed on by Patrol Council for ALL rehearsals and camps. **The following are considered inappropriate for Gang Show;** Shoestring tops, midriff tops, skirts, short shorts, sandals and thongs.
- **Zero Tolerance** - Gang Show will not tolerate rough behaviour or bullying of any kind. Should this occur it will be dealt with immediately. **Consider this as your first and only warning.**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARENTS:

Duty of Care - If you have omitted any information on the application form regarding your child e.g. fear of the dark, sleepwalking, separation anxiety etc please feel free to contact me personally to discuss. This information will be treated with strict confidentiality. Your child's welfare is of the highest importance. Allow us to care for their needs properly.

Communication - If your child has difficulty passing on information or remembering verbal instructions please see Jenny Wardell so we can fix this discreetly.

Email address - We need an active email address for every parent. Please ensure we have yours on file – see Personnel at Check in table.

Closing Parade - all parents are invited inside the hall for closing parade at 9.45pm to hear any announcements and the wrap-up.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

All cast members must be current members of either Scouts Australia or Girl Guides Australia. We will be checking membership numbers next week to ensure that everyone is registered. If you are currently 'between' Groups, please come and talk to **Personnel**. If you are unfinancial with your Group, please pay any fees owing ASAP.

DUTY PATROL



TONIGHT
CHARLIE BROWN
NEXT WEEK
FLINTSTONES

THE EDITOR – Anne Thompson

PL's - please make sure that your Patrol Progress notes are legible. If I cannot decipher your handwriting or understand your shorthand, or decode the intended meaning, it will not appear in Gangway!

Jokes – we all enjoy a good laugh, but please make sure that the content is appropriate to this forum and not directed against any of the cast or crew.

Please take note - that any contributions sent in after 6pm Wednesday will not appear in the current Gangway, but will be held over to the following issue.

SOLO REHEARSALS



If you have been given a solo - you will need to learn your solo off the CD, and then have an individual rehearsal with Jeanie. Rehearsals will be held between 5pm and 6pm on the dates below. If you cannot make your rehearsal, please contact Jeanie to arrange another time.

Solo rehearsal schedule

10 th March	The Gang is Back Slap and Tickle Polka Jungle songs
17 th March	It's all Greek to Me Zorro & Mexican Rhythm Moove your Body Forgotten Superheroes
24 th March	Wonderland Shake that
14 th April	Tummy Monster Island of Dreams It Rained on Monday
21 st April	Avenue of Trees Circus
28 th April	Nanna Technology So Long, Farewell, Goodnight

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