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Kindergarten Students – Filming Opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers

Hurstville Public School has been approached to be involved in the filming of a children’s program for the ABC. The program is a spin-off from the popular Play School series.

The program is designed to assist in the transition of children to school. It will feature a character, Maurice the bear, and children currently in kindergarten. The producers are looking for children five to six years old; from diverse backgrounds; and who are confident to speak with Maurice and are able to follow directions.

On the back of this note is a letter from the production company. Parents who would like to have their children considered are asked to read this information and follow the directions from the company. The company will select children according to their criteria.

My understanding is that the filming is to start in the next few weeks and be completed by the end of the school year. Should any students from our school be selected, the filming would happen at our school. I believe the producers have contacted a number of schools, so there is no guarantee that we will be chosen for this production. However, it was explained that parents who express interest may be contacted for other projects as they arise.

There is no obligation for parents to nominate their children for this program. It is entirely up to parents and students to decide if this is something that they would enjoy and be confident to do. Please contact the film company directly if you have enquiries. As details and permissions will need to be obtained, I would suggest this be done quickly.

We wish interested students very good luck in what could be a great experience for confident and outgoing children.

Warm Regards

[Signature]

(Mrs) Anne Hewson
Principal
Casting Call Out – MAURICE’S BIG ADVENTURE

Looking for kids aged between 5-6 years old!!!

Fredbird Entertainment is starting production on the next instalment in the Play School “Big Adventure” Series – this one focussing on Play School’s much-loved teddy bear, Maurice. The series will act as a playful and optimistic guide into the unknown, encouraging children to be brave and take that all important first step into the big wide world.

In every episode, Maurice will meet a new friend and experience an exciting new ‘first’, including: Getting Ready for School, First Day at School, Lunchtime Play, Music Class, News Day, School Excursion, Athletics Day, Birthday Party, New Brother or Sister, Trip to the Beach, Getting A Pet and Camping.

We are looking for confident and enthusiastic children who are capable of performing for a TV crew.

Filming requirements are determined by individual episodes. However, most shoots will require the child and their parent / guardian for 1 day of filming, which will take place in November or December. (Exact shoot dates TBC).

If you know of a child who is confident and think they may be interested in taking part in the show, please send the following information to Natasha (contact details below):

1) Email introduction including child’s full name and age and any other relevant details
2) A clear photograph of the child
3) A short video clip of the child saying “Hello” to camera – for example “Hi, I’m Sophie, I am 5 years old. My favourite subject at school is music because I love using the maracas.” These videos are used to give us an idea of their personality and should be no longer than 1 minute in length.

Natasha Pizzica- 0424 168 145, (02) 9818 1855 or natasha@fredbird.com.au

Any questions feel free to call first.

Thanks!

*It’s not imperative these are high quality videos, just need to be viewable and clear enough to see the action – most smart phones will have sufficient video capability. You may need to use WeTransfer (file sharing website) to share the video.