



*Innovative Learning In
A Changing World*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a part of Stage Two's Literacy Unit for Term 2, we are enjoying the book, "The Composer is Dead" by Lemony Snicket, Carson Ellis (Illustrator).

"There's dreadful news from the symphony hall—the composer is dead!
If you have ever heard an orchestra play, then you know that musicians are most certainly guilty of something. Where exactly were the violins on the night in question? Did anyone see the harp? Is the trumpet protesting a bit too boisterously?
In this perplexing murder mystery, everyone seems to have a motive, everyone has an alibi, and nearly everyone is a musical instrument. But the composer is still dead.
Perhaps you can solve the crime yourself. Join the Inspector as he interrogates all the unusual suspects."

As part of our work Stage Two have organised an excursion to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta to see a live production of the book on stage.

The purpose of this excursion is for the children to experience a brilliant musical whodunit and a wonderful introduction to the symphony orchestra, with text by Lemony Snicket and music by Nathaniel Stookey.

The excursion will involve a bus trip to and from The Riverside Theatre. The children will leave school at 11am. The bus will leave The Riverside theatre at 1:45pm to travel back to school in time for normal pick up.

Recess will take place at school but please pack lunch and a drink for your child in a labeled plastic bag they can take with them to the theatre. There will be no opportunity for the children to buy anything throughout the day so please do not send pocket money.

This excursion requires 4 parent helpers to assist with supervision for the day. If you are available to help on this day please indicate on the form below. All parent helpers are required to have completed the Parents as Educators Course this year or last year including the online Child Protection course.

Date: 18th May 2016

Clothing: Full school uniform, including hat.

What to bring: A plastic bag with lunch and drink. (No large bags or backpacks)

Cost: Included in excursion levy – please do not send any money to the school

Yours sincerely,

Karin Schrader, Amanda Bentley, Mary McKenzie, Toni Critchlow, Jim Van Gend and Rachel Grima. – Stage 2 Teachers-

Permission slip for the Riverside Theatre Excursion (Please sign and return by 12th May 2016)

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to attend the Stage 2 excursion to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. I understand that they will be travelling by bus.

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

I _____ am able to assist with supervision on the day and have completed the Parents as Educators

Course in 2015 or 2016 including the online component. My mobile number is _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

