

# GUMDALE STATE SCHOOL MUSICAL 2026



## PETER PAN — IN — GUMDALE LAND



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# About the Musical

Peter Pan in Gumdale Land is a fun-filled, exciting adventure adapted by Holly Maddigan and inspired by the beloved 1904 play by J.M. Barrie. This fresh interpretation combines popular, catchy songs with a modern twist while remaining true to the timeless themes of adventure, imagination, and the balance between childhood freedom and the responsibilities of growing up.

The story follows the Darling children as they embark on a magical journey through a world of pirates, fairies, mermaids, and lost children. Along the way, they discover that while adventure is exciting, embracing growth, responsibility, and the opportunities that come with it is an important part of life.

With a lifelong love of fairy tales and a playful approach to staying young at heart, Holly chose this story as a meaningful production for her senior primary students. As they prepare to leave primary school and begin the exciting transition to high school, Peter Pan in Gumdale Land encourages them to embrace new experiences, face uncertainty with courage, and remember that growing up doesn't mean leaving imagination behind.

## Cast



### Melissa Obolenski – Peter Pan

Melissa is a 2026 School Captain and has a passion for performing and is actively involved in musical theatre both in and out of school. Melissa plays clarinet in Instrumental Music and has also been in Senior Choir and Drama Club at Gumdale State School. She has taken on many leading roles, including Winnie the Pooh, Dorothy, and now Peter Pan. Melissa loves bringing characters to life on stage and is excited to be part of this production. She hopes to continue performing and sharing her love of theatre in the future.



### Reigan Turner - Wendy

I'm Reigan and I'm 12 years old, a year 6 student and an Arts Captain at Gumdale Sate School. I'm very excited to be playing Wendy in 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'. I have been involved in four musicals outside of school with a company called 'Rockit productions' and was also a booth singer in Gumdale's first musical by Mrs Maddigan in 2024 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land'. I have previously trained in dance and singing lessons and I am so grateful to be a part of this outstanding cast this year! Performing is my favorite thing and I'm so excited to be on stage with my friends. Seeing the amount of teamwork, laughter and friendship in every rehearsal makes us feel like family!.



### Charlotte Roodveldt – Tinkerbell

Charlotte has attended Gumdale State School for 7 years and is currently a 2026 School Captain. Charlotte is over the moon being cast as Tinkerbell for her last year at Gumdale. Charlotte also attends the Dance and Theatre Factory outside of school and has trained in jazz, tap and ballet. She plays clarinet in Instrumental Music, has been involved in the Senior Choir and Drama club and performed as a booth singer in Gumdale's 2024 musical 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land'. She hopes you enjoy tonight's performance!



### Vontaine Power – Hook

Vontaine has always been a keen performer and never scared to stand out in a crowd. Vontaine recently started learning Bass Guitar and plays in the Instrumental program. She was a booth singer in the 2024 Musical 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land' and also joined Drama club in 2025. Vontaine also enjoys playing touch football and doing Drama at the Kick Dance Studio. She is very excited to be putting her acting skills to the test by playing a villain!



### Aurora Maddigan – Smee

Hi, I'm Aurora and I play the part of Smee in 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'. I've always loved singing and acting and I made my first debut by playing the Evil Witch in 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land' in 2024. I have always been drawn to the arts by learning jazz, tap, hip-hop, as well as being a part of the Senior Choir and Drama Club and playing drums in Instrumental Music. Reigan and I are both privileged to be the Arts Captains and I am so pleased I am able to perform in one last show with my friends before going to high school.



### Theo Bennett – John

Theo doesn't just do 'Peter Pan In Gumdale Land', he also practices circus tricks outside of his learning time at Vulcana, a theatre circus-based training program for the 'Brave, Strong and Daring'. Theo also enjoys hip hop and acting at Frontier Studios that promotes a passion for dance and performing arts. To add to his many accomplishments at such a young age, Theo boasts an impressive TV resume and had the opportunity to provide voices overs, which included an episode in 'Bluey' where he got to say 'Stick!'.

**Liam Santry – Michael**

Hi my name is Liam and I am in year 4 and I like singing and dancing. This is my first Musical and I'm really excited to play Michael, Wendy's younger brother, in 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'. Even though this is my first Musical, I have been on stage singing with my dad, which I loved.

**Ruhi Patel – Tiger Lilly/Fairy**

Ruhi started to dance at the age of five doing tap, jazz and hip hop. She studies at Gumdale State School and always had an interest in performing in a play. Ruhi has finally gotten her chance to shine and achieve her dream to be on stage. She participates in Gumdale's senior choir and in Drama club. She is looking forward to putting her interpretation on the character of Tiger Lilly into our adaptation of 'Peter Pan'.

**Grace Girodat – Mother/Fairy Ava**

Grace started performing at the age of five in musical theatre and has been missing it since having to stop. When Grace heard about the first musical 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land', she wanted to do it and aimed to audition for the next Musical. When the auditions for 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land' started, Grace had been involved in Drama Club and Senior Choir and was excited to receive the part of Wendy's mother and a Fairy.

**Robert Catherall – Father/Pirate Liam**

Hi, I'm Robert and have been selected to play the roles of Pirate Liam (the ship's chef) and the Darling Children's father. Before 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land', I have not performed in many productions, however I joined Drama Club in 2025 and really enjoyed making new friends. I also do coding club at Gumdale State School on lunch breaks, which I find really fun. I'm looking forward to being in this Musical!

**Veerle Faes – Pirate Valerie**

Hi, I'm Veerle and I joined 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land' because I wanted to try new opportunities (and maybe a little to show off). I have done school choir for 3 years at Gumdale State School and in 2025 I participated in drama club which were both run by our amazing teacher Mrs Maddigan. I've always loved acting but sadly I don't do it outside of school. In the future I would love to become an actor because working with new people and making even more friends is amazing!

**Sienna Morris – Pirate Makai**

Sienna always wanted to become a singer and actor and she received the opportunity when she auditioned for Michael for 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'. She is really excited that she received the part of being a pirate with her best friends and can't wait to perform! Sienna has been doing ballet since the age of two until seven as well as participating in the Gumdale senior choir and Gumdale Drama club. She joined the musical to impress her best friends.

**Sariah Newman – Pirate Scarlet Bloodwake Dreadmoor**

Sariah hasn't always enjoyed performing, as she used to be shy. In prep she joined 'Be Performing Arts' where she discovered her love for drama, singing, acting and dancing. Since then, she's performed in dance concerts, church Christmas plays, Drama Club, Choir, and Instrumental. She was so excited when she found out she got a part in this year's musical and is looking forward to seeing her family there to cheer her on!

**Josephine Birch – Pirate Josie**

Josie has been dancing since she was in kindergarten in 2019. Recently, she has advanced to pointe in ballet. She has always had a figurative imagination that allows her to write interesting stories. Josie also loves singing, drawing and having fun playing Minecraft. Plus making chicken noises for fun.

**Milla Bleckman – Fairy Cherry Blossom**

Milla is an enthusiastic performer who has loved being on stage from a young age. She began dancing at just three years old, training in ballet, jazz, and tap, before discovering her passion for sports aerobics. Milla thrives in the spotlight and enjoys every opportunity to perform, bringing energy and confidence to the stage. She hopes to continue developing her skills and pursue her love of performing well into the future.

**Zoey Dawson – Fairy Zoey**

Zoey is an energetic and confident performer ready to embrace growing up as she is in her last year at Gumdale State School. At the tender age of one, Zoey loved dressing up and performing for all those who would watch. When the opportunity to perform in 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land' presented itself, Zoey knew that she had to be in it! She was keen for any opportunity to be involved. Zoey hopes in her future she becomes a teacher so that she can continue to share her energy and 'can do' attitude with others.

**Penny White – Fairy Penny**

My name is Penny and I am in grade 6. Last year I joined drama club and learned so many new things while doing it. I really enjoyed acting and learning how to perform on stage. When I heard about the Musical 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land', I was so excited and wrote my name down in the hope I would get in. I am so happy to be playing a fairy and have been practicing and having lots of fun preparing for the special night. I am so excited to be a part of this Musical, and I hope everyone has a great time watching it.

**Harper Gray – Fairy Lara**

Harper was excited to audition and receive the position of a fairy, which allows her to showcase her ballet, jazz and aerobics skills that she has been practicing for the last five years. Harper also loves to act and sing and hopes to be an actor one day. Harper has been excited having her friends and making new friends in the Musical and hopes you enjoy 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'.

**Ellie House – Mermaid Crystal**

Hi, I'm Ellie and I do gymnastics and netball at school but have always been interested in joining a Musical. I love my character and feel I am suited to being a mermaid. In 2024 I tried out for 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land' and was disappointed when I didn't receive a part, so I am so happy to have this opportunity. I love working with all of these amazing people and I am really excited.

**Genevieve Burgess – Mermaid Oceana**

My name is Genevieve and I started at Gumdale state school last year. I have always had a passion for theatre, especially musicals because I love to sing and dance. My hobbies are singing, dancing, art, cricket and touch. Art, singing and dancing are my favorite!

**Molly O'Donnell – Mermaid Coral**

Molly is so excited to dive into her role as Coral the Mermaid in the 2026 production of 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'. A born performer, Molly first stepped on stage at age 5 and instantly fell in love with the thrill of entertaining an audience. She has been Irish dancing ever since. Alongside dance, Molly trains her voice at Dolphin Studio and is a proud member of the Dolphin Studio Choir. She is thrilled to bring Coral the Mermaid to life and hopes the audience enjoys the magic of the show as much as she does.

**Rose Robinson – Lost Kid Ginny**

My name is Rose and I joined the Musical because when I saw the Musical 'The Wizard of Gumdale Land' when I was in year two, it inspired me to be an actor. When I saw the auditions I tried out and was amazed I got in. I had the opportunity to sing a solo at the 2025 Wakerley Christmas Carols with the senior choir and have loved being on stage ever since.

**Dolcie Newman – Lost Kid Sunny**

Hi, I am Dolcie and I have always loved the performing arts. As a little girl, I took my mum's phone and made videos pretending to be different characters. I started performing in our church plays when I was a toddler and mum says I made everyone laugh! My favourite role was playing Mary. I started singing when I was 3, dancing when I was 5 and playing the flute this year. I love being a part of concerts because they are really fun!

**Brandon Gear – Lost Kid Jeff**

Brandon joined the Musical because he enjoys acting and singing. He does hip hop and acting at Frontier Studios and is happy that some of his classmates are in the show with him. Brandon hopes when he grows up to be an actor or dancer, and is so excited to be on stage tonight!

**Ashlyn Crandell – Lost Kid Ellie**

Ashlyn is in Grade 4 and loves to sing and dance. She started performing when she was five years old, in musical theatre shows at The Dance and Theatre Factory, where she learns singing, drama, jazz and tap (The Little Mermaid, Cats, Aladdin, Anything Goes). She has enjoyed being in Gumdale's 2026 musical because she has made lots of new friends and had lots of fun. She is excited for everyone to see 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land!'

**Adalyn Faure – Lost Kid Lola**

Adalyn was excited to audition for the Musical 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land' with her twin brother Harlan, and they were both very excited when they realized they received a part. Adalyn used to train in ballet and gymnastics and loves dancing and singing. Being in the Musical has given her the opportunity to shine again on stage.



### Harlan Faure – Lost Kid Jacob

Hi I'm Harlan and I am Adalyn's twin brother. According to myself, 'I am really cool and the best twin!' I love being a lost kid in the Musical because I get to mess around and have fun, like I do in real life. I auditioned for the Musical because I love singing and have been told I am a Drama King.



### Erin O'Regan - Lost Kid Salish

Hi, my name is Erin. I auditioned for the Musical because I thought it would be fun. I am a current 2026 student councilor, and I thought it would be good for me because I like being a leader. In my spare time I attend Stage School Australia where I love singing, dancing and acting. I am so happy to be a part of the Musical and glad that a lot of my friends are also involved. When I grow up I would like to be a real estate agent.

## Production Staff



### Holly Maddigan – Director/Writer/Media

Holly started performing at a young age doing Musical Theatre and learning piano and voice at Ormiston College. Holly studied at Griffith University with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Theatre and later a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching in Music and Drama. Holly partakes in many arts projects including performing in Theatre shows like '*Cleopatra*', '*Romeo and Juliet*', '*Secret Bridesmaids Business*' as well as performing on voice and keyboard in her band. Holly was proud to introduce '*The Wizard of Gumdale Land*' in 2024, which she wrote, directed and made a brief appearance as rockstar Alice Cooper. Holly always dreamed of being an actor and enjoys seeing her students experience The Arts. Holly also runs the senior and junior choirs and Drama club. She wrote '*Peter Pan in Gumdale Land*' in 2025 in the hope it would allow her students to flourish with a fun, imaginative world as they begin to partake on the journey of getting older and going onto high school.



### Tracey McCredie – Assistant Director/Costumes/Props

Tracy is a specialist art teacher, and this is her 17<sup>th</sup> year at Gumdale State School. Tracy has always been arty/crafty and enjoys woodwork, sewing, knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Ten years ago, Tracy was given a set of painting lessons at a local art school and fell in love. She shares her artistic passion and skills by directing Gumdale's bi-annual Art Show and teaching the Signature Arts Program. Tracy helped on the first Musical '*The Wizard of Gumdale Land*' and was happy to contribute and help Holly again with bringing her vision of '*Peter Pan in Gumdale Land*' to life.



### Helena Little – Dance Instructor

Helena began dancing and acting from a young age, performing in numerous school musical productions. Before entering teaching, she completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in children's film and television. Alongside her classroom career, she spent seven years as Studio Manager at Dance Kix in Gladstone, where she taught dance and musical theatre and coordinated an annual concert for 300 students. A standout achievement was leading the Dance Kix performance team to the stage at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols in Brisbane in 2018 and 2019 as part of the broadcast production. Helena is thrilled to reconnect with her creative roots and feels honored to be a part of '*Peter Pan in Gumdale Land*'.



### Claire Chester – Assistant Director

I have been immersed in the performing arts from a young age, growing up in Chicago where my parents owned a live music hall. Surrounded by music and performance, I developed a deep appreciation for the joy the arts bring. I performed in numerous stage productions and now teach junior performing arts at Gumdale. Singing, dancing, and acting continue to inspire me, and it has been a privilege to support and guide these talented young performers throughout rehearsals as they work towards this wonderful achievement.



### Rea Real – Dance Teacher

Rea has no formal dance training, but a strong love for dance that has taken her on an exciting and varied journey. She began dancing hip hop at MAD Dance Studio before discovering Latin styles, including salsa, bachata, and kizomba. Her passion eventually led her to samba, the vibrant Brazilian dance synonymous with Carnaval. Rea has had the privilege of performing with two samba schools in Rio de Janeiro for their world-famous Carnaval, as well as at the annual Tokyo Carnaval. She has also performed with Evoke Dance & Theatre Company, appearing in the *Pink Martini Cabaret* at the Brisbane Fringe Festival and Woodford Folk Festival. Rea continues to learn and expand her dance repertoire by exploring new styles and now enjoys sharing her love of dance through choreography, including her current role choreographing the Rambo Ho dance sequence for Gumdale State School's *Peter Pan in Gumdale Land*.



### Olivia Whiting – Dance Teacher

Olivia began ballet, jazz and tap at the age of 4 and continued dancing until the age of 22. She studied at the Queensland Dance School of Excellence during years 11 and 12, before studying to become a Primary School Teacher. During her years of teaching, Olivia discovered that her passion for dance and choreography could be utilized in a variety of ways. She has organized dance concerts, choreographed many routines, assisted with Wakakirri competitions and Rock Eisteddfods, and taught classroom Dance and Drama at her previous school. Olivia has enjoyed choreographing the dance performance 'Requiem For a Dream' and is proud to see it performed in 'Peter Pan in Gumdale Land'.



### Anna Burgess – Production Support



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