



*Curriculum Relevance:*  
**Science and Environment**

Explores the amazing life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly.



MONARCH is an award winning children's play that combines vivid characters, laugh out loud comedy and eye catching physical theatre.

Performed by dynamic duo Katie Burson and Beth Kayes and featuring costumes by award winning designer Elizabeth Whiting, Monarch is about scientists, the environment, speech writing and the amazing Monarch butterflies.

The show follows Lea who is writing her speech for school about the importance of butterflies. Her Grandma is a butterfly scientist who works to protect and preserve monarchs in her area. Lea's speech writing is interrupted by Carlo the caterpillar. He is claustrophobic and afraid to go into a chrysalis. Lea convinces him to overcome his fear of change by telling him incredible facts about butterflies and their central place in myths and legends.

Meanwhile a city planner announces her scheme to build a motorway that will destroy the butterfly winter home. Lea and her Grandma suggest a tunnel so that the city's progress and nature, can co-exist. The city planner threatens Grandma. Lea is worried but her Grandma gives her a 'Scientists From The Past' Time Machine so she can learn about the courage of scientists. The madcap machine conjures up the courageous Marie Curie, Galileo and David Attenborough.

Lea is inspired and determined to help her Grandma to save the butterfly winter home. When the city planner and Grandma come to a deadlock Lea is called on to step into her Grandmother's shoes and speak up. She is terrified but overcomes her nerves and delivers her speech, just in time!

**What others have said :-** Thank you so much for sharing your performance with us. From the youngest pre-schoolers to the oldest Year 6's as well from teachers, I have only had positive feedback. Please let us know when you are back in our area with another show - we'd happily book.

*Jacqui Larkan. K to 6. Springbank School. Kerikeri. New Zealand.*

You were amazing!! Thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for coming and we wish you the best for future shows.  
*Debbie Anderson, Marian School, Hamilton, New Zealand.*



**Price:** \$6.50 per student (No GST applies).

**Suitable:** Preps, K to Year 6.

**Minimum Audience Size:** 130 students.

**Times:** Performance 50 minutes duration. Set up 60 mins. Pack up 30 Mins

**Requires:** a flat indoor performing area 5m by 5m wide with 3m height.



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