

# Richard Scholes: The Magical World of Crazy Science



**Australian Curriculum:**  
**Science:** *Science Understanding (Chemical & Physical sciences), Science as a human endeavour (Nature & development of science) & Science enquiry skills (Questioning & predicting).*

## The Show:

A totally unique show that will have children spellbound, combining science, illusion and the arts, *The Magical World of Crazy Science* is a delightful mixture of magical visual science demonstrations that teaches a wide array of science concepts.

Take a wild ride with your host Richard Scholes through the Magical World of Crazy Science. Witness giant columns of elephant toothpaste, a genie's appearance from a lamp, the world's weirdest bird or Sir Isaac Newton 'live', massive smoke rings zooming and toilet paper flying, levitations, gigantic bubbles, mountains of slime and billowing concoctions. Have you ever seen your skin crawling in front of your very eyes? Add to this the hilarious mix of interactive magic and you have one very engaging science show.

## The Performer:

Richard Scholes is a multi-award winning entertainer, scientist and teacher.

Richard's life has been a unique blend of academic life and performing arts. Richard has a Bachelor of Education and has also won Australian Stage Magician of the Year and twice won Queensland Entertainer of the Year. He has studied mime, mask and commedia in London and Europe. With his unique blend of mask, mime, magic and hand shadows He has worked with the Queensland Theatre Company. He has graced the stages as guest artist for legendary performers as diverse as Shirley MacLaine, B.B. King, and Lou Rawls to a 3-month tour of Australia with Billy Connolly and performed in three Royal Command Performances, two for the King and Queen of Sweden and one for the Princess of Brunei.

**Get a sneak peek of Richard's show on the Nexus Arts Channel:**

<https://youtu.be/AK3NjM3HROs>

*"Crazy Science left hundreds of children in awe"*

*- The Standard July 8th, 2011*

*"Brewing an entertaining blend of science and magic, 'crazy scientist' Richard Scholes showed the fun side of science with his performances, with an amazing spectacle of giant smoke rings, glowing test tubes, enormous bubbles and flying toilet paper"*

*- The Standard July 9th, 2011*

**Cost:** NZ\$5.00 (no GST is charged) **Minimum:** 140 students **Suitability:** Prep – 9 **Duration:** 50 minutes plus Q & A

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# Feedback for Richard Scholes from New Zealand Schools

MARVELLOUS!!

Fantastic! Mind-blowing! Amazing! Really cool!

Applause was enthusiastic and prolonged.

I highly recommend Richard's show to any primary or intermediate school.

**Brian Lenihan, Wilford Primary School, NZ**

Richard's show THE CRAZY WORLD OF MAGICAL SCIENCE is the perfect way to kick-start enthusiasm about Science. The students were 100% engaged, all ages Year 4 through to Year 8. They loved the show and were very excited. The show is fast paced and very engaging.

The students loved the show as it initiated a lot of thinking and questions. An excellent presentation that made a very motivating springboard for future science experiments, and much discussion.

The show was both informative and entertaining. It's fantastic that science language was used to explain concepts whilst being fun and entertaining.

Absolutely fantastic! I will be telling other schools about it. All 160 Students were listening and taking in every word, the magic enhanced the science. Richard revisited and clearly covered science concepts / principles. A great show, I strongly recommend it.

**St Joseph's Otahuhu, NZ**

Couldn't believe we got paid to watch it – we were so impressed. Everyone was completely involved.

**Lepperton School, NZ**

Presentation was excellent, incredibly funny and entertaining.

Students comments were: Amazing! Astonishing! Exciting! Mind Blowing! Awesome!

**Bluestone School Timaru, NZ**

The Students were buzzing all day. Students were amazed and commented that it was the best educational show they have ever seen.

**Waipa Primary School, NZ**

Absolutely LOVED the show, completely engaged and excited. The students were delighted by the interactive teaching, making learning about science not only totally engaging but fun.

**Te Kowhai School, NZ**

"A great interactive show that kept the audience engaged. The pace was fast with loads of scientific learning – very enjoyable, thank you."

**Wesley Primary, NZ**

All the children and staff were buzzing after your show; it was absolutely perfect for the audience. Richard was able to impart accurate scientific information to the senior students and also keep the junior children completely enthralled.

All students enjoyed the show. We learnt about crazy science experiments we could do at home. Chemical reactions, MIND BLOWING!!

It was engaging, entertaining and good a great introduction to basic science, well delivered.

**Vauxhall School, NZ**

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Students were enthusiastic, positive and engaged not only by the demonstrations but the scientific explanations as well.

Entertaining, funny and informative using really science concepts. The show not only enthused students but also the teachers into exploring science experiments.

**Redwoodtown School, Blenheim, NZ**

“Please come back next year. You have made science fun – brilliant presenter. All the children were engaged!”

**Students, St Mary’s, Hokitika, NZ**

“Brilliant. Very stimulating. Created plenty of interest and enthusiasm. Children were totally engrossed the whole time.”

“Transfixed. Full of enthusiasm, loved it!”

“Buzzing!” Couldn’t stop talking about it, they loved it.

“I only got to see snippets of the show from the office, but what I saw looked fantastic and all I could hear was laughing and screaming!!! The teachers were all saying it was extremely entertaining and really engaged the children. Just thought it would be nice to pass on the feedback – always good to hear good comments.”

**Kathy Dempsey, Office Manager, Lyall Bay School, NZ**

Great division between physics / chemistry which made it clear to the students; fantastic vocabulary used. Students, of all age groups were totally engaged.

**Grantlea Downs School, NZ**

Fantastic! Didn’t want it to end, interactive for the whole school, the children were engaged and excited the whole time. AMAZING!

**Cobden School, NZ**

“Wow!!! That was amazing. How does he do that? He actually does real science but makes it so exciting. He showed us how to make Elephant Toothpaste. Again, excellent show, well worth watching, informative and fun”

**Students, Avondale Primary, Chch, NZ**

FANTASTIC!! All the students from new entrants to intermediate were engaged and enjoying the experience. They remained engaged and entranced. The show was a highlight for the students.

The teachers thought the experience was highly stimulating.

**Rapaura School, NZ**