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## Musical is set to cast a spell

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STICKS and stones can break bones and words can never harm – unless you're in a spelling competition.

Williamstown Musical Theatre Company's second production of 2009 will follow the emotional highs and lows of six children vying for the title of spelling champion.

*The 25th Annual Putnam County*

Michael Bingham, Liza Pilkington and Brendan Tollit practise their spelling.

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*Spelling Bee* includes a mix of songs, dance sequences and volunteer spelling contestants randomly picked from the audience.

"This bright, funny musical will delight you with its wit and energy," director Barbara Hughes said. "A perfect remedy for those winter blues."

► *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* runs from August 21-29, at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute, corner Melbourne Rd and Electra St. Tickets: 1300 881 545 or visit [wmtc.org.au](http://wmtc.org.au)