

# Troppo Magic

Amazing & mystifying comedy magical entertainment

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Troppo Bob, who is one of Australia's world class comedy magical entertainers, is often invited to perform at birthday parties. Over the years he has noticed some of the things that party organisers have done to make things run smoothly. Here is Troppo Bob's list of hints for party planning.

- Tie a big bunch of balloons on the front fence to make it easy for guests to locate the party.
- Organise the invitations and any party entertainment as early as possible, children often have a busy social schedule, (and don't forget about clashes with sporting commitments for your potential guests).
- Consider the comfort of your pets, they may be happier to be away from the action and possibly would enjoy a visit to another house for the day.
- How long is too long for the party? Usually 2 to 3 hours is long enough for everyone to enjoy themselves without overdoing it.
- Prepare your birthday child by helping them to understand their role. Be sure to discuss such issues as manners, how to greet guests and what areas are out of bounds.
- Keep the camera, matches and some tissues or paper towels in a handy safe place so you can grab them when needed.
- Encourage parents and carers to stay for the party, they will enjoy the entertainment and are able to assist with supervision.
- Stick-on party name tags for guests can help them to feel special and make it easier for you to identify them correctly.
- Have activities prepared for children when they arrive at the party – it helps to make every one comfortable.
- Have a large plastic tub or decorated cardboard box marked "Presents" for children to place their gifts in when they arrive. Have the present opening as the final activity, after the cake, and make note of who gave what so they can be sent thankyou notes later. Have a second box or a garbage bag set up for rubbish, (it is much easier to collect rubbish as you go, rather than having it all over the yard).
- Food and drink: When it comes to food it is best to concentrate on finger food, not too messy and nothing that requires utensils. For drinks, give each child an unbreakable disposable cup with their name written on it and make sure there is plenty of drinks available including water. Be sensitive to any special needs and allergies – make sure that any special diets are catered for – some things to be aware of are peanuts, chocolate and red lollies.
- Most important, relax, children know what to do. They are much more interested in catching up with each other than evaluating your party planning skills, cooking or cleaning.



Yours sincerely,  
Bob Latta (aka Troppo Bob)