Oddball and the Penguins

Australia | 2015 | Cert. U | 95 mins
Director: Stuart McDonald

When farmer Swampy Marsh’s wayward dog Oddball causes havoc in the town of Waarnambool yet again, he receives a final warning – Oddball must be kept under control, or else. Meanwhile, Swampy’s daughter Emily is anxious because the penguin sanctuary that she works so hard to protect is under threat. Can Swampy find a way to help his daughter, and keep Oddball out of trouble?

You will like this film if you liked
Babe (1995, U)

Talk about it
What do you know about Australia? Where in the world is it? What is the climate like?
What Australian animals can you name?

Discussion points
- How would you describe Oddball? How was his character shown, even though he couldn’t talk?
- What was special about the penguins on the island? Do you remember the different names for their breed?
- How did the foxes manage to get onto the penguins’ island? When were they going there?
- What plan did Swampy and Libby come up with to protect the penguins?
- How did Swampy and Libby test their plan? What experiments did they do to make sure it was going to work?

Write about it
Bring your ideas together in a review and share it on our Into Film clubs’ website. You could include a summary of the story, mention other films that it’s similar to, describe what you particularly liked or disliked and give it your star rating.

Extension Activities
What is a ‘sanctuary’ for animals? See if you can find out. Have you ever visited one? What would you include in your perfect sanctuary for the Little Penguins? Design a sanctuary for a pet at home, or for feeding birds or attracting bees.

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