Wock into Wakakirri

Dalby State School’s Wakakirri team mesmerized the audience with a wonderful performance at the State Wakakirri Challenge, held at the Logan Entertainment Centre on July 31.

The stage performance, which depicted the story of whaling and its negative effects on the environment, was brilliantly supported by colourful costumes and props.

Sixty-four students from Years 3 to 7 worked extremely hard for many months to practise and polish the seven minute-long performance.

Year 6 student Grace Butters said the whale storyline came about because the theme chosen for the Wakakirri presentation needed a problem that could be solved.

“Whaling is something that many people have strong feelings about and we decided that the challenge of telling this story was something we were willing to take on,” Grace said.

“But to be successful, we needed a lot of support from lots of people.” The students were supported by a key group of teachers, including Mrs Rebecca Johnston as co-ordinator and Mrs Amanda Rodgers as choreographer. Mrs Penny DeWaele, along with a group of parents, created the beautiful costumes, while Mr Rodney Johnston and Mrs Johnston created the props and sets.

Students rehearsed two to three times a week, during lunch breaks and on Sundays.

Grace said Wakakirri students also wanted to thank the school’s P&C for all the support they had provided.

“The P&C helped us with fundraising events such as a school disco, pie drive and bake stall, and we also got help from the Student Council. We would also like to thank all the parents and staff involved in this event.”

DSS principal Ms Mona Anau said everyone involved deserved congratulations.

“Wakakirri involves a lot of teamwork and commitment, and we are really proud of the fact that our school nurtures our budding performers as well as encouraging everyone to get onto the stage and have a go.”

Students from around the region will be performing at the Choral Festival, which will be held on Saturday August 17, as part of the Choral Festival.

Performances by both the Senior and Junior Choirs, the Senior and Junior Bands, the Dalby State School students possess the multitude of talent that Dalby State School bands and the Wakakirri team, will add to the atmosphere and excitement of the day.

In the lead up to the Choral Festival, our Senior Choir will be busking on Saturday 9th August in the main street of Dalby on Saturday August 29.

Our annual Creekside Markets, which will be held on Saturday September 6, will showcase the multitude of talent that Dalby State School students possess. Performances by both the Senior and Junior Choirs, school bands and the Wakakirri team, will add to the atmosphere and excitement of the day.

Wow! What a busy first half to the year Dalby State School has had! Both the Senior and Junior choirs have performed on numerous occasions and there is certainly more coming up...

Members of Dalby State School Senior Choir have been working hard during Tuesday lunch rehearsals in preparation for a performance at the Ekka (The Brisbane Exhibition on Thursday August 14). The choir will be travelling down to Brisbane with students from Dalby State High School. The Senior Choir members are really excited and privileged to have this experience and would like to thank Mr McPherson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Harth for their dedication to music at our school and for presenting our choir with such fabulous opportunities.

Once again, the Senior Choir will be performing at the Jondaryan Woolshed on Sunday August 17, as part of the Choral Festival. Students from around the region will be performing and it will be a wonderful day out, so please come and support this event.

Question and Answer With Mr McPherson

Q. Are you involved in your primary school choir when you were a student?
A. Yes, but I started to enjoy it more as I got older.

Q. Have you always enjoyed singing?
A. Yes, because we had a grumpy music teacher, who did not know my name. She had no love of music and was not inspiring at all.

Q. Do you enjoy teaching music at Dalby State School?
A. Yes, because the students are willing to give anything a go and they are always having fun.