

Production Reflection

Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding efforts in preparing for and performing in the Cindy Goes Solo production last week. Students, with the support of Sue Ellen, Courtney, Julianne, Louise and all of the rest of our fabulous staff, have been rehearsing for months in order to prepare a challenging and entertaining show. Thank you to all our staff who helped get it all together.

Can I make special mention of our wonderful and dedicated Year 5/6 teachers (Bianca, Steph and Jacqui) who have worked with our older students, week in and week out, to deal with all of the issues associated with a show that involved ALL students. Working with eleven and twelve year olds, things are already complicated enough (☺) on a day to day basis, so asking and preparing children to put their self-conscious self on the line, by dancing and performing in front of over a thousand people, takes considerable relationship skills and the development of trust between our staff and students. Thankyou to Bianca, Steph and Jacqui for guiding our students through this challenge and for setting them up with the confidence to 'take a risk' the next time they come across something that they think will be too difficult or confronting.

Thank you to the community for attending the performances and supporting our students by providing them with the positive feedback that their efforts and hard work were greatly appreciated. Those parents who had attended a Production before knew what to expect and the quality outcome of all the hard work. For those new families for whom this was their first experience, I hope that you were duly impressed by what our young students were able to accomplish and that some of the inconveniences along the way were worth the end result. I received a lot of feedback from families of young students who were amazed with what their five, six and seven year olds were able to do!

To add another level to how impressed I hope you were by the show and the work of our students, I would like to point out that our show, as an all-inclusive school performance, involved every student in our school with 100% participation expected. You were not just watching the best of the best in terms of the Performing Arts—every student in our school learnt something about performing, achieved something and received the exhilarating rush of audience feedback in recognition for their efforts.

Thank you again to all our wonderful staff who have worked many extra hours to get your children ready for the performance and to prepare all the other little bits and pieces that go in to a Production.

We'll take a breather from Production next year but will be back with one in 2017!