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"Snells Beach School will prepare children for successful futures and life-long learning through dynamic teaching and quality learning opportunities"

From the Associate Principal

J ROCK THANK YOU

On Wednesday 2 July our J Rock team travelled down by bus to the Aotea Centre to take part in the J Rock part of Stage Challenge. On board were 69 excited students from Year 4-6 and 15 parents raring to get stuck into the day. It was a very LONG day too I might add. We left school at 9am and the last child was picked up from school around midnight. In spite of this our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school, exhibiting superb behaviour, and participating and contributing at the highest levels. We were the very last school to rehearse and did so in front of all the other schools taking part, including high schools, and getting rapturous applause. Then followed the hectic process of getting them all into costume, teased hair and makeup before performing to the huge audience. 8 minutes later it was all over. We came away with certificates of excellence for our soundtrack, stage use, and costuming and characterisation, and the experience of dancing on a world class stage. The students did a fantastic job and were very proud of themselves as were we adults. Will we do it again??? ABSOLUTELY (but in 2016)!!! Was it worth it? A resounding YES!

How did we make this work?

An event as complicated as this requires help from a huge amount of people, and I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved. I apologise if I leave anyone out!!! Over the next few pages you will see just how many people were involved in one way or another. You are all very much appreciated.

We were extremely lucky to have the wonderful expertise of **Mrs. Kylie Tippett as our choreographer**, who created the exciting dance moves for our production. Practices were held every Friday afternoon and over quite a few lunchtimes. Kylie did this out of the goodness of her heart and we truly appreciate her giving up her precious time and energy to our students, in order for them to be able to take part. J rock would never have got off the ground in the first place without her offer of help and expertise.

To put our performance on we then had to look at costuming, makeup and hair design and props. In order for us to achieve this we needed money- and quite a lot of it at that. This is where you, our fantastic parents and wider community, stepped in to assist. I wish to acknowledge each of you by name as you are all important and our success on stage is due to you.

Our wonderful parent helpers on the night were: Kitt Wyatt, Helen Jenkins, Victoria Smith, Leonie Bettridge, Laura Morley, Annette and Lindsay Pahl (photographer extraordinaire), Denise Le Bas, Anna Addison, Marie McLennan, Angela Brangwynne and her lovely mum, Robayne Magnusson, Helen Bartrom, Cristina Lungu, Amanda McMurtrie and Nikki Chapman. You were fantastic at supervising, dressing and applying makeup & teasing hair! Well done

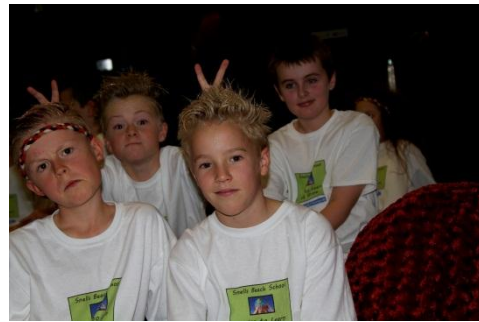
Transport of props: Many thanks to Annette Pahl and Cherry and Shane McGuire who got our screens to and from the Aotea Centre without incident (mostly!) even in the driving rain.

Hip hop fundraiser: Chevy Mikaere from Identity Dance Crew for finding time in his busy schedule to do a free lunchtime class for a gold coin donation from the students

Cherylene Neels
Associate Principal



Thanks Lyndsay Pahl for our great photos!



Cash Sponsorship:

Barfoot & Thompson Ltd, Warkworth for our team tee-shirts

Rotary Club, Warkworth to go towards the cost of the buses

Mr. & Mrs. Mahue (Liquorland Snells Beach) to go towards the cost of costuming

J Rock raffle: for donation of prizes

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The Dough Puncher Bakery & Mini-Golf, Omaha

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Snells Beach Pharmacy for donating multiple items

Movie Night-Matakana: organised by the fabulous Leonie Bettridge and Robayne Magnusson

Thanks to Dan & the team at Matakana Cinemas

Spot prizes from: The Warkworth Butchery, Green with Envy, Snells Beach Fish & Tackle, Charlie's Gelato Garden, Skippers Scissors Snells Beach, Little & Local Café and Sandcastles Childcare Centre

Sausage Sizzle: organised by Leonie Bettridge & Robayne Magnusson

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Held at the Home & Body Market in Warkworth

Sausages and barbecue supplied by Rob at The Warkworth Butchery

Manned by parents of J Rock students (Victoria and Maarten to name a few)

Mini-golf Pie & Drink Deal Weekend: organised by Leonie Bettridge

Thanks to David & Maryanne Roberts at The Dough Puncher Bakery & Mini-golf, Omaha

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the days & Jack Kleyn an ex-student!

\$100 Note Raffle:

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Props/ screens:

Sam at Rodney Trellis for creating the screens at a special price

John Bettridge & Richard Le Bas for fantastic construction skills

Trish Lovegrove for her outstanding set designs for the screens

Marie McLennan, Trish Lovegrove, Lovetta Bayer and Sarah Hough for their awesome painting skills

Whenuapai Primary School for allowing us to borrow their huge fish

Costuming:

Cherie Watson and Pauline McDonald for their sewing skills

Whenuapai Primary School for allowing us to borrow some costumes at short notice again!



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