

WAKAKIRRI

NATIONAL STORY-DANCE FESTIVAL

HOW WAKAKIRRI ENHANCES WELL-BEING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AT THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wakakirri has been a fantastic opportunity for the students at The Basin Primary School since 2010! It's easy to see how Wakakirri has positively impacted our children's wellbeing over the years. From fostering community spirit to boosting self-confidence, it touches so many important aspects of student development.

Wakakirri has been instrumental in developing the following:

Building Community: Wakakirri brings the school together, fostering a sense of belonging among students and staff. Students in the younger grades celebrate the performances and aspire to have their turn in Grade 5 and 6.

Boosting Confidence and Connections: Students gain confidence in themselves, develop deeper relationships with peers and teachers and learn how to collaborate and work as a team.

Education through Storytelling: The theme-based performances provide opportunities to learn about various topics and deepen their understanding in a creative and engaging way. (We have told stories centred around famous figures and historical events)

Developing Performance Skills: Students learn stagecraft, acting, dance, and storytelling through movement—valuable skills that go beyond the classroom. Students have the confidence to step on the stage when they previously may have found it challenging.

Creating Purpose and Engagement: Students feel a sense of purpose and pride in their performance, which motivates them to attend school more regularly and get involved.

Inspiring Future Performers: For many students, Wakakirri is a stepping stone to further exploring the arts in high school and even beyond.

It's clear that Wakakirri has not only had a positive impact on students' social and emotional development but also helped them discover new interests and talents that continue to shape their futures. The energy and excitement around it every year spreads around the school.

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