

## Wakakirri announces National Story Dance of the Year winners



**W**akakirri continues to be Australia's largest performing arts event for primary and secondary schools with this year's winners now announced.

Mango Hill State School in Queensland claimed the Primary Story of the Year with their performance 'What About the Children?', in which a young boy discovers a way to make a difference when he learns about children who have been left homeless after a hurricane in Haiti. This was the school's fifth year participating in Wakakirri and their first time winning Story of the Year.

Mango Hill showed everyone that they too can become a 'helping hero' in a per-

formance the Wakakirri National Panel called "visually and creatively sensational". The students also became real life helping heroes, dancing for donations just like the characters in their story and donating money raised to the Save The Children Foundation.

Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, Tumby Umbi Campus took out the top award for their impactful performance 'The Rabbits', an abstract interpretation of the colonisation of Australia based on the picture book of the same name by legendary Australian author John Marsden.

Tumby Umbi's story touched on the harsh truths of Australia's past and the ongoing social issues still prevalent today,

with a message of hope and reconciliation. Wakakirri's National Panel said it was a "fantastic performance" with "strong and relevant" themes.

This is Tumby Umbi's fifth year participating in Wakakirri and the first time the school has won Story of the Year, a huge achievement for this small Years 7-10 school from the NSW Central Coast.

This year's search for the Story of the Year saw 240 schools hit the stage at 40 events at professional theatres around the country.

**Registrations are now open for the 2019 Wakakirri Event.**  
<https://www.wakakirri.com>

## EZY-NCCD School Disability Data collection project underway

**F**ollowing feedback from schools in all parts of Australia to an article in *Education Today* Term 3 issue, education software supplier Impromation has announced that system design and development is underway.

CEO Michael Tunks said: "Thank you to those schools who responded to our previous article in ET Term 3.

"What we learned is that the system needs to be flexible for schools to adapt to their particular circumstances, easily

accessed by all staff, with sensitive information limited to leadership security levels. We also learned the need to track not only NCCD applicants but all students with modified learning requirements.

"From these responses, we have started to develop a cloud-based system for release in early 2019 that will:

- streamline the recording, storage and annual rollover of NCCD data
- interrogate this data for school decision making purposes

- update data throughout the year
- move student information automatically to new classes each year.

"There is a widespread need for a system like EZ-NCCD and we look forward to working with schools in this area.

"We would welcome further interest to discuss particular needs so please give us a call

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