Dear Wakky Parents,

Thank you for allowing your child to be apart of our wonderful Wakakirri 2014, it is sure to be an extraordinary event as we all work together to produce something spectacular.

This year our theme is “Animal Welfare”. We will be exploring African animals, landscape and tribal people and the impact of animal poaching. We have selected some wonderful music to accompany our performance and we are sure to set the stage alight with our bright animal costumes and wonderful backdrops. This year Savanah Lloyd has again offered to volunteer her time to assist with some of the choreography and we look forward to welcoming her back to our team.

As you are aware, a production like this requires dedication from all parties, the teachers, the students and the parents. Previously, the sense of community and the willingness of all to lend a helping hand were exceptional, and there was a great sense of satisfaction from all involved. This term all of the hard work begins. We will be working flat out right up to 13th of August when we hit the stage at Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

As you could imagine a performance of this nature requires hours of rehearsal time. We try to do as much of this during school hours as possible and Thursday afternoons from 1.50pm to 3.00pm have been designated for this purpose. As we draw closer to the event we will also be having some rehearsals on Friday during break times. Some students will be required for morning rehearsals and rehearsal scheduled will be sent home next week for those involved.

We will be having 2 weekend rehearsals at this stage. Our first weekend rehearsal will be on Sunday 25th May from 12.00pm to 4.00pm and this date will also be our Working Bee. This day will be compulsory for all performers. Backstage crew are not required for this date but it would be great for them to still attend if possible. The second full day rehearsal will be on Sunday July 27th. This will be a full dress rehearsal. We would expect all of our backstage crew and all of our performers to attend the day.

We are trying to keep costs to a minimum at we are confident that a levy of $50 should be able to cover the costs of building materials, paints, props, construction equipment, insurance and transport. This $50 levy is due by the 6th of June and can be paid to the office. It would be much appreciated if the levy could be paid by this date to ensure that we have enough money to purchase the equipment that we need for the performance. There will be fund raising events happening throughout this term to subsidize money where we can, on the Friday the 30th May we will be hosting an 80’s Music Trivia Night, this will be an adults only event. You can help out by attending and gathering a table of friends. These nights are always memorable and most enjoyable.

There are many ways in which you can help out. We need some help with the cutting of material before the working bee to ensure that we can set up our sewing machines to sew. We need some people to help pin material together. We need people to help construct and update props. We need people to help cut design and create. If you are able to help out we hope to see you on the day of the working bee. Many hands make light work and we rely heavily on the wonderful support of our community to assist.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school or myself. My e-mail address is trent.burns@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your support

Trent Burns
At this stage we are looking for some donations/help. Please have a look at the list below and contact me if you can assist in any way.

Needed:

- A small truck or ute/trailer and driver to transport props to Wollongong on the day of our performance and to bring them back on the day after
- White paint to wash over our backdrops with
- People to help out with the sewing/cutting of costumes