

SMASH HIT MUSICAL 'STAR WARTS' WINS THE HEARTS OF BUNGWAHL AUDIENCE By D Farley 19.09.22

Student STARS dazzled a capacity crowd in The Bungwahl Hall last Friday night in their premier performances of the much anticipated Craig Hawes musical STAR WARTS. The performance was sold out and the enthusiastic crowd was treated to a stella night's entertainment. Under the careful guidance of director Ms Tuft, the cast of talented young actors danced, sang and told the heart-warming story of Daft Ada's missing son 'The Umpire' and Princess Nebula's team of quirky heroes on their quest to save the universe. People travelled from as far away as Sydney, Newcastle and the Central Coast to attend the opening night. The audience was

opening night. The audience was ecstatic at the end of the show, full of praise for the young actors.

Community members unanimously claiming the show was a sensational hit!

Experienced theatre goer, and critic, Greg Kelly wrote "What a brilliant show! The most enjoyable school musical I have seen....and I've seen a few!" Lorraine Rogers, herself an accomplished actor, praised the whole production. "I thoroughly enjoyed the comedy version of Star Wars with the Shakespearian and musical references. Every actor participated in their own special way. Stunning costumes, skilled choreography, special sound and lighting effects all combined to showcase the young stars. Beautiful!"



The strength of the show was the depth of talent and confidence shown in each actor. There was not one stand out superstar. Each child on stage was a superstar in their own right.

The cast successfully worked as a team to support each other and to allow each character their moment to shine. As they prepared to go onto the stage the positive energy was electric. The cast's enthusiasm in the dancing and singing, and the joy in their faces, was reflected in the loud applause from the audience.

Journalists have been scrambling for interviews with the stars, who all have a bright future ahead. Following are quotes from the actors themselves.

Chillie "I liked the 'Space Trip' dance and being a racketeer."

April "My favourite part was Dancing in 'Far, Far, Away'."



Kian "The best bit was being angry in 'The Umpire Strikes Back' and I liked the dance 'Junction 51'."

Jasmine "I liked everyone's costumes and I liked mine too."

Will "I liked being a racketeer and dancing 'Squeeze The Sauce'."

Logan "I liked being Yoga."

Maple "I liked it when we all danced at the end in 'Space Trip'"

Xavier "My favourite bit about Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back was that I knew what to do because I've been rehearsing for 8 months."

Daniel "My favourite thing was the jumping and rock and roll singing in The Umpire Strikes Back'."

Ruthie I liked dancing in 'Junction 51' when we moved into the triangle."

> Josie "I was in all the dances and I liked all of it and I want to do it again!"

Lily I absolutely adored the school musical. I mean who didn't find the dances joyful!

A lot of the audience said the acting and dancing were astonishing. I am not surprised how well everybody did. After the night time performance, many children were greeted by their parents and grandparents. The morning performance was satisfactory too! Learn to Squeeze the Sauce! I loved how I could express myself. I wasn't the biggest fan of my role but I still had loads of fun! A bunch of other kids had their chance to love their role and live it. for that period of time! But I did too! The musical was amazing! You can strike if you like! But the umpire is gonna strike back!!!

Marlar I love dancing so much. My favourite dances were 'Far Far Away' and 'The Umpire Strikes Back' because it was fun to dance to.

Gypsy I really enjoyed dancing and being a part of the play my favourite dance was in 'A Galaxy Far Far Away' thanks to Ms Hayden and Ms Tuft the play was a blast. I think Ms Tuft chose a good topic. I really enjoyed doing the play.

I had the most fun when I saw how many people came to see our play.

Delilah I loved the play because I really enjoyed the dances. It was enjoyable and the best part was that at the end of the night we got all the loud cheering and I got to see two of my best friends from Palms School. At the end of the show I was excited but then I got sad because



Grace I really enjoyed the musical because it was fun when we all worked as a team. Before the play, I felt a little bit scared because I had never seen such a big crowd. But the school and I just felt happy. After the night play I think we all wanted to do it again. My favourite part of the play was the jokes. They were funny. I had the most fun when me and Fletcher had a little fight. Practicing for the play was very hard but worth it. I wish I could do it again because it was fun. My favourite dance was Galaxy Far Far Away and it was all thanks to Ms Tuft.

Joaquin The play was fun because it was scary at first but then I got used to it. The funniest part about the play was I am your mother, du du duuu!!! Haha, that was ridiculously funny. I absolutely adore the play, but I wish we could do it again. I would have loved to do it again because it was funny and really cool and that's why I loved the play. Du du duuu!! Jonie I had to change places at the last minute and become King Basil and learn the last words in five-ten minutes which was a challenge. It was hard for me to remember the lines which was a challenge at first but once I did the first show I knew all the lines for the night show.

Some of the stuff was on the wrong side of the stage but we still managed to get it on the right side for the dances and the other props like the sauce and the tennis ball in the right spot.

One thing I learnt is that it doesn't matter if you have to be a boy or not and that you can learn your lines at the last minute, but the people won't know if you're not the person you were meant to be. They will just think you're a normal actor and they won't point it out, they will just listen and enjoy the show and clap. I wish I could do another musical and get a bigger role and not be a boy actor and join in on more of the dances to make it more fun.



Evelia My favorite part about the play was when the crowd stood up and cheered really hard because I have never felt so happy in my life. I even had two happy tears.

I wish I could do it again because I had a really good experience while I was acting, dancing and having fun with my friends.

My favorite dance was 'A Galaxy Far Far Away' and 'Space Trip'. This is because they were really fun dances. Even though I wasn't in 'Space Trip' as a dancer, I still had fun being a headlight for the Millennium Penguin.

Thanks to Miss Hayden, Ms Tuft and Mr Baldwin everyone in the crowd loved it.

Amber I enjoyed the acting in the musical and the tennis match. It was fun to watch the ball be hit between the Umpire and Nebula and Luke Warmwater.



Charlotte I really enjoyed the play because I actually got to express myself. I learned that even if you are scared, you can get through anything. It was also super fun, and I want to do it again. A lot of kids are probably not able to do that! Someone said it was the best musical from kids that they had ever seen!

Cruz I really enjoyed the play because we all had fun doing the rehearsals. The rehearsals were really fun and we all had a laugh. We all had a great experience and we tried our very best.

I felt a bit nervous before the play. I had this voice in my head saying you're gonna mess it up over and over again but when I got out there I did my best and I succeeded. After the play, I felt happy and proud of myself and like wow I just did that.

My favorite part of the musical was the end where everybody laughed and they had a great time. Well, I mean, I hope they did.

I had the most fun when we were dancing. I love to dance. Just me dancing on stage with lots of people looking. I felt excited and mostly every bit was fun. My favourite dance was 'Squeeze The Sauce' and 'Galaxy Far Far Away' and 'Space Trip'.

I wish I could do it again because it was the most wonderfullest time ever. All of the smiles and laughs were fun. I hope everybody had a great time like I did.

Maya I really enjoyed the play because it was interesting and fun. My favourite dance was Space Trip and Galaxy Far Far Away. It was the best dance because Miss Hayden choreographed it. Everyone did so well and the crowd said it was so good and they loved it.

Donnie The play was great because Cruz got to sprinkle the sauce all over Charlotte and she was covered in glitter for days.

Jeremy I really liked it because it was something to work on and also something to look forward to so it was really exciting.

My favourite part of the play was my lines and song because it was staring at me.

I also likes the Junction 51 dance because I could actually be in it, I would love to do it again

It was kind of challenging I guess.

Yindi I really enjoyed the play because everyone had a go and tried their very best.

My favourite dance was in a 'Galaxy Far Far Away' because it had a lot of energy and every-one tried their very best. Everyone worked very hard.

My favourite part of the musical was at the end when everybody was dancing to 'Space Trip' because it was the end dance and everyone was in it.

Practicing for the play was a lot of fun because we were only learning and experimenting on what we could do.

I had the most fun when everyone was cheering and clapping and the end and laughing at our jokes because that made me feel really special.



Bella I felt so scared at the beginning of the play because when Yindi and I turned around there were so many people. My favourite part of the musical was probably the dances, but I had the most fun when I was acting. My favourite dances have to be Squeeze The Sauce and Galaxy Far Far Away. I had so much fun.

Students away on the day of written reviews Quinn, Amarlie, Keanu, Nate, Declan.



Fire Brigade Visit



The Bungwahl RFS Team of Louise, Judy and John came to talk to the students yesterday afternoon. They came to discuss keeping safe during fires and to prepare for the upcoming fire season. Students were encouraged to prepare a family fire plan and practice leaving the house in case of a fire. Students confidently talked about phoning Triple 0 in case of an emergency and heard the catchy song "Get down low and go, go ,go!" Some students didn't know their address. This is important for them to learn in case of emergency. As part of our Bungwahl School Fire Plan we will practice moving into the kitchen as our safe building. Please ensure your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you at any time.

Academic Assembly of Excellence.

Congratulations to Keanu who was presented with his award for academic excellence in a formal assembly at the Tuncurry Bowling Club last week. Selected Year 3-12 students from all the schools in the Great Lakes Learning Community were rewarded for their academic success and efforts in learning. Thank you to Jared for representing the P&C and helping me present some awards. Along with Ellen, we were very proud of Keanu's achievements.

22 September public holiday National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen

Elizabeth II.





HOLIDAYS!!

The school holidays begin after school on Friday. Have a great holiday with your children. We look forward to seeing you ready for a wonderful Term 4.

Dates to Remember

22.09.22	Public Holiday
23.09.22	Last day of term 3
10.10.22	Term 4 all students return Intensive Swimming Week– all students - please send in any outstanding permission notes