



## STARS OF THE FUTURE ON SHOW AT ST JAMES

When St James' Parish Primary School Sebastopol puts on an arts festival, it doesn't think small.

The 2016 event, held on December 1 at the school, included every student, eight stages, seventy-five music, dance and drama performances and more than two hundred visual art works.

Teacher Dan West said the pupils have worked all term as choreographers, dancers, songwriters, musicians, singers, composers, ceramicists, artists, playwrights, actors, filmmakers and directors in preparation.

"During the process of creating visual and performing art works, the children have developed real life problem solving skills and resilience as they persisted through challenges and developed their artistry," Mr West said.

"Our children are curious and creative. They have explored a range of performance genres and arts mediums and the festival is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their knowledge, skills, understandings and passions with the wider community." He said the festival was the end product that celebrates the rich learning of all St James' pupils.



Grade three pupil Nate Cody said: "The arts festival is a great way to show people what we are about. We have put lots of effort and hard work into our performances".

Grade four pupil Jasmine agreed. "One of our visual art works is to create 1000 paper cranes," she said. "We started as a small group and now fifty-two people have all contributed to our art work because they want to help us."

