Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Engadine West is once again participating in The Wakakirri Story-Dance Challenge and all students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to audition for a place in our team. Story Dance combines Creative Movement, Dance, Drama and Acting and it is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop teamwork, resilience and a range of stage and production skills, culminating in an exciting live performance in front of hundreds of people. Story-Dance Performance Nights are held in capital cities and selected regional areas throughout Australia. At this stage it appears that we will be performing either at Sutherland or Wollongong (dates will be confirmed when available).

We are very fortunate to have Amy from Groove Nation helping with the choreography again this year. Your child has shown an interest in participating in Wakakirri this year, along with approximately 100 other students. With such a large number of interested students, auditions will occur over a number of weeks on a Tuesday afternoon (during creative arts time). Auditions will occur on Tuesday of Weeks 4, 5 and 6. Auditions will be observed by a panel consisting of; Amy (Groove Nation), Mrs Field, Ms Davis and Ms Barrow, to ensure a fair observation is made of all students. It is important to note that with over 100 children auditioning and our ability to select only 60, many children will be miss out and may be very disappointed. Unfortunately this is unavoidable. With this in mind, it is important to understand that the decision made by the selection panel will be final.

Students selected for the Wakakirri team must be prepared to attend all rehearsals which will be held every Tuesday in the School Hall at 2.15 p.m. Closer to the performance dates there will be extended rehearsals both after school and in the July school holidays. In addition, there will be a fee of $100 per student to cover dance tuition, costuming, transport costs, etc. (to be paid at a later date).

If your child would still like to audition for a role in our team and has your permission to be involved, would you please complete the following which must be brought to the audition or returned prior to the auditions and given to Ms Barrow.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind Regards,

Jayne Field and Rebecca Barrow
Wakakirri Team

Garry Royston
Principal

I give permission for my child ____________________________ of class ________ to audition for the school's Wakakirri Group. I also understand that my child needs to be available for all rehearsals and performances and I am willing to pay the required fee of $100 if my child is selected for the performance group.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Name:__________________________________________