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MEDIA RELEASE

Hip Hop bounces around Hindmarsh Shire

Over the past week Freestyle Dance Hip Hop team, Ministry of Dance visited Hindmarsh Shire to share their Hip Hop moves with youth of all ages. Their program commenced in Nhill at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre on Monday 16 September with an evening session which was enjoyed by in excess of 40 children and their parents. Dance fans were both inspired and challenged by the new dance moves they were being taught by choreographer Justin from Ministry of Dance.

Tracey Taylor, who brought her kids to the workshop, commented “Justin and Ministry of Dance were just amazing! The energy and atmosphere the guys created got the kids so excited to join in and just dance. They interacted with the kids making sure they were all having fun whether they could dance or not. The whole event was organized with the aim that everyone big and small just had fun, and they nailed it. We had a great time!” she said

Many of the local Karen Community of Nhill also attended the Hip Hop event and got actively involved. Kaw Doh, a leader of the Karen Community expressed his satisfaction with the experience. “It was very nice to see the kids, young people and even parents dancing together. I think it is a great way to unite the community and we would love to have Hip Hop at our New Year Celebration. It was a good event and we want more!” he said.

For Eh Dah Pay and her daughter Eh Lah, the evening was too short and they requested more Hip Hop for the coming months! “Is it possible to have another workshop next week?” requested Eh Dah at the end of the event.

Following on from the success of Monday night, Nhill College hosted Ministry of Dance on Tuesday morning where 55 students from years 7 and 9 enjoyed Hip Hop Freestyle.

Rainbow beats!

All Rainbow P-12 College students were lucky enough to be able to attend a Ministry of Dance session at their College on Tuesday afternoon. Kids from all grades were happy with the activity and enjoyed a great afternoon. The school's teachers and Mr. Allan Coffey, Principal of the College also enjoyed the activity and were impressed with the talent of their kids along with the easy way of learning new movements with the choreography that Justin and Dan delivered.

Flynn, Heidi and Sally Smith, students of Rainbow P-12 had a wonderful time! "We had an awesome class, everybody had a lot of fun and we learnt a lot of moves" explained Heidi. Sally described the event as amazing "Justin and Dan are really good at Hip Hop; they were really bouncy" she said.

These events are sponsored by the Ministry of OM Australia, FReeZA and Hindmarsh Shire Council. Justin Seidel is a qualified dance social worker who teaches hip hop routines to kids and teenagers all over Australia. Workshops normally take about one hour and are about engaging and empowering children, youth and young adults.

It is anticipated that the Ministry of Dance will return to Hindmarsh Shire in June next year.

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