



45 students from all schools in the Quilpie Shire in far Western Queensland were united at the ICPA holiday camp this summer. School was out for the students of St Finbarr's School, Quilpie State College, Longreach and Charleville Schools of Distance Education plus a few extra holiday makers from Caloundra and Charleville, and the children were up for holiday entertainment. It is the only event on the calendar where students and their families from all schools come together to perform, sing, create and move!

This year Quilpie ICPA Holiday Camp hosted swimming, judo, drama, music- vocal and instrumental, craft (including Christmas craft) hosted by volunteer community members, which was an extra special connection between generations of Quilpie residents. Each student participated in two swim lessons daily and the improvement over the week was incredible to see. The drama students held their own on the stage and the Judo was a disciplined, active and fun activity for all ages. Exposure to a range of instruments and vocal experiences made the music sessions memorable and the construction of 'Regleigh Rabbits' was something new this year. However, we cannot overlook the importance of the social interaction between the children.

The four days of activities would not have been possible without volunteers freely giving their time and funding from the Foundation for Regional & Remote Renewal, Arts Queensland Regional Arts Development Fund through the Quilpie Shire Council and the Quilpie Shire Community Grant and drought funding. The support for this event was realised when the grand finale event had so much to show from the weeks' activities - it went for hours! Bringing new opportunities to the children of Quilpie Shire was the focus of the week.

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Below: L-R Tim Tully, Elliott Sargent, Samantha Bodkin

Enjoying Christmas crafts



It's swimming time