Reflections on The Ramayana

The children of Grades 3-6 were asked to reflect on what they had learnt from the process of being involved in Term 3's performance of The Ramayana. Here are some of the responses:

I have learned that acting needs patience, and if you keep going it will come.
Maya

I have noticed that I like to work with other people more. Being the herald in The Ramayana gave me courage that I didn't know I had.
Kristijan

I now have more courage in front of people when speaking or acting.
Grace

Being involved in the play gave me more confidence in myself while knowing that my opinion counts. More acting would improve everyone's confidence, in both themselves and onstage.
Philippa

I have learnt that even though acting can be embarrassing, it's a great way to learn to broaden your horizons and let yourself go. Also, it's great to get into someone else's shoes and act like them. I think that an acting/drama class would be amazing, and it would be a fun thing for us children to experience more often.
Natasha

I feel like my confidence on stage has grown - a lot.
Odette

I really enjoyed being a part of The Ramayana. I have recently discovered that I really, really like acting. If we had drama sessions each week I would really feel like I would be prepared for next year's play. I'm definitely more confident after The Ramayana and I won't get so nervous in the future.
Emily A

I think I have learnt more about myself. I can go up on stage and perform in a play and I wasn't as shy as I thought. I learnt that there's a lot of satisfaction in performing in a play.
Nathan
I think that it makes me much more self-confident since The Ramayana, and more keen to share my thoughts.
Lachlan

I think I have learnt not to be scared in front of an audience and just pretend the audience is not there. I have also learnt to just always be in character even when the lights are not up. Overall I have learnt to be courageous and act in character always.
Emily B

I learnt to control my nerves and that all of the training really helps in the end. I also learnt that you may think that the audience was there to make fun of you but in fact they’re here to support you.
Matilda

If someone makes a mistake I’ve learnt not to be thrown by it.
Rohan

I learnt how to make it better working with other people instead of doing my own thing, and I had more practice at courage than what I do usually.
Yurah

The play helps you feel more confident and work together with others better.
Samika

When I was in Year 2 I was really shy to do the play, but this year I was not shy at all and next year I’ll probably get even more confidence.
Smruthi

From the play I learnt that as you grow you get more mature and if you see confusing things then you learn to get around it.
Amarlia

When we did the play, we got more mature. We learnt how to act and we got more control.
Ethan

Once you get practice then you get confidence, and next time you do it you face up to the audience better.
Rishi
Every time you perform and see lots of people you get more courage and confidence and you don’t mess up.

Agam

I learnt that you can control your emotions, like if you want to laugh and you’re not meant to then you can practice self-control and if you’re sad then you can just be happy, or if you don’t want to do something then you can just be happy too.

Aisha

I feel more confident and I feel like I can talk louder than I do sometimes and I loved being a part of it.

George