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Australian Star Wars record falls as Mackillop College gets into character

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THE Force was with more than 1200 Mackillop Catholic College students who set a new Australian record for the largest number of people dressed as Star Wars characters this week.

There were more than a few Darth Vaders, Yodas , and more light sabres than you could poke a stick at. Queen Amidala of the Naboo was a common sight, while Jedis and Imperial storm troopers swelled the numbers. A solitary Jabba the Hutt cut a menacing figure.

A total of 1262 students from the Warnervale school including kindergarten to Year 12, staff and families joined the celebration as part of the school's 10th anniversary.

The event also marked Book Week with the theme of 'read across the universe' and raised funds for Australian Cancer Research.

Teacher librarian and organiser of the record attempt,

Jackie Crowe, said the day was a success in every way.



RECORD BREAKERS: Riley Haynes (Storm Tropper) Alex Goddard (Chewbacca) Makenzie Scicluna (Princess Leia) Antoniya Bonnici (Aala Secura,)Cleopatra Hobson (queen Amidala) and T -Jay Adum (Darth Vader.) *Source: News Limited*

“There was plenty of lightsaber action, Princess Leia could have made a record on her own. There was Darth Vader, Darth Maul, Jedis, a few R2D2s and lots of Yodas.

“The most unusual included teacher Daniel Lockward who dressed as Jabba the Hutt, a great Wookiee and even an Aala Secura with blue skin.

“For a fun day it was a serious cause as our school community has been impacted by cancer and we managed to raise almost \$2000 for cancer research,” she said.

“Students fund raised, dressed in character and created and broke many records on the day,” she said.

“Some costumes were bought, some hired, many made at home and the creativity was incredible.



FROM A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY: Students, staff and family at Mackillop Catholic College have broken Australian record for the number of people dressed as Star Wars characters. *Source: News Limited*

“We wanted to do something significant to involve the entire school and when the idea was announced at assembly many students came forward wanting to create their own record for the new Australian Book of Records that will be published next year.”

The different grades attempted records including two Year 11 students Conor Wanstall and Boe Runciman who managed to stack 21 chairs without a ladder in one minute. These students fund raised for the event and sold white ribbons and gained sponsorship for their event.

About 500 Kindergarten to Year 6 students performed a mass hokey pokey while Australian Book of Records officials who attended for the day to oversee all of the

events.

Year 6 student Georgia Caulfield attempted the most walkovers in 30 second and she managed 27.

AUSTRALIAN BOOK OF RECORDS

The Australian Book of Records is a new publication that will be launched in 2014 and Mackillop Catholic College hopes to appear in the edition visit theaustralianbookofrecords.com