



2010 Arts Festival – Year 7 and 8

Arts Festival was a very busy day for Year 7 and 8.

The day started off with a performance from Java Dance. Founded in 2003 by graduates of the *New Zealand School of Dance*, Java is a New Zealand based professional contemporary dance company that consistently creates and presents original works of its own choreography. This year's show, *Hand to Hand* is a highly physical dance performance that explores social habits, patterns and body language.

Our next appointment was at the Napier Municipal Theatre where we were lucky enough to watch a Capital E Production – '*End Game*'. *End Game* is the story of Alex and his mother Rosie who don't really get along and live separate lives online when a twist of fate transforms them into computer game versions of themselves.

With inventive staging, a magical score by Gareth Farr and a script by two New Zealand playwrights - this is a truthful, funny and telling look at a family finding their way back home.

On our arrival back at school we had the pleasure of an hour with wonderful local story teller, Mary Kippenberger. As you can see from the photos this was a truly entertaining hour. We look forward to having Mary back to visit again soon.

Following a picnic lunch, the school assembled in the Sports Centre for the biannual House Drama Productions. The theme of fairy tales continued on from the session with Mary. There were many year 7 and 8's involved in the dramas and it was pleasing to see them giving their all on stage in front of a very supportive audience. Well done, girls!

