

# Gold Coast Residencies 2008

## Kite Arts Education Program @ QPAC

As one of the fastest growing regions in the state the Gold Coast is currently coping with a period of rapid social change. Many children living on the Coast have experienced high levels of transience both personally and within their friendship groups. The Kite Arts Education Program recently undertook 3-day residencies in nine schools across the coast, working with teachers and students to explore how transience affects children's lives. The prep to year three students used a range of dramatic languages to express their ideas about coping with change, relationships, resilience and wellbeing. The workshops culminated in a showing for parents and students.



*"My favourite part was building cities and I liked Gene's music and I liked learning about Venice"*

Adam: Labrador State School Student

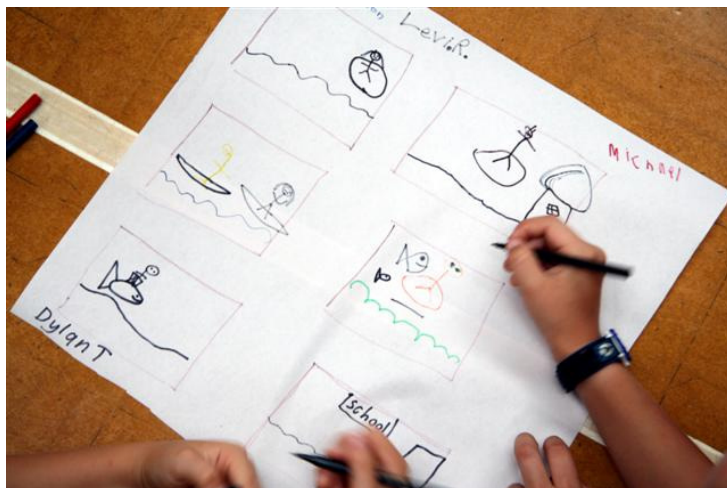
*"I enjoyed all of the parts...the puppet show was so much fun"*

John: Labrador State School



**Puppeteering**

**Developing Ideas**



*"I like the story about Amy and Louis I like the feelings too"*

John: Labrador State School Student

*"It was very interesting actually to see some of my children who struggle academically begin to blossom in this environment. It was lovely to see them so motivated to participate"*

Helen Hartley: Teacher Labrador

**Creating the Storyboard**



**Creating the Soundtrack**



**Warming up**

*"They loved it. They praised others. They were focused during all the workshops and really enjoyed going into roles".*

Sandra Downey: Teacher Watson Road State School.

*"The performance was fantastic ...it gave me so many teaching tools to adapt"*

Robyn Kay: Nerang Primary School Teacher



**Performing**

The Gold Cost residencies were a part of a seven-week program that took place in March and April 2008.