

# Wake Up and Read



Performed by  
*Frank Ozo*





## Promoting the magical world of books and the knowledge they contain.

**Wake Up and Read** is a funny, well paced comedy incorporating music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus skills all linked with short charming tales about growing up in Australia. Each tale is another piece in the puzzle of how Frank, the son of an illiterate Italian migrant, became an avid reader and came to do what he does today. Students hear the stories behind the comedian as Frank takes us back to those moments that have shaped his life. We share his parents' surprise when he first announces that theatre is the job for him. Another story tells how a playground bullying incident led to a lasting friendship with a fellow student who told him that he could find much of the information he would need for his new career, in books from the school library.

Using a great sound system and wearing a lapel microphone, Frank tells some of his story as Rap and Country and Western songs. **Wake Up and Read** is an engaging performance that encourages reading, both for pleasure and research, with positive background messages of multiculturalism, social harmony and anti-bullying.



### What schools have said:

The program was most entertaining. A balance of magic, singing, puppets and theatre. My class described the show as 'awesome'. Beneath the magic and puppets etc. was the clear message that reading is cool and people who read gain many different experiences. The performer was most entertaining and had the kids discussing how the tricks were done. He showed great diversity with singing, magic, puppets, humour and storytelling.

*Peter Morton. K to Year 6. Howlong Public School. Howlong. NSW. 17/08/2015.*

Engaging introduction. Magic tricks kept the students entertained. Made real life connections towards learning to read. Frank engaged the children appropriately.

*Peter Robinson. Fitzgerald State School. North Mackay. QLD. 16/03/2015.*

Excellent. Very entertaining and still able to deliver an important message to the audience. Hilarious! Frank was AMAZING!! His ability to perform magic and "wow" the audience is something needed to be seen!

*Belinda Brian. K to Year 6. Lower Tully State School. Lower Tully. QLD. 5/11/2014.*

### Curriculum Relevance. English, LOTE, Drama, Music, PD & HPE:

Reading, Storytelling, Italian Culture, Identity and Personal Development, Interpersonal Skills, Peers.

Wake Up and Read is also a great motivator for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

**Price:** \$5.50 per student (\$5.00 + \$0.50 GST).

**Suitable:** Preps, K to Year 7.

**Minimum Audience Size:** 120 students.

**Times:** Show: 50 minutes. Set up: 50 minutes. Pack up: 45 minutes.

**Requires** an indoor performing area 4m deep x 4m wide.

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