

# Kalta kuu – Sleepy lizard room

## Term 1 2024 Newsletter

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fantastic launch into Term 1, 2024! I am incredibly proud of how well the students have settled into the beginning of the year. I hope you have all had an amazing summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead of us.

To ensure you stay up to date with any important information or notes please ensure you are checking your child's bag regularly and actively checking dojo for any messages. If you are ever unsure of anything or would like to meet with me, please don't hesitate to ask.

Penny will be in our class on Wednesdays from lesson 2, teaching HASS, Science and Design and Tech. Swimming will commence from week 2 onwards, for those students who are participating. More information to come about this. The cost will be \$5 this term. I will be absent from weeks 8 to 11 as I will be having surgery on my knee. I will have the program ready for the relieving teacher to follow when I am away to ensure the students routines are consistent.

### Classroom Organisation

Some important information to note, this includes...

- School starts at 8:50am each day and ends at 3:00pm.
- The classroom door will open at 8:50 am.
- OSHC is available on site if you require it.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a packed recess, lunch and drink bottle.
- Please pack **at least 3 nappies** a day in your child's bag for changing throughout the day.
- Please pack spare clothes in your child's bag – pants, t-shirt, underwear, socks.
- If your child's hat goes home, please bring it back to school.
- Please call the office if your child is going to be absent.

### Communication Details

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Any notes/concerns can be communicated through email, Class Dojo or a phone call. We understand at times, that there may be concerns regarding your child; this is best communicated to me via the above email address or Dojo.

Riverdale's main forms of whole school communication is via the Skoolbag App and our Facebook page. Please check these regularly for important school information and dates. Please note, in general, only those notes requiring a signature will be sent home in paper form. All other classroom information will be communicated via Class Dojo.

I look forward to an amazing term with you all. 😊

### Important Information

#### Week 4:

Tuesday - Acquaintance Night

#### Week 6:

Thursday – Causal day

Friday – Pupil Free Day

#### Week 7:

Monday – Public holiday

#### Week 9:

Thursday - Sports days 2pm finish

Friday – Public holiday

#### Week 10:

Monday – Public holiday

#### Week 11:

Friday - Term 1 Concludes 2pm

## Mathematics

In Mathematics number will be our key focus. In this area we will be focusing on counting, number recognition, one to one correspondence, ordering numbers, tracing and writing numbers. We will also be focusing on shape this term. We will be learning to recognise, name, trace, draw and explore a range of 2D shapes.

## Literacy

In English students will be learning about letter names and sounds. We will be practising these each day through song and activities. We will have a big focus on communication, where we will be learning about using key word sign, proloquo2go and visuals to increase communication. Student will be exploring emotions and how they look and how our body demonstrates these emotions. The students will be exposed to reading and comprehension tasks, where we will aim to extend vocabulary also. We will also be learning about learning about colours. We will also be exploring the Literacy Units of work and engaging in a range of hands-on tasks.

## HASS

During this term in HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences), our primary focus will be on History. The curriculum will centre around Foundation level content, emphasizing the exploration of students' personal worlds and families. Specifically, we will investigate how students, their families, and friends commemorate significant past events that hold importance for them.

## Science

In science this term, our focus is biology. We will explore how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves. This curriculum content is designed to be accessible to students at their individual skill levels, allowing for personalised exploration and understanding.

## Health & PE

In health and PE, we will be focusing on a unit around moving our bodies. In this unit we will be focusing on fundamental movement skills. Some of the skills we will be looking at are locomotor and non-locomotor skills, including rolling, balancing, running, jumping, hopping and moving the body through water safely which will be completed during swimming lessons. We will also begin practicing for our upcoming sports day, exploring the activities we will be doing on the day.

## The Arts/Auslan

In the arts we will be looking at visual arts. This term we will be experimenting and playing with visual conventions, visual arts processes and materials to create a range of different art work.

In Auslan we will be learning the alphabet. Each day students will be exposed to the different signs for each letter through song and explicit teaching. We will also be looking at some basic signs for common words we use in the classroom, such as yes, no, thank you, toilet, eat, drink.

## Design and Technology

This term in Design and Technology we are doing a unit of work on bread to will explore how people design and produce familiar products, and services. This unit will link with our science unit as we explore how living things must eat. Also examining how yeast functions and contributes to the rise and flavour of bread, and that yeast itself, is a tiny living microorganism. The students will access this learning at their individual skill levels through simple but engaging activities.

Kind Regards

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*Room 1.3*