



GRIT Newsletter

Thoughts from the artistic director:

Another amazing month! I have such a gorgeous group of little GRIT Stars and feel blessed to be part of their worlds!

It's been an exciting term watching new group dynamics evolve and examining how children react with one another and play together. I feel privileged to watch them grow and develop and proud when I witness them being honest, open & kind to each other. Witnessing friendships forming and strong connection being made, makes me feel proud. Proud, because that is what GRIT wants to do; create a space that brings people together, encouraging them to be themselves and ultimately empowering positive change, exactly what we've been doing!

The buzz of each workshop gearing up for the end of year celebration is exhilarating. The kids are super excited, and I am too! A letter entailing performance details and requirements has been handed out to students and emailed to you.

Important: The performance date has changed to **Wednesday 11th December 7pm**, week 9, last week of school term. This is due to many families going away before Christmas and not available in week 10. It is imperative that all students attend, please contact me ASAP if this is not going to be possible.

Other news...on a technical note, I have been having a few difficulties with my email. For some reason, I am unable to send to Hotmail or outlook and it seems some of my mail is going to spam. Could you please reply to my emails, just for the interim, and check your spam? If you are receiving spam from me, change your settings to receive my mail and/or let me know that it's going to your spam. Sorry for any inconvenience!

Please stay in touch beautiful families, I will message you soon with all the performance details and requirements! It means the world to me working with your children and together making some positive change in their lives!



“PLAY IS THE **WORK** OF CHILDHOOD. PLAY IS OFTEN TALKED ABOUT AS IF IT WERE A RELIEF FROM SERIOUS LEARNING. BUT FOR CHILDREN, PLAY IS SERIOUS LEARNING.” – PSYCHOLOGIST JEAN PIAGET -

What I have learnt from your children this month:

BELIEVE WORKSHOP



Dress Up Box



Fun times with Friends!



Bus Stop Improvisation

Absolutely love this little crew! Me and the boys! We have such a great time together. They're open, honest, kind and creative. They all get along, complementing each other and offering a nice balance to the group dynamics.

This term we are working on a book called 'I'm green and I'm grumpy'. A story explores, who are the creatures in the dress-up cupboard? Full of surprises, this warm and funny story will delight the audience as they discover who is hiding behind the door.

The boys are super excited and busting with great and inventive ideas towards the play. Characters have been selected, roles allocated, scripts gone home...and we are all excited at the opportunity to perform and share it with you.

Thanks, supportive families coming out on Sunday mornings. I know it's not always an easy task, but so worth it and such a great way to start the day! The choice to break the younger ages up and create two separate workshops for 5-9yrs has proven beneficial and I have instantly seen the positives allowing for age appropriate games, learning, development and more quality time with everyone.

IMAGINE WORKSHOP



Group Character Improvisation Exercise



Object & Shape Creations



First Reading of 'Tiddalick'

What a warm, fun and supportive group! We are still developing our team, getting to know one another, building trust and finding our groove. I'm impressed with the maturity, openness and encouragement the kids are showing one another.

This term we are working on an indigenous dreamtime story called 'Tiddalick, the frog who caused a flood.' Tiddalick was a huge frog and his thirst was even bigger. He drank until there was not a drop of water in the land. All the other animals would die of thirst – unless they could get the water back from Tiddalick.

The story has created a great platform for discussion and the kids have made important links to the old ancient story and the current world they live in. They have discussed themes around greed, loneliness, community and even climate change. I have really enjoyed listening to your children be passionate and articulate about what they feel and believe. It has inspired me and reminds me why I love doing what I do!

QUIRK WORKSHOP



Group Creations



Improvisation Scenes



Self-Devising Our New Play

Feeling grateful that all the Quirk gang have returned. We have recruited a few more which has completed the sell-out Quirk workshop this term! Super happy, know GRIT is on the right path! The Quirk gang has such an open, honest and vibrant energy! The kids own the space and are all excited to be creating something from scratch. A big ask, I know, but they want to create something that their interested in and not something someone else has told them to do. Some ideas so far include...horror, scary movies, sci-fi, comedy, simpsons, stranger things, barbie, friendship, murder and mystery.

Super excited at what we can create together, a true collaboration, an experimentation that could end up anywhere...we are ready for the challenge...Not to be missed!!!

COMMUNITY QUOTES

"Bellevue Heights Primary School loved having GRIT support our production, Simone's enthusiasm and connection with the children is infectious, so much so, we are having her back at our School again this term"

- Lyndal Bland (Teacher)

"My favourite thing is doing drama with GRIT"

- Oliver Costello (Participant)

"Being part of a team is important, we are all equal and all as important as each other"

- Jaxon Iley (Participant)

Dates to remember:

PERFORMANCE ART CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2019

7pm Performance in Theatre

\$5 per person, pay at door

(children under 5 FREE)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Wednesday 15th & Thursday 23rd January 2020

GOODWOOD THEATRE & STUDIOS

5-9yrs / 10-12pm

10-13yrs / 1-3pm

\$25 per workshop

Goodwood Theatre & Studios

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