



REDDAM EARLY LEARNING SCHOOL ST LEONARDS NEWSLETTER



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15th October 2021

Principal's Message

By Mrs Simone Cooke

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful time the children had during their Spring Vacation as they were transported away to the magical world of "Neverland". Whilst putting on a pirate's hat and eye patch or tinker bell dress, may appear to us mere play, for young children dramatic role play is very important for a young child's brain development. It encourages them to harness all the information they have already gained about a particular character, for instance that pirates sail in large ships, like to hunt for treasure, protect themselves with swords and as one little boy who limped his way into school last week explained to me, "I have to walk like this today because I'm a pirate who had a fight with a crocodile and now I have a wooden. Leg". Having the ability to recall and process information is an essential component of brain development and acting out real and imagined roles is beneficial to fostering this.

Dramatic play further helps children to confront their fears, for some children pirates or crocodiles may be scary, processing their fears through play and allowing them to gain control of a situation in which they control the outcome assists in this process. (I can assure you that I had many bad crocodiles sent to my office on our walk the plank day!)

The vacation period is always a lovely break for the children from their daily routines but we are now ready for an action packed Term 4. As advised our Specialist classes will be rolled out over this upcoming Term. Reddam requires that all Specialist Teachers are fully vaccinated and do not work across other schools or our other campuses. We began last week with Physical Education Classes and Piano and over the upcoming weeks MyGym, Drama and Mandarin will also resume. The teachers will display the schedule for these classes on their programmes which you will find at the entry to each of our classrooms.

I recently emailed each family a copy of our proposed dates for Term 4. Please find

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attached a reminder of these dates

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS / STAGE 4 GRADUATION CEREMONY

We will advise closer to the time if these will be in person or online events and will provide times for these events. At this point in time due to the heat of Summer it is anticipated that these will be morning events and times will be provided once we have confirmation from NSW health that these events can take place in person. Please note it will be a requirement that any parents attending these events are fully vaccinated in order to protect our children. In the event that these are not permitted to take place at school we will be providing video footage of the concerts as we did last year.

- Tuesday 7th December: Stage 1R, 1E, 1D (Christmas Concert)
- Wednesday 8th December: Stage 2 & 2/3 (Christmas Concert)
- Thursday 9th December: Stage 3 & 3 / 4 (Christmas Concert)
- Friday 10th December: Stage 4 (Christmas Concert & Graduation Ceremony)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURE

This year Reddam St Leonard's will close for Christmas on the 17th December, 2021 and reopen on 10th January 2022. If you require care for the 20th, 21st, 22nd December, 2021 please contact our enrolment officer Michelle Kellett who will provide you with details regarding the vacation programme which will run for these days.

We look forward to a wonderful Term 4.



Monday 27th September: Welcome To Neverland



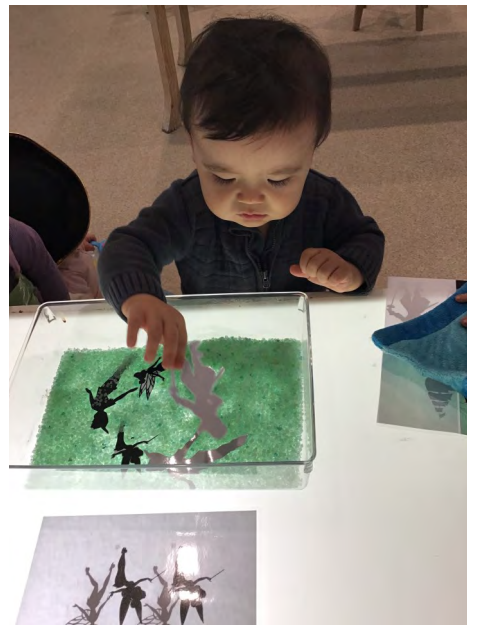
Tuesday 29th September: Captain Hook & Pirate Cove



Wednesday 29th September: Shadow Play Day



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Thursday 30th September: Tinker Bell Play Day



Friday 1st October: Walk The Plank



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Tuesday 5th October: Journey To Peter Pan's Indian Camp



Wednesday 6th October: Ahoy There!



Thursday 7th October: How to get to Neverland



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Friday 8th October: Pirate & Fairy Dress Up

