



Pride@Burrowes

# Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter

## Welcome

Hello families and welcome to 1E, 2024.

Students have had a positive and engaging start to Term 1 and should be commended on their efforts so far. You will find information in relation to your child's learning this term for each subject area, PBL information provided by Miss Crawford and key dates to remember this term.

Each day we have a fruit break at 9:30am. If you could please send your child with a piece of fruit, or vegetable which is easily accessible in lunch boxes it would be appreciated.

Homework will commence in the next few weeks as we begin to establish our daily routines and students are settling in. As always, attendance is a major contributing factor to student learning. I am aware that sickness can arise and there are times when your child needs to stay home to recover from illness and to contain the spreading of germs. Please remember that every day counts and it is important that students are on time and ready to commence their school day to maximise learning.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email: [dkell185@eq.edu.au](mailto:dkell185@eq.edu.au)

*Dee Kelly*

## Learning and Assessment this Term

### English

Students will explore text by listening to, reading and viewing a range of written picture books. They will retell events of a familiar story using text structure and repetition. Students will be assessed on responding to text by retelling a text, answering questions about the story and making a personal connection to characters and ideas in the book.

### Mathematics

Students will work with numbers and explore counting, representing and recognising numbers. In chance and data students will discuss familiar events and use the language of 'will happen', 'won't happen' and 'might happen'. Students will be assessed on these concepts throughout the term on an ongoing basis.

### HASS

Students explain how some aspects of daily life have changed over recent times while others remain the same. Students identify and describe the features of places and their location and identify changes to the features of those places.

### Problem Solving

This term, students will be using a 4 step STAR model to identify key information in mathematical problems and plan efficient strategies to solve them.

### Languages

Students will learn about Chinese culture and use basic Chinese language within the classroom, following simple instructions in Chinese.

### Health & Physical Education

This term students will develop the object-control skills of rolling, catching, pat bouncing and throwing through active participation in activities, games and movement challenges. They will also apply rules and fair play practices.

### The Arts

This term, students will explore rhythm in a variety of media and demonstrate an understanding of rhythm and pitch patterns. Students will present a dance that communicates ideas to an audience. They explore, improvise and organise ideas to make dance sequences.

## Classroom Expectations and Routines

1E have co-constructed our classroom rules and expectations as follows:

- We listen when our teacher is talking.
- We put our hand up to speak.
- We are kind to each other.
- We keep our hands, feet to ourselves.
- We always do our best work.



## PBL – Fortnightly Focus

Burrowes SS is a PBL school and encourages students to earn merit points which reflect their achievement in our four pillars of PBL: I am safe, I am respectful, I am responsible and I am a learner. Every term, we celebrate our student success with a Celebration Day. Each fortnight students focus on a different PBL rule to help them succeed in our school environment.

**Week 1 & 2** – I am an all-rounder – I will understand my emotions

**Week 3 & 4:** I am a learner when I use strategies to stay in the green zone.

**Week 5 & 6:** I make safe choices when I'm in the red zone.

**Week 7 & 8:** I am respectful toward myself and others when I'm in the blue zone.

**Week 9 & 10:** I make responsible choices when I'm in the yellow zone.



## Term 1 Calendar Dates

Week 1 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Australia Day Public Holiday

Week 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 – Whole School Parade

Week 5 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Parent Teacher Sessions

Week 10 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Friday Public Holiday