

January 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new term and an exciting year ahead!

Welcome to those students that are new to this class, welcome back to those returning to a new term and the beginning of term. We hope you all had a great festive season and have returned with bundles of enthusiasm, energy and creative ideas to get this term off to a great start!

This term we will be exploring the *Topsy and Tim* series of books. These stories contain many situations that will be familiar to the children, from *starting school* to *going to the zoo* and *having a birthday party*. In each class we will tell the stories and then bring them to life going on to explore the many themes and ideas that arise from the stories using creative drama. Experiential learning takes play as the students step in to the shoes of the characters and play out the different situations, in these carefully planned classes. We also use drama games, exercises and role – play to achieve our lesson, dramatic, social and emotional aims. As the students take on the various roles from the stories the students explore the characters vocally and physically. The children work very much as an ensemble with opportunities to take the focus of the group in a supportive, and encouraging environment. In stage 1 & 2 as with all stages we are also continuously working on listening skills, turn taking and voicing creative thoughts.

The books that will be included are: Topsy & Tim - Start School, make a new friend, go to the hospital, and the new puppy, meet the police, in the gym, and the new baby, go to the zoo, meet the firefighters, look after their pets, have a birthday party etc You might want to get familiar with these tales and read them at home together to help reinforce the learning.

As it can be a little rushed in between classes if you have any questions about the class or your child's progress please don't hesitate to email your teacher at info@centre-stage.com or give them a call on 6732 7211.

Best Wishes

Centre Stage Team