

Term Four Overview 2017
Preschool Robots, Stars, Rockets & Comets

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Dear Families

At Macgregor Preschool we view all children as unique, creative, capable and competent learners. We recognise that children learn through play, can make decisions to inform their own learning and have differing needs, interests, backgrounds and abilities.

This term we will be supporting the children in developing a deeper understanding of diversity. We will achieve this by offering experiences that support your child in recognising, and responding respectfully to diversity in the world around them. We will explore literature that delves into the concepts of diversity, inclusivity and individuality. We will assist the children in developing their knowledge of diversity through provocations, investigations, intentional teaching, differentiated activities and whole class discussions.

Our teaching and learning this term is based on EYLF Outcome 2: *Children are connected with and contribute to their world; Children respond to diversity with respect.* We will explore the following essential questions:

- What is diversity?
- How are we different?
- How are we the same?

Our fortnightly program is on display for families and we always appreciate feedback and encourage families to share their thoughts and ideas with us.

Remember to have a look through your child's portfolio and see the wonderful work they are doing at preschool.

Spanish

Each week our Spanish teacher, Paula Charles works with the children to continue developing their familiarity with the Spanish language. Paula teaches Spanish vocabulary through games, songs and stories.

Library

The children visit the library on a weekly basis. During this time they are immersed in a range of literature with the intention of fostering a love for reading.

Sun safety

All children need a sun safe hat (no caps please) clearly labelled with their name. We suggest leaving a hat at preschool to ensure they aren't forgotten. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning. Sunscreen is provided and will be reapplied as needed. If your child has sunscreen sensitivity please consider purchasing sunscreen to leave at school. Preschool hats are available for purchase at the front office.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

Macgregor Primary School encourages healthy eating and we are a *Fresh Tastes* school. At preschool we ask all the children to bring at least one piece of fresh fruit or some vegetables to eat at fruit break. Your child must bring a water bottle each day, filled with **water only**, and we will refill them during the day as needed. We ask that you save treats such as chocolate, lollies and juice for home. Macgregor Primary School is an *Anaphylaxis Aware* school and we have several students and staff with severe allergies to nuts, nut products and honey. To assist with creating a safe and healthy environment for all we ask that children and families **do not bring any nuts, nut products or honey to school**.

Volunteering in Preschool

At Preschool we value the wonderful contribution of families to our program. In line with current legislation those wanting to help out on a regular basis are asked to complete a *Working with Vulnerable Peoples* form and hand this into the front office. Your help is much appreciated.

This term we are seeking help from our families to help us reorganise our equipment and resource areas. If this is something that you think you could help us with please watch for notices on our doors or speak to your child's teacher.

Excursions

This term we will have a preschool incursion with a multicultural/diversity focus. Information and permission notes will be sent out shortly with all the details.

Kindergarten Transition

In the second half of this term we will be having kindergarten transition sessions where the children visit our kindergarten classrooms and become familiar with the environment and the routines of 'big school'. On Wednesdays, from week 2, the children will be spending the afternoon in our Kindergarten classrooms. On these Wednesdays we ask that you wait outside the Kindergarten classrooms and your child will be released to you at 3pm.

Wellbeing at Macgregor (W@M)

A reminder of our W@M behaviour expectations at Macgregor Primary School. We have four main expectations; that our students, teachers and families are Safe, Responsible, Respectful and Learners. W@M is used across the whole school from preschool to year six and provides a positive focus for us all.

We look forward to this busy final term of preschool and we hope you enjoy the term ahead. We welcome back Glennis Weatherstone as the classroom teacher for the Stars and Rockets, as Mandy Wheelahan takes her maternity leave. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to email us at the addresses below.

Kind regards,

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