



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3 Overview 2017

Year 6

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Dear Families

Welcome back, we hope you had a safe and happy holiday break. This term promises to be yet another busy and exciting term.

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term, as well as inform you of a few changes and housekeeping matters to support you and your child's return to school for a new term.

English

This term students will be continuing to develop their reading strategies, as well as their analytical skills, through focused reading sessions. Students will be participating in either focused, explicit reading strategy lessons, cooperative reading, or completing an independent reading matrix based on their individual needs. This term, students will be exploring the purpose of writing to entertain. Students will have the opportunity to investigate various skills needed to generate and organise ideas, use more meaningful and descriptive language, write using a variety of sentence structures, apply spelling and punctuation strategies and review and edit their writing.

Mathematics

The focus this term in number will be fractions, decimals and percentages. Students will be simplifying, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions, as well as calculating percentages of sale items and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. In addition we will explore BODMAS. Students will learn the sequence of BODMAS, Brackets first, Orders (Powers and Square Roots), Division and Multiplication (left to right), Addition and Subtraction (left to right).

We will also be learning more about area, perimeter and angles. Students will accurately measure and calculate the area and perimeter of various regular and irregular shapes using appropriate methods and steps. Students will also investigate, with and without digital technologies, angles on a straight line, at a point and vertically opposite angles.

Social Skills and Health

In health, students will continue learning about puberty, focusing more on the changes that happen to their brains during this time and how healthy lifestyle choices can assist in managing these changes. This term, the school will continue to focus on mindfulness activities. Research shows that daily mindfulness supports students to develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

Physical Education

This term students will be planning and implementing their own PE lessons. In small groups they will create a game based on a modified sport, which has a focus on fitness and wellbeing. It must include and implement fundamental motor skills (FMS) that increase and build on each student's fitness. These sessions will run 2 times a week, with students providing feedback to their peers after each lesson.

Science

This term we will have a science focus on the Primary Connections programme 'Micro-Organisms'. In this unit students will develop an understanding of the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. They will investigate the conditions micro-organisms need to grow and the process and research behind the development of penicillin.

Geography

This term students will develop an understanding of the role Asian countries have upon Australia, through relationships and trade. They will also complete a research task comparing two countries, focusing on their population, economy, education and life expectancy.

Technology

This term the students will continue to engage in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning program. We will continue to buddy up with year 2 students to initially develop basic digital literacy skills. Once these skills have been firmly established, other digital based STEAM concepts can be explored such as coding, web design, graphic design and 3D modeling.

Housekeeping

Visual and Performing Arts, PE and Spanish

Our specialist visual and performing Arts, PE and Spanish lessons will be on Wednesdays and will be in the morning session. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE and dance.

Library

This term our library session will continue be in the afternoon on Thursdays. At this time students will be able to borrow and return books as well as investigate and build their skills in the use of our school library.

W@M – Wellbeing at Macgregor

We will continue to work with our school expectations and Wellbeing at Macgregor – also known as W@M. Look out in the school newsletter for more information as our implementation rollout continues.

Kind regards

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