



# MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Term 2 Overview 2018 LSG

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Dear Families

Welcome to the start of the second half of the 2018 school year. We have planned another exciting program for the semester and we are looking forward to some more great learning.

### English

Both classes will focus on the use of Adjectives and Adverbs in descriptive sentences/paragraphs. LSGTW will continue writing positive "Bucket Filling" letters to classmates using a template.

LSGPS have been focusing on the process of research and report writing. Students are provided with a template and are given time to research a given topic. At the end of each week they present their research and report to the class, developing communication skills and confidence with public speaking.

In reading both classes will continue to have a strong literacy focus building on daily activities comprising of read to self, read to someone, read alouds, work on writing and word work. LSG students all read at least 3 times a week one on one with an educator. The students are progressing through the Reading Eggs program and many have begun to work on the Reading Express program also. Please note that students can log into the Reading Eggs app from home on any browser using their school log on.

### Mathematics

In mathematics this semester we will transfer our knowledge gained in semester one to focus on money and time. The students will explore addition and subtraction operations with Australian currency, for some using their understanding of multiplication and skip counting. Due to the range of abilities within the group our 'I can' statements will be taken from student ILPs. All students are enjoying the use of the online Mathseeds program which is available through the Reading Eggs website. Please note that students can log into the Reading Eggs and Mathseeds app from home on any browser using their school log on.

### Social Skills and Health

All LSG will continue to focus on being more considerate of how we talk to others and how our actions can make others feel. This semester we will also explore food consumption and how it affects our bodies. We will discuss the need for often, sometimes and rarely foods.

### Physical Education

Classroom teachers are working collaboratively with our specialist PE teacher to further develop fundamental motor skills. Each day the LSGs will participate in a gross motor session which will include a variety of activities designed to develop these skills whilst focussing on taking turns, persistence and group work.

## **Science**

This semester we will explore food cycles, predators and the need to protect environments natural versus man made materials and their impact on the environment. The students have investigated recycling and what they can do to reduce our footprint on nature. They are learning which items can be recycled and which items go to landfill. This is something that they could be practising at home with a parent or friend. Please consider having conversations around these concepts with your children. We will soon look at the role predatory animals and their life cycles play in maintaining balance in the natural world.

## **History**

Our history inquiries, examining the changes to materials and the environment have been very interesting. We have explored how glass is made, what happens when metals are mined from the earth, how many trees are involved in making paper and that plastic is made from oils. The students have enjoyed watching videos on recycling and have learnt that our carbon footprint is smaller if we recycle.

## **Specialists**

This term Millie Butt will work with LSGPS and Bethany Taylor will work with LSGTW. The specialist teachers will provide a mix of PE, gardening and cooking as well as literacy and numeracy. This mix will be based on the specific needs of each class. If you would like your child to continue to participate in the Spanish program please see your classroom teacher so that they can arrange for your child to join the mainstream Spanish lessons for their year group. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see your classroom teacher.

## **Library**

This term LSGTW will have their library lessons on Mondays in the first session. LSGPS will take flexible approach to library times and will use both their classroom library and the school library. Students will be able to build their skills in the use of our school library whilst choosing books to read for the classroom. This term we will be learning how to choose good fit books.

## **Fruit break**

Each day, students will have fruit break during the morning session. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until Break 1. Students will need to bring fresh fruit or vegetables, ideally cut up, which is easy for them to manage and eat in approximately 10 minutes.

## **Music**

The LSG classes are lucky to have Brenda Frew providing music lessons once a fortnight on Wednesdays. The students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing of instruments, music and movement.

## **House keeping**

As winter is quickly approaching and our mornings are become crisp and crunchy please remind your children to dress for the cold. Please also remember to name your child's jumper or jacket to make sure we can return any lost items.

Kind Regards

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