

Principal: Jennifer Hall

Term 4 Overview 2018 **Year One**

Dear Families,

Welcome to an exciting term 4. Below is an outline of our curriculum for this term.

English

Writing

This term we are exploring the genre of narrative. We will be examining narrative structure and discussing characters, setting, problems and solutions. We will be supporting our students by continuing to read a variety of rich literature to them every day. By the end of this unit students will be able to identify the structure of a narrative and have an attempt at creating their own narratives.

Reading

This term we are continuing with our comprehensive reading program. We begin each day with a 15 minute free choice reading session. This allows students choice over their learning options as well as the opportunity to work independently towards highly personalised reading goals. Our small guided reading groups focus on strategies to improve individual reading skills.

Speaking and Listening

Students will be given the opportunity to share their narrative plans and finished narratives with their classmates. Listening to others share their work will also be a strong focus.

Mathematics

Mathematics is divided into three content strands: number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability. This term our students will be learning a variety of efficient strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We will also learn about position and direction. In addition to this, each class will be consolidating and revisiting selected areas of the mathematics curriculum in areas that individual students need more practice.

W@M Wednesdays

This term on Wednesdays after recess, we will participate in explicit social emotional learning (SEL) lessons in what is known as W@M Wednesdays. This is not an isolated lesson and W@M principles and the BRICK values will continue to be integrated into all aspects of our culture and learning. During term 3 we have had a successful focus on antibullying workshops and using 'Respectful Language' to all. Our data and reports from our students indicate that these workshops have had a positive effect and the incidents of negative behaviour has reduced. This term we will focus on specific areas of need for our students as the focus for the W@M Wednesday sessions. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Macgregor Primary School is a happy and safe place to be!

Other KLAs

Science

Our science inquiry unit this term is called 'Watch it Grow'. We will be exploring what plants need to grow. We have planted some grass seed and are charting the seeds growth progress each week.

Geography

We will be exploring the natural, constructed and managed environment in geography this term. This unit will see the students exploring our school grounds and examining their environment.

Technology

This term in technology we will be examining coding and how to program a small electronic device to move and navigate objects.

Other Happenings

Home Reading

Reading every day is a priority. Our reading program includes nightly home reading, which will help reinforce the reading strategies learned at school. Each day your child will have the opportunity to swap their home reading books. Using their green or red home reading bag, your child should be bringing home a small 'learn to read book' (formerly called a reader) that is aimed to help them learn to read, as well as a picture book for you to read to your child. Remember you can continue using Reading Eggs at home too.

Library

All year one classes will visit the Library for borrowing. Please ensure your child has a labelled library bag. Our library days are as follows:

- 1RB Tuesday,
- 1JH Wednesday
- 1SA Monday. (Please note change of day)

Housekeeping

- The weather is variable. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes, and a sun smart hat to wear.
- Please label your child's possessions (hats, jumpers, stationery, lunch containers etc.) to avoid the loss of belongings.
- Learning starts at 9.00am. If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure that they are signed in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child's teacher, or send notification through the Macgregor Primary School App.
- When students arrive at school they are required to congregate in the COLA and the immediate surrounding areas. The junior and senior playgrounds are out of bounds before 9am.
- We welcome assistance from parents and carers. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. All volunteers need to fill in a form at the front office. Regular volunteers (more than seven times a year or four times in any one month) need to apply for a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. The process is easy and the front office staff are here to help.
- Please see the school calendar which is attached to the school newsletter for important dates.

Kind regards,

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