

## Term 4 Overview 2017 Year 2

19 October 2017

Dear Families

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term. As always, some housekeeping matters are included to support you and your child's return to school for the final term of the year.

### English

This term our students will be focusing on writing conventions. The students will be building their capacity to be effective writers, by sequencing their ideas, justifying their word choice, and editing, proofreading and recrafting their text. There will be a continued focus on spelling with daily activities to consolidate and extend student's knowledge of spelling patterns. Within class, students will be building their formal speaking and listening skills, preparing and presenting short presentations to their peers. By the end of the term students are expected to be able to communicate effectively through writing and speaking. Students will also be consolidating their skills to give relevant feedback to peers and to reflect on feedback they receive from educators and others in the class. As always, we have a strong focus on improving reading skills. For the first fifteen to twenty minutes of each day, students read in the classroom for enjoyment. Please come and join us if you have time. Later in the day, each class engages in targeted reading for learning, to further hone and extend our skills.

### Mathematics

This term in mathematics students will be learning about money, investigating how to count and order small collections of Australian coins and notes according to their value. When learning about volume, mass and capacity, students will compare and order objects according to their different measurement attributes. Also this term we will revisit mathematical concepts topics taught throughout the year such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and time.

### Science

In science this term we will be exploring the unit 'Water Works'. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of water as one of Earth's resources, and how water is used around home and school. Students will investigate the water cycle, and engage in experimentation to make predictions and follow the process of inquiry to test their predictions and reflect on results.

### Physical Education

In addition to student's weekly specialist PE lessons, we will be focusing on sportsmanship and refining our fundamental motor skills. Students will use cooperative strategies to work in group situations when participating in physical activities. Specialist PE lessons will continue to take place each Wednesday afternoon. More details of the focus of these lessons can be found in the specialist teacher's term overview.

### **Specialists Arts - Dance, Visual Arts and Music**

In specialists Arts lessons during term four, students will continue with creative arts rotations. Year two classes will rotate in five week blocks to focus their learning on elements of the creative arts. In classroom arts lessons, students will create visual art works for display in the art show and in the classroom. We have been fortunate to work with an artist from our Macgregor community. We look forward to sharing our creations with you.

### **Health**

This year's whole school focus for Fresh Tastes is 'Food and Me', which focuses on looking at healthy choices of foods to make us go, grow and glow. Students are building on their existing knowledge of food choices to plan healthy lunches and dinners for.

### **General Information**

- Macgregor Primary is a SunSmart school. This means that students need to have a broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat to wear at break time. Students who do not have a suitable hat will play under the sheltered areas of the school, or join in the indoor activities during breaks.
- Due to the later eating break, our fruit break time has become even more vital in sustaining children's brains throughout the morning session. Please ensure that your child has plenty of fruit, vegetables or healthy snacks to munch on during this time. Our fruit break time occurs daily for 10 minutes around 10:25am. All students are encouraged to bring water bottles to use and refill throughout the day.
- We are an allergy aware school and therefore request that no nut products are brought into the premises as it is essential for the safety of a number of children and staff across the school.
- Year 2 classes will continue to visit the library on **Tuesdays**. Students are encouraged to use this library time to borrow books for reading at home and to keep in their book boxes in the classroom. We strongly encourage all children to read at home every day. Take home books are changed by the children every morning. Please remind your child to do this.

### **REMINDER**

- Please return you child's portfolio to classroom teachers, so work samples from semester two can be added. Thank you

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact us. The best way to receive a quick reply is to contact us by email.

Yours sincerely,

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