



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

LINKED BY LEARNING... EXPERIENCE, EXPRESSION & EXCELLENCE

Principal: Jennifer Hall



Preschool Term One 2018 Robots, Stars, Rockets & Comets

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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 sense of belonging at preschool. We will achieve this by offering experiences that support your child in forming positive relationships with their peers and educators. The children and educators will explore literature that delves into the concepts of friendship, inclusivity and individuality. We will assist the children in developing their self-confidence and communication skills through provocations, investigations, explicit teaching, differentiated activities and whole group discussions.

Our teaching and learning this term will explore the following essential questions:

What do we do at preschool?

What groups do I belong to?

How can I be a good friend?

How can I solve problems?

An exciting part of preschool is discovering and celebrating each other's differences. We encourage the children to share their special memories, thoughts and family traditions with us and would love to have the support of our families in continuing this exploration throughout the year.

Our program is on display for families to read and add their comments to. We appreciate feedback and encourage families to share their thoughts and ideas with us.

The children will have a personal portfolio that the teachers and children add to throughout the year; providing learning stories, art pieces, reflections and photographs that represent your child's journey at preschool.

Walk on Country

We will be exploring our local environment with an Indigenous lens through our Walk on Country Program. This involves exploring our environments and making connections to the land and its flora and fauna. We begin the walk with an Acknowledgement of Country for the traditional custodians of the land we walk and learn upon. Permission notes will go home to families soon.

Spanish

Each week Spanish teacher Paula Charles will work with the children to begin developing familiarity with the Spanish language. Paula will teach beginning Spanish vocabulary through games, songs and stories.

Library

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

Children need to bring their library bag and return their books, to be able to borrow books from our library each week.

Sun safety

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning. Sunscreen will be reapplied as needed. If your child has sunscreen sensitivity, consider providing a sunscreen to leave at school or in your child's bag.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

Macgregor Primary School encourages healthy eating and we are a *Fresh Tastes* school. At preschool we ask all children to bring at least one piece of fresh fruit (or some vegetables) to eat at fruit break. Each child must bring a water bottle each day, filled with water only. Please leave chocolate, lollies, milk and juice for consumption at home. **Macgregor Primary School has several students and staff with severe allergies to honey, nuts and nut products. To assist with creating a safe and healthy environment for all we ask that children do not bring any honey, nuts or nut products to school. We are a *Nut Aware* school.**

School Hats and Library Bags

This year we have provided each student with a hat to keep at preschool (Red hats for Robots and Comets and green for Stars and Rockets). We have also provided a library bag which we will decorate at preschool.

Note Pockets

Preschool families please check your child's note pocket each day for important notes and artwork before going home. Please leave your child's school hat in the pockets.

Wet Weather Gear and Spare Clothes

We have an 'all weather' program at Macgregor Preschool and we ask that parents provide a raincoat and gumboots to keep here at school for those rainy days. We have tubs to store them in our classrooms. Please make sure your child has a change of weather appropriate spare clothes in their school bag every day.

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 in to the front office. Your help is much appreciated.

Duty of Care and Playground Supervision

At preschool we have duty of care for your children from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Please make sure you stay with your child before class starts and make sure you have handed your child over to our care before leaving. Please pick up your child promptly at 2:45pm. If you are playing with your child in our playground before or after school hours, please make sure you are supervising their play. Please take care of our playground and play equipment.

National Quality Standards

We take pride in valuing each new and unique preschool community and we will be asking for your contribution to the creation of our Preschool Philosophy for 2018. Throughout the year we will also seek assistance with our program and in our ongoing development of our learning spaces. If you have expertise, time, materials or knowledge to support our teaching and learning, please let us know.

Dates for the Calendar

Thursday 15th February 5:00 – 7:00pm

Whole school BBQ held at the primary school campus

Preschool photos

Preschool photos will be taken this term. You will be advised of the date prior to photos.

Excursions

Each term we aim to have at least one excursion or incursion. Information and permission notes will be sent out at least three weeks prior to each excursion. We enjoy having parents accompany us on our excursions and kindly ask for volunteers to assist us during our excursions.

Kind regards

Samantha Grant, Glennis Weatherstone, Bek Stevenson, Tracey Liddle, Heather Watt & Cecilia Wong