



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 Overview 2017 Year 3

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Dear Families

Welcome back to term 4. We have a busy term ahead with the school's art show, fete and the rescheduled Year 3 Learning Journey. In this letter we will briefly explain some of the exciting 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

The Daily 5 continues to structure the balanced literacy program in the year 3 unit. Students participate in whole class, short focused lessons before moving to complete their independent work. Each day these short focused lessons include writing, reading strategies and spelling and are broken up by independent work time to practise the developing skills. The Daily 5 structure enables students to complete five activities during the day comprising of Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading. Whilst the students are engaging in these independent tasks, teachers will be conferencing one on one with students or working in small groups for reading or other areas of need.

This term in writing, we will maintain our focus on the skills of writing and applying them to a range of text types and social purposes. Students will be linking the skills of selecting and using well structured paragraphs; interesting words; creating complex sentences; applying spelling skills; punctuating correctly and adding detail; to their understanding of text types and the features, purpose and audiences associated with each. The social purposes we have a focus on include narratives, persuasives, information reports, recounts and procedures.

Mathematics

We will have a number of focus areas this term, starting with our unit on money, which we began in term 3, before moving on to chance and data, fractions and mass. We will also revisit time and a number of other topics we covered earlier in the year. To ensure each student is working at their own level, varying levels of mathematical questioning will be used during maths time. We continue to have an ongoing specific focus on mental computation each week. This term these strategies will be based around addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. Many of these strategies are game based and can be shared at home so that you and your child can play together.

Health

Our first health unit is called Fresh Tastes. Within this unit we will be looking at the different food groups and the traffic light system for making balanced food choices. We will also be linking the benefits of being active with our healthy food choices to promote and develop a healthy lifestyle.

In the second half of the term, we will be embarking on a Friendly Schools and Families program, 'Cooperation Crusade' focusing on the importance of cooperation within our daily lives.

PE

Alongside Mr Heywood's specialist PE lessons this term, Year 3 will build our skills in strike, bounce and cooperative games, in the class PE program

History

Through inquiry based opportunities the students will be developing research skills such as questioning, sequencing events, and communicating our findings. They will be using these new skills to complete a rich task project. Students will choose from one of the following questions to research and present their information in a style of their choice.

1. Who lived here first and how do we know?
2. How has our community changed? What features have been lost and what features have been retained?
3. How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?

They will present their final product and research to the class in the form of an oral presentation.

Visual and Performing Arts

This term Ms Trull will continue to work with the students in specialist time focusing on the performing arts. She will also be putting together the much anticipated annual school art show, which will run alongside the school fete. Students have been working on art pieces both in specialist time and in the class art program to contribute to this event.

Staffing Changes

Ms Janine O'Keefe has won a position at Hawker Primary School and will be replaced by Ms Lauren Green. We know that Lauren will be a valuable member of our team. Ms Jen Hearne, as the executive teacher, will continue to teach in the year 3 classrooms by working with small groups on targeted learning. We look forward to continuing to work as a cohesive team.

Housekeeping

This term, our specialist classes (Arts, PE and Spanish) remain on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE.

As the weather is warming up, please make sure students come each day to school with a sunsmart hat and sunscreen. Students will be encouraged and reminded to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Providing a water bottle each day will allow students easy and quick access to water.

Library

This term the Year 3 library sessions continue to be on Mondays. 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. Please be sure that they have their library bag each Monday.

Fruit break (healthy snack)

Each day at 10:00 am students will have fruit break. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until break one. 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. Other food, such as chips rollup bars, muesli bars and biscuits need to be eaten at either break one or two eating times.

Finally, if you would like to meet with us to further discuss your child's learning at any stage, please don't hesitate to make an appointment. We can be contacted via the front office or via email:

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Kind Regards

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