



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Jennifer Hall



Term 1 Overview 2018 LSG

2018

Dear Families

Welcome to the beginning of the 2018 school year,

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that your student will be engaged in as well as inform you of a few changes and housekeeping matters to support you and your child's return to school.

Welcome to new educators.

We are very lucky this year to welcome Miss Peta Sackl as the classroom teacher for LSGPS. She comes with a wealth of knowledge, a kind heart and many exciting ideas to share with the students. We also welcome Mrs Kim McAuliffe and Mrs Manpreet Kaur to join the team with our beloved Keiko Phillips and Jen Hartas who will work closely with all the LSG students.

English

Due to the individualised nature of the LSG, where some students are in the experimental writing phase and other students are in the proficient writing phase, the students will explore various writing genre via targeted and individualised programs.

Reading – This year we will continue our strong literacy focus building on daily activities comprising of read to self, read to someone, read alouds, work on writing and word work. This program will ensure they have opportunities every day to read to an educator and work individually and in small groups. The online program Reading Eggs will also be used to complement and enhance our literacy program; all students can access this through the internet outside of school hours. Your child's login and password information will be sent home in the near future.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will have a large focus on number patterns, pairs and skip counting leading to extension of addition and subtraction strategies and the introduction of multiplication. Due to the range of abilities within the group our 'I can' statements will be taken from student ILPs. To support maths at home, the online Mathseeds program will be available through the Reading Egg website.

Social Skills and Health

Throughout the year both classes will investigate healthy living. This will include hygiene, fitness and dietary choices. We will continue to have a growth mindset focus throughout the year; exploring how to think positively about our learning and keep trying. Exploring our emotions and how they affect us will also be a focus.

Physical Education

Classroom teachers will be 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 natural v's man made materials and their impact on the environment. The students will investigate the need for recycling and what they can do to reduce our footprint on nature. We will also look at the role predatory animals and their life cycles play in maintaining balance in the natural world.

History

Our history lessons will be integrated with our science inquiries examining the changes to materials and the environment over time. This will include the impact of environment on extinction and extinction on the environment.

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 normal programming. 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

At this stage both LSG classes will have their library lessons on Fridays. 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. 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.

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Kind Regards

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