

Term 3 Overview 2018

Kindergarten

2nd August 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Macgregor Primary School. We trust you had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term.

We continue to look forward to working in partnership with you to provide your children with enjoyable, motivating and purposeful learning experiences. The following information outlines our learning program for term three, special dates and housekeeping reminders.

English

Reading – Every day at Macgregor the whole school starts the day by reading for fifteen minutes. This is a time for all students to practise the technical skills of reading such as particular reading comprehension strategies. Teachers will be conferencing with individual students during this time, working on ways to advance their reading skills. Please ensure your child is at school by 9:00 so that they do not miss this valuable reading time.

In our rich literacy program children will take part in a range of reading activities related to all areas of the curriculum. We will be developing reading strategies such as sounding out, chunking, rereading, reading on and predicting. We are continuing with our nightly reading program, which includes a 'learn to read' book (formerly called a reader) as well as a quality picture book. Your child is expected to swap their books daily. Reading every night will help reinforce reading strategies learnt at school and develop fluency. All children should record their reading practices in their Macgregor Home Reading Log. Please take a few moments each day to talk to your child about what they are reading and how they are making connections to other texts or their own lives.

Writing – During literacy lessons we are exploring the purpose of informative texts through a variety of quality literature in our 'Staying Alive' science inquiry. This term we are encouraging students to write a complete sentence. This includes the use of capital letters at the beginning of sentences, finger spaces between words, sentences that make sense, neat handwriting and punctuation at the end of the sentence. We are expanding letter- sound knowledge and high frequency words, with a focus on transferring this knowledge into their writing. Included in our learning of sounds this term are digraphs (two letters that make one sound. i.e. /ph/ for photo) and blends (two letters that run together but you can still hear the individual sounds. i.e. /bl/ as in blue).

Mathematics

This term, daily mathematics sessions will continue to focus on number awareness where we will explore the names, quantities, numerals and order of numbers to 20 and beyond. We will revisit 2D shapes and 3D objects in our environment and focus on sorting, describing, comparing and naming the similarities and differences between the two. In measurement this term, we will be exploring capacity to determine which objects hold less or more. Students will be answering yes and no questions to collect information as part of our learning about statistic and probability.

Science Inquiry

In science, we are inquiring into the survival needs of animals, plants and humans. The students will explore the diet, habitat, appearance and protection of these living things. To assist in our inquiry we have invested in classroom fish for the students to discover, research and care for.

The names of each class' fish are: KLO - Lou Lou, KGY – Orangey, KBE – Bubble, KMG – TBA

History

In history this term we are focusing on Aboriginal story telling. We will use pictures, photos and artefacts to help us tell the various contemporary and dreaming stories.

Social and Emotional Learning

W@M Wednesdays

This term every class on a Wednesday after recess will be participating in explicit social emotional learning (SEL) lessons at the same time in what will be 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. The first 5 weeks of term 3 we will have a focus on anti-bullying workshops. Students will have the opportunity to voice any concerns they have in a safe space.

Protective Behaviours

In line with learning to be safe at school we have Constable Kenny coming to visit us on Thursday 20 September. Kenny will talk to us about 'staying okay' in the community. He will deliver tips about staying safe when not at home and how to identify adults that can be trusted. Everyone has the right to feel safe all the time.

Specialist classes

Every **Tuesday** morning the children will be attending specialist classes. These include Physical Education (PE), Spanish, Kitchen Garden and Art. Please see the specialist term letter for further details.

Library

This term the kindergarten students will continue explicit library lessons each week. During 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. We continue to learn how to choose a 'good fit' book, a book that is just right for them. We encourage each child to have a dedicated library bag to protect these valuable resources. A library bag can be any cloth or reusable plastic bag. This bag is different to the Home Reading bag that transports their nightly home reading materials.

General Reminders

- We thank you for getting your child to school on time. This provides children with the best chance for a settled start to the day. If your child arrives after 9:05 please ensure they are accompanied by a carer to the front office to be signed in prior to coming to class.
- If your child is absent from school please call the Front Office, email info@macgregorps.act.edu.au or use the Macgregor School App to notify us of the absence and your class teacher will be informed.
- Morning assembly: Kindergarten are to meet under the senior COLA area at 8:55am for school messages on the first day of the school week, every other day please bring your child to their classroom at 8:55am.
- Children are to be collected at 3:00pm from their kindergarten classrooms. For the safety of all children we ensure that they are handed over to their parent/carers. Children are to remain seated on the carpet in their room until the teacher has seen you and called your child's name. Please do not take your child without the teacher knowing they are leaving.
- Children who are still waiting to be collected at 3:10pm will be taken to the front office so parents/carers can be contacted.
- Please remember to label all clothing and belongings. Any named lost property will be returned to the child. Unnamed items will be held at the front office for two weeks.
- All children are required to commence wearing a broad brimmed hat from the 1st of August. It is advisable that children also apply sunscreen before coming to school each morning.
- At Macgregor we promote healthy eating. Please provide a piece of fresh fruit and/or vegetables to be eaten at morning fruit break.
- We ask that your child comes to school with a full drink bottle which only contains water.



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- The Tucka Box (canteen) is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Wednesday is Flexischools orders only, no cash). Apple Slinky Days are only on Thursday and Friday.
- Macgregor Primary School has several students and staff with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. To create a safe and healthy environment for all our students and staff we ask that children do not bring any nuts or nut products to school.
- All toys should remain at home to avoid interruptions to learning time and items getting lost.
- We have set up a communication table outside KMG to foster open communication and collaboration with our families. Each class has a journal that messages can be written in and teachers will check these on a regular basis.

Parent Volunteers

We appreciate that parents are busy people and thank those who have been able to spend some time in our classrooms. If you would like to volunteer in our kindergarten unit we would appreciate your help. Please check in with your child's teacher to arrange a time. The ACT Education Directorate requires volunteers to have a current Working with Vulnerable People card (WWVP). If you do not have one and would like to apply, the appropriate paperwork can be filled in at the front office.

Dates for the diary

- Week 3 – **Monday 6th August** – Visiting students from China arrive at Macgregor
- Week 4 – **Thursday 16th August** – 'Treasure Hunt' performance K-6
- Week 4 – **Monday 13th August** – Wednesday 15th August – First Aid in Schools
- Week 5 – **Friday 24th August** – Coffee and Chat with Jennifer
- Week 5 – **Friday 24th August** – Uruguay National Day celebration and assembly 2:15pm
- Week 6 – **Monday 27th – 31st August** – Book Week Celebrations
- Week 6 – **Tuesday 28th – 30th August** – Father's Day Stall
- Week 6 – **Friday 31st August** – Assembly hosted by Kindergarten
- Week 7 – **Wednesday 5th September** - El dia de los libros (Spanish day of books)
- Week 7 – **Wednesday 5th September** – Indigenous Literacy Day
- Week 8 – **Wednesday 12th September** – Variety Performance Show
- Week 9 – **Thursday 20th September** – Kenny Koala visits Kindergarten
- Week 9 – **Friday 21st September** – Coffee and Chat with Jennifer

Kind regards,

The Kindergarten Team

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