

Principal: Jennifer Hall

Term 4 Overview 2018

LSG

Dear Families,

Welcome to an exciting Term 3. Below is an outline of our curriculum for this term.

English

Writing

This term both classes will continue to investigate blends and how identifying these letter patterns can help us when spelling and reading. We will use the 'Hamburger structure' from 'The Writing Book' to guide our writing and help plan writing pieces across different styles. The structure helps the children to understand the different parts of writing. For example, the different parts may be: a beginning, middle and end.

Reading

Both classes are continuing daily activities comprising of: read to self, read to someone, read alouds, work on writing and word work. LSG students enjoy reading with an educator daily. This term we will focus on comprehension whereby students will learn to extract meaning and important information from a text and answer questions in full sentences. Students will continue to learn using digital programs such as Reading Eggs and Reading Express. Your child can access these programs from home using their school log on.

Speaking and Listening

Both classes will research and present their findings on various topics.

Mathematics

Students will continue to apply their number pattern, addition and subtraction skills, that were our focus in semester 1, to the concepts of money and time. They will investigate the need to budget and how to use a timetable.

Due to the range of abilities within the group, our 'I can' statements will be taken from student Individual Learning Plans. All students are continuing to use the online Mathseeds program which is available through the Reading Eggs website and can also be accessed at home.

W@M Wednesdays

This term on Wednesdays after recess, we will participate in explicit social emotional learning (SEL) lessons in what is known as W@M Wednesdays. These are not isolated lessons and W@M principles and the BRICK values will continue to be integrated into all aspects of our culture and learning. During term 3 we had a successful focus on antibullying workshops and using 'Respectful Language.' Our data and reports from our students indicate that these workshops have had a positive effect, and the incidents of negative behaviour have reduced. This term we will focus on specific areas of need for our students as the focus for the W@M Wednesday sessions. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Macgregor Primary School is a happy place to be!

Other KLAs

We will continue our focus on healthy eating, exploring the difference between always, sometimes and rarely foods. We will discover how our bodies use different types of food and the need to remain hydrated. As part of our healthy focus and with the weather warming up both classes will discuss the need for good hygiene.

Our inquiry units will see us investigate Captain Cook and the role he played in Australia's history, developing our research and report writing skills. Each student will also complete a research assignment on a dinosaur of their choice and present their findings to the class.

Millie Butt will continue to work with LSGPS and Bethany Taylor with LSGTW. The specialist teachers will provide a mix of PE, gardening and cooking as well as literacy and numeracy. This mix will be based on the specific needs of each class. If you would like your child to join the mainstream Spanish lessons for their year group, please let their classroom teacher know so that this can be arranged.

Other Happenings

As a culmination of the work we have done in our inquiry units this year, we are having an excursion to the Dinosaur Museum on Monday the 3rd of December (week 8). A note and more information will come home as we get closer to the excursion. Students will be provided with the opportunity to cast a fossil, tour the exhibit and play in the dinosaur playground. We will be travelling by bus to and from the museum.

Housekeeping

- The weather is variable. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes, and a sun smart hat to wear.
- Please label your child's possessions (hats, jumpers, stationery, lunch containers etc.) to avoid the loss of belongings.
- Learning starts at 9.00am. If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure that they are signed in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child's teacher, or send notification through the Macgregor Primary School App.
- When students arrive at school they are required to congregate in the COLA and the immediate surrounding areas. The junior and senior playgrounds are out of bounds before 9am.
- We welcome assistance from parents and carers. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. All volunteers need to fill in a form at the front office. Regular volunteers (more than seven times a year or four times in any one month) need to apply for a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. The process is easy and the front office staff are available to help.
- Please see the school calendar which is attached to the school newsletter for important dates.

Kind Regards,

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