



# MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Principal: Jennifer Hall**

## **Term 4 Overview 2017 Learning Support Groups**

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Dear Families

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging 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**

#### Writing

This term students will be developing their ability to write imaginative and informative texts and delving into the writing process. Students write in class every day and are pleased to see their writing skills increase.

#### Reading

This year we have reintroduced our Daily 5 literacy structure, enabling students to have choice about the order they complete planned and levelled learning activities. Students complete five activities a day comprising of read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, 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. Please see your child's class teacher if you require the login and password information.

### **Mathematics**

This term in mathematics we will have a strong focus on time. To ensure the learning is targeted to suit each individual's learning needs, our 'I can' statements will be taken from student ILPs. Some classes will follow the Daily 3 mathematics structure enabling students to have choice about the order they complete planned and levelled learning activities. To support maths at home, the online program 'Mathseeds' is also available through the Reading Eggs website, using the same logins and passwords.

### **Social Skills and Health**

This term we will focus on healthy eating and hydration. We will continue to have a growth mindset focus, exploring how to think positively about our learning and keep trying. Exploring our emotions and how they affect us will also be a focus. LSGTW will continue to work through the 'Protective Behaviours' unit of work.

### **Physical Education**

Classroom teachers will be working collaboratively with our specialist PE teacher to further develop fundamental motor skills, including kicking, throwing, running, dodging, and catching activities. Each day the LSGs will participate in a gross motor session. These sessions include a variety of activities designed to develop movement skills whilst focussing on taking turns, persistence and group work.

### **Science and Technology**

Our science and technology unit this term will be based on the weather. Students will be engaged in activities such as describing temperature, observing cloud cover, investigating wind speed and the water cycle.

## **Geography**

Our geography unit will be based on mapping skills and exploring the Australian states and territories.

## **W@M**

W@M is working wonders in the school, please ask your children about their points. We continue to learn about expectations around the school and how to be responsible, respectful, and safe learners. Look out in the school newsletter for more information as our implementation rollout continues.

## **Specialist Classes**

This term Paula Charles will continue to work with LSGTW and Jarryd Heywood and Brittany Phelps with LSGBN. The specialist teachers will provide a mix of PE and art, as well as following the normal class program. 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 language program, please see your child's 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 child's classroom teacher.

## **Library**

LSGTW will continue to have their library session every Tuesday, and LSGBN every Monday. 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 eating time after 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.

## **Music**

Brenda Frew provides music lessons once a week on Tuesdays for students in LSGBN. LSGTW will have their music lesson with Brenda on a Monday. The students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing of instruments, music and movement.

## **Indigenous culture lessons**

Wynetta Rix, Macgregor's Indigenous Education Officer joins us once a fortnight to share Indigenous music, art and culture.

Kind Regards,

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