

Term Four Overview 2019
Guginya, Gudamang, Walga and Buru
22 October 2019

Dear Families

Welcome to the final term of Preschool. What an exciting and busy term we have ahead of us!

Kinder Transitions

We begin our kindergarten orientation sessions this term. During weeks 4 and 5, our preschool children will be spending the day in the kindergarten unit where they will explore and familiarise themselves with the environment. We will distribute permission notes for this excursion next week. The dates are as follows:

Buru and Walga: 7th November, Week 4

Gudamang and Guginya: 12th November, Week 5

2020

Please notify the front office if your child will not be continuing to Kindergarten at Macgregor Primary School for 2020.

Kindergarten 2020 Information Night

An information night for children going into Kindergarten at Macgregor in 2020 will be held in Week 4, on the 6th November from 5-6pm. All families are invited to attend.

Art Show

The school Art Show will be held in week 6, 18 and 19 November 3-5:30 pm in the school. The theme is *'Each of Our World'*. The children have been working hard on their creations for the art show.

Excursions and Incursions

This term our children will be attending an excursion to the National Botanic Gardens. We will be participating in an 'Indigenous Bush Foods and Habitat Hunters' program. It will be a wonderful day for all of us.

Tadpoles and Silkworms

Both classrooms have an ACT Frog watch tank with tadpoles and a container of silk worms. We are investigating these habitats, what the animals need to survive and how we can care for them. We are documenting their metamorphosis over the rest of the term. Anke Maria from Kippax Frog Watch is also coming to talk to the children about our ACT frogs and tadpoles.

Portfolios

Please send your child's portfolio back to school for us to add more of their learning samples. You are welcome to come in and view your child's portfolio anytime. They will be sent home for you to keep at the end of this term.

Sun Safety

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning before leaving home. We have school sunscreen provided to reapply during the day as needed. If your child has a sunscreen sensitivity, please purchase a suitable sunscreen to leave at school for your child to access. Please do not allow your child to wear sleeveless shirts or dresses as they are not SunSmart. Strappy sandals and ill-fitting shoes make it difficult for your child to play safely. Supportive shoes are more appropriate for preschool.

Library

Our library visits continue on a weekly basis (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Children are encouraged to bring their library bag and return the books they have borrowed. As we near the end of the term, children will not be able to borrow new books until they have returned overdue items. Library borrowing will conclude during week 6. All books need to be returned.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

Macgregor Primary School is a *Fresh Tastes* school. At preschool we ask all the children to bring at least one piece of fresh fruit or some raw vegetables to eat at fruit break. Your child will drink water from their drink bottle throughout each day. We check and refill these drink bottles during the day as needed. We ask that you save treats such as chocolate, lollies and juice for home.

Macgregor Primary School is also an *Allergy Aware* school. We have several students and staff members with severe allergic reactions or anaphylaxis to nuts, nut products and honey. To assist with creating a safe and healthy environment for all, we ask that children and families **do not bring any nuts, nut products or honey** to preschool. Please remember to assist your child to wash their hands with soap and water upon entering their preschool room each morning, to help stop the spread of germs and potential allergens.

Staffing

This term we welcome Tracey Liddle who will be working with Buru class for the rest of the term. Thank you to Brenda for all her assistance for the last 3 terms.

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