

Term 2 Overview 2017

Year 3

Dear Families,

4 May 2017

Welcome to another busy and exciting term. In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening, as well as inform you of a few changes and housekeeping matters to support you and your child for a new term.

English

This term we will continue to use The Daily 5 to structure our balanced literacy program. The Daily 5 structure enables students to have choice about the order they complete planned and levelled learning activities. Students participate in whole class, short focused lessons before moving to complete their independent work. Students complete five activities a day comprising of Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading. Whilst the students are engaging in these independent tasks, teachers will be conferencing one on one with students or working in small groups for reading or other areas of need.

This term in writing, we will continue to explore a range of social purposes, developing the students understanding of the structures of each text type and compare the similarities and differences. Students will be working on the process of writing (planning, drafting, refining and publishing) with each social purpose, focusing on building their skills to construct interesting and engaging written pieces of work.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we will have a focus on addition and subtraction strategies. We will be developing our mental computation strategies to help solve addition and subtraction problems with large numbers. Students will also explore mapping, length and graphing. To ensure each student is working at their own level, varying levels of mathematical questions will be used during mental maths time.

W@M and Health

Wellbeing at Macgregor – also known as W@M will continue to progress this term. Look out in the school newsletter for more information as our implementation rollout continues. To further expand the work we are doing as a school with W@M, Year 3 will be using this base to build the children's social and cooperative skills. This term will also see us moving on to a positive thinking focus, completing a Friendly Schools and Families unit and building our growth mindsets.

PE

Alongside Mr Heywood's specialist PE lessons this term, Year 3 will be working on the bounce, strike and cooperative games, in the class PE program. We will also be using this time to prepare for our athletics carnival on Friday 26 May.

Geography

Our geography lessons for Year 3 this term will focus on different climates in Australia and around the world. We will learn about the states, territories, and capital cities of Australia, and similarities and differences

between climates, more particularly those of Australia. We will learn how and why climates change according to location and how different types of climates are defined.

Visual and Performing Arts

This term Ms Sam Grant will be taking our classes for specialist visual and performing arts. Year 3 will continue their focus on the visual arts and the projects they began in term 1. In class we will have a focus on performing arts, looking specifically at the skills involved in drama.

Housekeeping

This term, our specialist classes (Arts, PE and Spanish) will be on Fridays. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE.

Library

This term the Year 3 library sessions are on Mondays. 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. Please be sure that they have their library bag each Monday.

Fruit break

Each day at 10:00 am students will have fruit break. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until 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. Other food, such as yoghurt, cheese and biscuits need to be eaten at either break one or two.

National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

As you are aware NAPLAN will be happening next week (9 -11 May). This will take place in the morning sessions each day, after which our normal class program will resume. Since the start of term, we have been spending small amounts of time each day preparing the children for this process, familiarising them with the types of questions they will encounter, such as multiple choice, and how to approach them.

Finally, if you would like to meet with us to further discuss your child's learning at any stage of the year, please don't hesitate to make an appointment. We can be contacted via the front office or via email:

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