



# MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Principal: Jennifer Hall**

## Term 2 Overview 2018 Year 3/4

Dear Families

Welcome to Term Two! We trust you had both a relaxing and enjoyable break.

This letter will briefly outline some of the engaging programs that students will be participating in this term as well as inform you of any changes in programs or housekeeping matters, which will support you and your child's return to school for a new term.

### English

This term we are continuing with developing our comprehension skills in our reading. We will also be continuing with our spelling groups where the focus is on transferring spelling strategies to our everyday writing. During writing sessions, students will be exploring the structure of narrative. This will be done through a range of activities including drafting, editing and publishing.

### Mathematics

Throughout the term we will continue to develop our mental computation skills with a particular focus on addition, subtraction and geometry. Students will participate in activities such as Mathletics, small group work, maths games and problem solving to support their learning.

### Health

Our focus this term will be looking at safety and exercise. Students will be exploring appropriate playground behaviour, healthy eating, the importance of exercise and other topics.

### Physical Education

This term we will be focusing on developing fitness through a series of activities and games. We will also continue to developing positive relationships through a series of physical team building activities.

### Geography

In geography this term we will be investigating the main characteristics of the continents of Africa and South America and the location of their major countries in relation to Australia.

### Inquiry

For science this term we will be looking at the properties of certain materials such as rocks. Students will analyse materials and identify why certain materials are chosen for particular purposes.

### Technology

Our focus for technology this term is digital technology. The students will use the Chromebook to create a number of projects in various subjects. This includes writing, geography and science.

### Housekeeping

Students need to bring fruit for our regular fruit break and they are asked to bring their water bottles in each day. They also need to remember to bring their hats to school until the end of May, when it's 'hats off' for the winter months.

In class, the students continue to have access to Google Classrooms where there are a number of activities to support your child's learning. Students can access these classrooms from home from the ACT Department of Education's digital backpack. Once there, students will need to log onto classrooms. Students use their ID number followed by @schoolsnet.act.edu.au and then their current password.

We look forward to being partners with you in another fantastic term of learning with your child.

Kind regards,

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Year 3/4 Teachers