



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 Overview 2018

LSG

2018

Dear Families

What a wonderful start we have had to the 2018 school year. We have planned an exciting program for the term and we are looking forward to some great learning.

English

LSGTW have been exploring the positive effects of “Bucket Filling” which is the concept that all of us carry a bucket that can be filled by doing nice things for others or having others do nice things for us. It can also be dipped into when others are not so nice. Each day, students have the opportunity to write a letter using a template to another student or teacher within the school, or for a family member. They also have the opportunity to check their buckets and read any letters that have been added to their own by their classmates or teachers.

LSGPS have been focusing on the process of research and report writing. Students are provided with a template and are given time to research a given topic. At the end of each week they present their research and report to the class, developing communication skills and confidence with public speaking.

In reading both classes are continuing to have a strong literacy focus building on daily activities comprising of read to self, read to someone, read alouds, work on writing and word work. LSG students have all settled well into their reading program and each student reads daily with an educator. The students are progressing through the Reading Eggs program and many have begun to work on the Reading Express program also. Please note that students can log into the Reading Eggs app from home on any browser using their school log on.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will continue to focus on number patterns, pairs and skip counting. The students are exploring addition and subtraction operations and for some the introduction of multiplication. Due to the range of abilities within the group our ‘I can’ statements will be taken from student ILPs. All students are enjoying the use of the online Mathseeds program which is available through the Reading Eggs website. Please note that students can log into the Reading Eggs and Mathseeds app from home on any browser using their school log on.

Social Skills and Health

All LSG students have been exploring the need for a growth mindset to help us to be ready to learn. We are focussing on changing our language from a negative statement to a more positive comment such as ‘I can’t’ to ‘I will try’, and ‘It’s too hard’ to ‘I will do my best’. We will continue to focus on this throughout the year. Students have begun to explore emotional reactions. As mentioned earlier we are learning to be “bucket fillers” and not “bucket dippers”, being more considerate of how we talk to others and how our actions can make others feel.

Physical Education

Classroom teachers are working collaboratively with our specialist PE teacher to further develop fundamental motor skills. Each day the LSGs will participate in a gross motor session which will include a variety of activities designed to develop these skills whilst focussing on taking turns, persistence and group work.

Science

This semester we have been exploring natural versus man made materials and their impact on the environment. The students have investigated recycling and what they can do to reduce our footprint on nature. They are learning which items can be recycled and which items go to landfill. This is something that they could be practising at home with a parent or friend. Please consider having conversations around these concepts with your children. We will soon look at the role predatory animals and their life cycles play in maintaining balance in the natural world.

History

Our history inquiries, examining the changes to materials and the environment have been very interesting. We have explored how glass is made, what happens when metals are mined from the earth, how many trees are involved in making paper and that plastic is made from oils. The students have enjoyed watching videos on recycling and have learnt that our carbon footprint is smaller if we recycle.

Specialists

This term Millie Butt will work with LSGPS and Bethany Taylor will work 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 continue to participate in the Spanish program please see your 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 classroom teacher.

Library

This term LSGTW will have their library lessons on Mondays in the first session. LSGPS will take flexible approach to library times and will use both their classroom library and the school library. Students will be able to build their skills in the use of our school library whilst choosing books to read for the classroom. 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 Break 1. 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

The LSG classes are lucky to have Brenda Frew providing music lessons once a fortnight on Wednesdays. The students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing of instruments, music and movement.

House keeping

As winter is quickly approaching and our mornings are become crisp and crunchy please remind your children to dress for the cold. Please also remember to name your child's jumper or jacket to make sure we can return any lost items.

Kind Regards

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