



Term Two Overview 2018 **Preschool Robots, Stars, Rockets & Comets**

May 2018

Dear Families

At Macgregor Preschool we view all children as unique, creative, capable and competent learners. We recognise that children learn through play, can make decisions to inform their own learning and have differing needs, interests, backgrounds and abilities.

This term we will be supporting the children in developing a deeper understanding of diversity. We will achieve this by offering experiences that support your child in recognising, and responding respectfully to diversity in the world around them. We will explore literature that delves into the concepts of diversity, inclusivity and individuality. We will assist the children in developing their knowledge of diversity through provocations, investigations, intentional teaching, differentiated activities and whole class discussions.

Our teaching and learning this term is based on EYLF Outcome 2: *Children are connected with and contribute to their world; Children respond to diversity with respect.* We will explore the following essential questions:

- What is diversity?
- How are we different?
- How are we the same?

If you would like to share something cultural (food, dance, art, stories, celebrations) with preschool, please contact us - we would love to have you join in our learning time.

Our fortnightly program is on display at the entrance to each room for families. We appreciate feedback and encourage families to share their thoughts and ideas with us.

Please come in and look through your child's portfolio to see some of the wonderful work they are doing at preschool.

Library and Home Reading

The children visit the library on a weekly basis (Tuesdays and Thursdays). During this time they are immersed in a range of literature with the intention of fostering a love for reading.

It is important for a child's reading development that they hear fluent, independent reading. At Preschool we have baskets of quality picture books for the reading pleasure of our families and have enough books in these baskets for the children to be able to borrow a new one every day. Please remind your child to swap their Home Reading books every day. If English is not your first language please remember that it is also important for your child to hear you read in their first language. To this end, we are sourcing some bilingual books to add to our collection at Preschool. Be sure to look out for them in a few weeks.

Principal: Jennifer Hall

Wet Weather Gear

Don't forget to pack (or to leave at preschool) wet weather gear for your child. A raincoat and a pair of gumboots are great for exploring puddles on wet days! Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.

Sun Safety

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning. Sunscreen is provided and will be reapplied as needed. If your child has sunscreen sensitivity, please consider purchasing sunscreen to leave at school.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

Macgregor Primary School encourages healthy eating and we are a *Fresh Tastes* school. At preschool we ask all the children to bring at least one piece of fresh fruit or some vegetables to eat at fruit break. Your child must bring a water bottle each day, filled with **water only**, and we will refill them during the day as needed. We ask that you save treats such as chocolate, lollies and juice for home. Macgregor Primary School is an *Anaphylaxis Aware* school and we have several students and staff with severe allergies **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 school**.

Volunteering in Preschool

At Preschool we value the wonderful contribution of families to our program. In line with current legislation those wanting to help out on a regular basis are asked to complete a *Working with Vulnerable Peoples* form and hand this into the front office. Your help is much appreciated.

Excursions

This term we will have a preschool excursion to the National Botanic Gardens with a focus on diversity in nature. Information and permission notes will be sent out shortly with all the details.

Wellbeing at Macgregor (W@M)

At Macgregor Primary School we have four main behaviour expectations; that our students, teachers and families are **Safe, Responsible, Respectful** and **Learners**. W@M is used across the whole school from preschool to year six and provides a positive focus for us all.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to email us at the addresses below.

Kind regards,

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