



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3 Overview 2017 Year 2

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Dear Parents and Carers

The year 2 team are pleased to welcome three new teachers to our classrooms. Miss Ellis and Mrs Worth are having a fabulous time with their new class, and Mrs Carling has been very excited to join the year two team and to continue working with students that she had in her year 1 class last year. Miss Robertson and Mrs Brown have been so pleased to welcome their classes back from holidays and to hear of all of their different holiday adventures. Welcome back everyone!

Below is a brief outline of our curriculum areas for this term.

English

Reading will continue to be a daily focus in our literacy program. Parents are invited and encouraged to join us for reading in the classroom for the first 15 minutes of each morning. Teachers will continue to work closely with students during Daily 5 sessions, including Read to Someone, Read to Self, Listen to Reading, Work on Writing and Word Work.

For the first five weeks of term, year 2 students will be engaged in writing to explain. We will be exploring different text formats of this genre and towards the end of term, comparing this new knowledge with what we have learned over semester one.

This term there will be a continued focus on spelling with daily activities to consolidate and extend student's knowledge of spelling patterns. Within class, students will be building their formal speaking and listening skills, and preparing and presenting short presentations to their peers. This will link closely with our work on technology and following the design, make and appraise process.

By the end of the term students are expected to be able to communicate effectively through writing and speaking. Students will also be consolidating their skills to give relevant feedback to peers and to reflect on feedback they receive from educators and others in the class.

Mathematics

A strong focus in mathematics this term will be on division, multiplication, place value and mapping. Students will be involved in daily activities to explore and practise these concepts, with an emphasis on their use in a real life context. Teachers will monitor student's development through the use of ongoing assessments and targeted observations to ensure we are catering for individual needs.

By the end of the term students are expected to be able to complete basic multiplication and division problems using strategies such as grouping, repeated addition and subtraction and using known facts. We will be exploring place value up to four digits and consolidating our knowledge of using directional language, such as north and south, or near and far. Our work with mapping will link closely with our geography unit about Australia.

Science

In science this term we will be exploring the unit 'Push and Pull'. This unit provides opportunities for students to learn about forces, and how objects move or change shape when different push or pull forces are applied. This will also be linked to the design, make and appraise process. Students will participate in different types of guided investigations to explore and answer questions and to discuss and compare their observations and predictions.

Geography

In geography this term we will be learning about Australia and where it is located in relation to the world. We will be learning the positions of the seven continents and five oceans, and exploring the locations of these continents in relation to Australia. We will be identifying connections students have with different places around Australia, the Asian region and across the world.

The Arts

This term our in class arts focus will include visual arts, as we begin preparations for the annual Macgregor Art Show. We will be learning about how media artworks communicate a story to the audience, and begin to create our own media artworks over the semester.

Physical Education and Health

In class PE sessions will focus on cooperative games and fundamental movement skills. We will continue to have a focus on playing to have fun, linking to our whole school W@M expectations. We will also be participating in cricket and AFL clinics run by local clubs. Students have been demonstrating their great sportsmanship and wonderful team work skills throughout semester one, and we look forward to this continuing in term 3. Our health focus will link closely with the Friendly Schools and Families and MindUp programs. We will continue to learn about our bodies, our emotions, how our brains work and how to be a great friend.

Specialist classes

To accommodate the change in our teaching team, our time for specialists classes has moved to Wednesday afternoons, from 12pm till 3:00pm. More details regarding the learning that occurs in specialists time can be found in the specialists term overview, which has been emailed to you, along with the school newsletter. If you are not on the email distribution list, please send an email to info@macgregorps.act.edu.au

General Information

- As advertised in previous newsletters and assemblies, we have made changes to our eating times and play break areas. Students will go out to play at 11:20am and return to the classroom at 12pm for a 10 minute eating time. If your child has medical needs that require food at a different time, please come and speak to the teachers so we can ensure adjustments are made.
- Due to the later eating break, our fruit break time has become even more vital in sustaining children's brains throughout the morning session. Please ensure that your child has plenty of fruit, vegetables or healthy snacks to munch on during this time. Our fruit break time occurs daily for 10 minutes around 10:15am. All students are encouraged to bring water bottles to use and refill throughout the day.
- We are an allergy friendly school and therefore request that no nut products are brought into the premises as it is essential for the safety of a number of children and staff across the school.
- Year 2 classes will continue to visit the library on **Tuesdays**. Students are encouraged to use this library time to borrow books for reading at home and to keep in their book boxes in the classroom. We strongly encourage all children to read at home every day. Take home books are changed by the children every morning. Please speak to the teachers if you are interested in knowing more about our take home reading program.

We are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you. You can make an appointment with us by either sending an email or calling the school.

Yours sincerely,

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