

Principal: Jennifer Hall

Term 2 Overview 2019

Year 5

Dear Families,

Welcome to an exciting Term 2. Below is an outline of our curriculum for this term.

English

Writing

In writing students will be exploring the genres of information reports, procedures and poetry. In our information report lessons students will research, note take and create informative texts to share. As part of our exhibition, students will be asked to write a scientific experiment using the structure and key features of a procedure. Students will explore the different poetic styles and produce a selection of works to share. In all writing lessons, students will be creating written pieces for different purposes and always for an audience. Spelling will explore suffixes, prefixes, synonyms, common endings, compound words and common spelling rules. Our focus is always on the transference of these skills into our daily writing.

Reading

In reading we will be focusing primarily on building comprehension skills through inferring and connecting. Students will practise skimming, scanning and summarizing to assist with writing their information reports. This term's novel studies are linked to our geography unit, exploring location and setting. Students will continue to practise decoding texts using a variety of learned strategies and phonetic knowledge.

Speaking and Listening

Our speaking and listening program is based on the development of active contribution to class and group discussions. As an exciting end to our writing unit, students will be provided with the opportunity to share their poetry with the class. During these sessions' students will participate as both speakers and listeners; demonstrating clear speaking skills and active listening behaviours.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

Students will continue to explore problems involving the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students will apply mathematical problem solving skills to solve a variety of word problems. Using estimation and rounding, students will check the reasonableness of their answers. Students will continue to identify and describe factors and multiples, exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. We will begin each math session with a mental math warm up where we consolidate previous learning before moving to new learning. We will continue to incorporate challenging times activities, games and group investigations to explore number and algebra. We will focus particularly on the vocabulary surrounding mathematics, defining common mathematical terms and language.

Measurement and Geometry

Students will continue to describe transformations of two-dimensional shapes, exploring rotation, translation and reflection. Connecting this information, students will explore angles and their measurements. Students will measure the areas and perimeters of shapes, making real-life connections to places in our community, and our geography unit.

Statistics and Probability

Students will collect, interpret, and analyse data sets. They will create displays, comparing their data to those of their peers. They will also conduct chance experiments, listing the likelihood of certain outcomes, assigning probabilities between 0 and 1.

W@M Wednesdays

This term on a Wednesday after recess we will participate in explicit social emotional learning (SEL) lessons in what is known as W@M Wednesdays. This is not an isolated lesson and W@M principles and the BRICK values will continue to be integrated into all aspects of our culture and learning.

Positive rewards are ways we can recognise individuals and the behaviour that we want to see in our classes. They are compatible with the theory of Positive Behaviour for Learning when they are used to teach the desired behaviour that we want to see. The W@M token is our agreed upon method of rewarding students who have shown the positive behaviours at Macgregor Primary School and will be recorded as part of the W@M points tallies for the week. Students will work towards earning W@M badges when they reach milestones for our four W@M Values (Respect, Responsible, Safe, Learners).

Inquiry

This term our inquiry unit is all about light. Students will be exploring light energy and how it effects our everyday lives. Throughout this unit we will research topics such as light poverty and light energy and present our findings in an information report. Students will investigate different scientists who have discovered something about light, such as Albert Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton. We will explore the way light responds and behaves, classifying objects into transparent, opaque and translucent. Students will conduct experiments around the way light moves, presenting their information as a scientific procedure. This will all culminate in our end of term exhibition for parents where our students get to share their learning with you. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

The Arts

The Arts enables children to express their creativity and individuality in many ways. In Visual Arts students will be encouraged to explore ideas using a variety of mediums, including paints, textures, colour, line and form and construction of 3D images. Students will produce these pieces of art and display them in the year five unit for the inquiry exhibition. We will also explore music, presenting a learned piece that links to our inquiry at our assembly.

ICT

Students continue to have access to chrome books this year. They will engage in a range of learning technologies. We also encourage the children to use a whole school online reading program called 'Reading Eggs'. We will also introduce an online mathematics program called 'Prodigy Maths'. Students are welcome to access this resource at home using their Google accounts. All classrooms at Macgregor have Interactive Whiteboards to enhance lessons and student understanding, along with consolidating ICT skills.

Library

Year 5 students will continue to have a 45 minute library session every Wednesday for 5BE and 5BN and every Friday for 5MS. Norma John is our specialist teacher librarian for 2019. In these sessions, the children are introduced to a variety of different books, authors and genres, and we provide time for each child to become a regular borrower. Please assist your child in remembering to bring their library bag every week. The library is also open for your child to visit at lunch times.

Specialist

Kitchen Garden

This term Year 5 students will participate in hands on Kitchen Garden sessions. Students will continue to access and interpret health information and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills to enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing. They will explore and analyse how the form of living things enables them to function in environments. To help your child please ensure they bring a hat every day as the lessons are usually conducted outside.



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Physical Education

Every week for 45 minutes as part of specialist rotations, the children will be participating in a fundamental movement skills program with Bethany Taylor. These movement skills are the 'building blocks' for most movement patterns in sport. This forms one part of the school's physical education program. Students receive explicit instruction and the opportunity to practise through a range of games and activities. This term we will be focussing on the skills involved in Athletics, mainly shot put and discus, so that the students understand the correct technique to use and when it comes to the carnival they will know what to do. Fitness is also an important aspect of PE, the students will participate in the beep test, the scores will be recorded to show the students' progress throughout the year. They will also be putting their previously learned skills of throwing and catching into learning how to play Basketball. To help your child please ensure they wear appropriate footwear such as sports shoes, have a drink bottle and wear a hat every day.

Spanish

In Spanish this term for year five we will be learning how to ask and respond to questions and create short bilingual texts for the classroom. This term our involvement with the Uruguayan Embassy and our Sister School program will involve the Spanish readathon, El Día de los libros and the Futsal Day.

Other Happenings

- Year 5 Camp, Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre – Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 June 2019
- Towards the end of this term we will hold our open afternoon exhibition for our inquiry unit this term which parents and carers will receive an invitation to.

Housekeeping

- The weather is variable, please make sure your child has appropriate clothes, and a sun smart hat to wear.
- Please label your child's possessions (hats, jumpers, stationery, lunch containers etc.) to avoid the loss of belongings.
- Learning starts at 9.00am. If your child is late arriving to school, please have them sign in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child's teacher, or send notification through the Macgregor Primary School App.
- When students arrive at school they are required to congregate in the COLA and the immediate surrounding areas.
- We welcome assistance from parents and carers. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. All volunteers complete a form at the front office.
- Please see the school calendar which is attached to the school newsletter for important dates.

Kind Regards,

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