



# Year 5, Term 4, 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4. We have a lot of great learning planned for the term and will continue to refine and enhance our blended learning model. Our focus will be on building skills to work independently and productively.

Every day at Macgregor the whole school starts the day by reading for twenty minutes. This is a time for all students to practice the technical skills of reading such as particular reading comprehension strategies. Teachers will be conferencing with individual students during this time, setting goals and working on ways to advance their reading skills. It is important that your child is at school by 9:00 so they do not miss this valuable reading instruction and practice time. Please ensure your child has a SunSafe hat and appropriate footwear for an active day at school.

## Mathematics

This term students will continue to develop problem solving and reasoning skills while exploring specific mathematical concepts such as:

- Fractions and decimals
- Graphing and Data
- Probability
- Financial mathematics and simple budgets

Students will have opportunities to practise skills to develop fluency and to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts.

## English

Students will write speeches about leadership or for leadership. They will analyse successful speech writing by re-searching famous speeches throughout history. They will explore engaging modes of delivery including altering pitch, volume, and expression through workshops on body language and maintaining eye contact with audience members. They will present their speeches on what makes a good leader based on research and personal experience.

Students in year 5 will continue to have a focus on skimming and scanning this term. This will align with their writing and continuing to develop their understanding and ability to paraphrase information.

## Health & Physical Education

In health, we will investigate the developmental changes and transitions associated with puberty.

We will continue to run our PE program with a focus on fundamental movement skills, developing skills of fair play and working collaboratively.

## W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will focus on developing personal capability. This will involve learning to develop self-discipline and set goals, work independently and show initiative and become confident, resilient and adaptable.

## Library

Year 5 students will have Ms John for Library this term and will be refining their information literacy [research skills] that they practised back in term 2. Students will be revisiting their understandings and skills related to carrying out inquiry learning through a series of mini lessons such as; asking questions, finding answers, interpreting information, note-making and re-writing information into their own words. This learning will involve how to use online databases such as World Book Online and Encyclopaedia Britannica, but also doing effective google searches and critical thinking.



## The Arts

We will be exploring the elements of visual arts, using different techniques to plan and make art that expresses students' personal views. Using art made in different times and places, from early abstract art movements to street art, we will explore how ideas are represented and develop personal responses to different artworks.

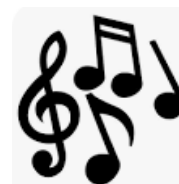
## Integrated Inquiry Unit

Students will continue to learn about Australia's democracy, systems of government and the significant people that brought about change in our history.

They will use research skills to collect a information from a range of sources and present information in different ways, including maps and timelines.

## Music

Year 5 Band lessons will continue to occur on the Tuesday and Thursday of every week. Jodie Rowell will be the school based band teacher for the term.



## Dates to remember

- **8 November**- Year 6 Market Day
- **10 November** - Colour Run
- **7 December** - Moving Up Morning
- **11 December** - Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony
- **12 December** – Year 6 Dinner/Disco
- **15 December** - Last school day of the year.

