



LSGHM Term 1 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Macgregor Primary School. We have had an enjoyable start to the learning year and are very impressed with the way all students have settled into their new classroom surroundings. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please support your child's learning at home by reading with them every night. As it is still very hot during the day and UV levels are high, please ensure your child has a clearly labelled Sunsafes hat and water bottle. We would ask that all students leave toys at home as these can be very distracting to the learning of others. We would like to welcome Mrs Helen Middleton who has joined our team and Mrs Dailey who rejoins us on a permanent basis this year.

Our specialist classes (Art, Spanish and STEM) will be taught across the year. This term our specialist subject will be STEM. Please contact your child's teacher via email if you would like further details.

Mathematics

This term, students will be given many differentiated hands-on opportunities to explore and understand:

- numbers to 20 and beyond
- place value
- days of the week and months of the year
- comparing numbers (before/after, more/less)
- addition and subtraction.



English

The children will be involved in a wide variety of specific activities to develop their skills in reading, writing, viewing and oral language. They will:

- use personal experiences to write short texts
- use letter/sound knowledge, environmental print and sight words when writing and reading
- learn about the structure of a simple sentence (capital letters and full stops)
- engage in reading opportunities everyday.



Science

This term we have begun looking at Earth Sciences focusing on weather, seasons and natural disasters. This science based unit will see the children observing the weather and what affect it has on people, what we wear, activities we do and our environment. By the end of this unit students will understand:

- What are the different types of weather and seasons?
- What are some examples of natural disasters?
- How they can adapt to different conditions.



The Arts

This term we will focus on visual arts and music. Students will develop a variety of skills that will help children express themselves creatively as they become aware of rhythm, pitch, dynamics and expression, form and structure, timbre and texture of music. They will explore sounds as they learn to listen to and make music and learn to discriminate between sounds and silence, and loud and soft sounds.

In visual arts lessons explore how and why artworks are created and ways to use and apply visual conventions, such as line, shape, colour and texture learn how their ideas or subject matter can be developed through different forms, styles, techniques, materials and technologies.

Specialists

In STEM class, students will delve into the fundamentals of direction and coding using Beebots. They'll start by learning to identify directions and create patterns that others can follow. Gradually, they will transition into coding Beebots by applying their understanding of direction to program these robots. Through this hands-on approach, students will develop essential coding skills and problem-solving abilities, setting the foundation for future STEM learning.



W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will focus on ways to display kindness to others and problem solving during a game. Please welcome the new school mascot Mags the Macgregor Magpie.



Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular P.E. sessions throughout the week that will focus on the fundamental motor skills. Our Health focus will be on personal hygiene and building strategies to use the Zones of Regulation when coping with big emotions.

Integrated Inquiry Unit - HASS

LSGHM will explore contributions to communities. Students will discuss the following questions: Who is our community? What do we value in our community and why? How are we responsible for creating a safe, respectful learning environment? What are the benefits of being part of a community group?

Library

LSGHM class will all have a borrowing session in the Library. They will occur on Monday mornings. Please encourage your child to bring a library bag to school as they will require one in order to borrow books.



Dates to Remember

12th– 23rd Feb BASE testing Kindergarten
19th Feb Monday P&C Welcome BBQ 4-6pm
26th Feb Monday Swimming Carnival 2-6
 Water fun day at school K-1
11th March Canberra Day public holiday
13-25th March NAPLAN yrs 3 & 5
29th March Good Friday public holiday
1st April Easter Monday public holiday
8th April Monday Cross Country Carnival
12th April Friday Last day of Term 1

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