



Year 5 Term 3 2026

It has been lovely to see students return settled and ready for learning. This letter provides a brief overview of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging daily reading. This can include reading independently, together, or listening to your child read. We also recommend practising basic number skills, such as times tables and number facts, for 10 minutes each day. Your child's teacher can provide resources if needed. As the weather remains cool, please ensure your child brings appropriate warm clothing, with all items clearly labelled. As a SunSmart school, students are still required to wear a suitable hat during outdoor activities. Please ensure your child brings one each day. We look forward to another productive and successful term ahead.

Mathematics

This term, students will be exploring:

Four operations, using a range of mental and written strategies to solve problems.

Angles, estimating, constructing and measuring angles in degrees.

Fractions, including ordering, representing, adding and subtracting fractions with the same and related denominators.

Decimals, including writing, representing and ordering decimals greater than one.

Percentages, connecting common percentages to their equivalent fractions and decimals.

Mathematical modelling, applying number skills to solve financial and real-world problems by selecting appropriate operations and interpreting solutions.

Wellbeing at Macgregor (W@M)



Our W@M lessons this term will focus on building positive relationships and developing emotional regulation skills. Students will:

- learn strategies to recognise and manage their emotions
- interact respectfully and empathetically with others
- strengthen their ability to navigate social situations with confidence
- develop problem-solving skills to handle challenges and conflicts appropriately.

Integrated Units

For the first part of the term, we will be focusing on our HASS unit exploring the foundations of Australia as a nation. Students will investigate the many different historical moments and decision that shaped the policies and ways of government we use in modern Australia.

In the second half of the term, we will commence a Science unit all about the movement of electricity. Students will explore the different forms of electricity and the different ways we see and use it. We will also be exploring how circuits work and the difference between simple and complex circuits.

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Teachers are also available via SeeSaw.

Dates to remember

Week 2 - Wednesday 29th of July—Students attending KSS to watch a Alice in wonderland performance

Week 3 - Tuesday 4th August—combined band at Latham Primary

Week 6 - Monday the 24th August—Friday the 28th of August—Book Week. Friday the 28th of August—Book Week Dress Up Day.

Week 7 - Wednesday September the 2nd and Thursday September the 3rd—P&C Father's Day stall

Week 9 - Thursday September the 13th—Gala Day at KSS

Week 10 - Wednesday 23rd of September Year 5 & 6 Band performance at Floriade

Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular physical education sessions on most days of the week. These sessions will combine explicit teaching of fundamental motor skills, together with co-operative games and skills related to particular sports. In Health, we will be learning about Gender Stereotypes and Safety and Consent.

Library

Students will continue to have access to the school library. Our assigned day is Wednesdays and all students needing to borrow or return books will attend the library that morning.

Students can also access the Library at break times for borrowing or quiet reading.

English

Our literacy program includes explicit reading and writing instruction, along with supported review, rehearsal, and application of skills. Students will also engage in daily handwriting practice to support legibility, fluency, and consistency.

In writing, students will be exploring informative and persuasive writing, linking with our integrated units. We have implemented a 'quick write' session 3 times a week to build their fluency in writing. Students will work on improving paragraph structure, expanding ideas, and writing with clarity. This term, the reading program will be integrated with Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and Science.

Year 5 Band

Please support your child in their commitment to band by encouraging regular practice and ensuring they bring their instrument on band days.



Band days are Wednesday and Friday, with a lunch rehearsal on Thursday.

Band students will be attending the combined band practise at Latham Primary on the 4th of August, and be will be performing at Floriade on the 23rd of September.