



Year 5 Term 1 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to year 5. It is great to see that students have settled into their new school routines with ease. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by ensuring that they read every night. This can include reading independently, listening to your child read, reading together or even reading to your child. We would also like you to remind them to practise their basic number skills (like times tables) for 10 minutes each day to help build their foundations for mathematical understanding. Your child's teacher can help with resources with this if you need them. With the weather being very warm in the middle of the day, please make sure that all of your child's belongings are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day warms up or when they are inside. As a SunSmart school, we require that all children wear a hat that shades their face, ears and neck whenever they are outside for breaks or physical education. While we have a few spares at this early point in the year, children shouldn't rely on these. Please support your child to be sun safe by making sure they have a suitable hat and that they bring it to school every day.

Mathematics

This term students will have opportunities to develop fluency and deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts. Students will be exploring:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Financial Maths.

English

Our literacy program includes explicit writing and reading instruction along with supported review, rehearsal and application of skills.

In writing students will be exploring imaginative writing and writing quality sentences. We will be learning about clarity in sentences, types of sentences and purpose, expanding sentences, avoiding run-on sentences etc.

This term's reading program will be integrated with Science and Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS). The Science focus is earth and space sciences and HASS is focused on foundations of a nation. Students will access a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, on these subjects, to develop reading strategies, fluency and comprehension.

Wellbeing at Macgregor (W@M)



Our W@M lessons this term will focus on:

- Playing cooperative games and understanding how to be a good sport
- Ways to display kindness to others and problem solving during a game
- Relationships with peers
- Exploring the theme of belonging
- Developing leadership skills
- Staying safe with technology.

Library

Students will continue to have access to the school library. Our assigned day is Thursday 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.

Integrated Units

For the first part of the term we will continue to work on our HASS unit focusing on the role of democracy in Australia. We will be exploring the role of the Australian government and the processes in which we create and pass laws. Additionally, we will dive into the western influence on democracy and how it has shaped Australian values. We will then commence a science unit in the later half of this term about the solar system.

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. There will be a strong focus on fair play and being good sports with an emphasis on more advanced concepts of tactics and strategy.

Dates to remember

Week 3 - Tuesday 10 Feb - Welcome BBQ 4pm-6pm
Week 6 - Monday 2 March - Swimming Carnival / Water fun day
Week 7 - Monday 9 March - Public Holiday
 Wednesday 11 March - Start of NAPLAN period goes until Tuesday 24th March
Week 9 - Friday 27 March - Cross Country Carnival
Week 10 - Thursday 2 April - Last day of term 1

Friday 3 April - Public Holiday

Year 5 Camp: 29th of April Until the 1st of May.

Contact Details

If you wish to contact any member of the team, contact details are as follows:

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Year 5 Band

Our band selection process has almost been finalised and we expect offers of places to be sent out very soon. If you receive an offer, please talk to your child seriously about the commitment they are making.

They will need to be supported to practise regularly, and to bring their instruments on band days.

Our band days for this year are Wednesday and Friday, with a lunch club during break on Thursday.

