



MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Belinda Andrews



Term Three Overview 2021 **Guginya, Gudamang, Walga and Buru**

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 3! We are looking forward to another successful and fun term of learning. Our program is sent home on Seesaw for families to view and make comments. Families are encouraged to make suggestions to assist with planning programs and providing feedback.

Each program plans investigations that follow the interests of the children and develops foundation skills. Programs include intentional teaching, experiences that follow the children's interests and activities to develop fine motor skills such as, cutting, pasting, painting, drawing and writing. Dramatic play centres encourage the development of communication and social skills, in a play-based setting. We have been impressed this year with the friendships and positive relationships that have developed across all classes. It is wonderful to see the children connecting with friends as they engage in positive play.

Olympics

The Olympics is starting in Preschool on the 26 July! There will be a running track set up outside with a starting line and arrows to follow. The children will participate in ball games and gross motor challenges. On the 30 July the Preschool children will join Kindergarten and year 1 in a fun Mini Olympics at the school. In class we will discuss sportsmanship and investigate how to be a good winner, developing an understanding that you can't be first at a game and win all the time.

Mindfulness

As part of a school wide initiative, children will begin short daily mindfulness sessions. Children will be exposed to a variety of breathing techniques and activities to calm and grow the mind. Children also refer to our 'zones of regulation' posters as a guide to managing a variety of emotions.

Literacy

We are continuing the learning program based on the '10 Essential Literacy Practices'. Children are exposed to quality literature every day through whole class reading sessions. Quiet and shared reading form part of our daily programs. We are empowering children with the knowledge that they can read, as 'reading the pictures' is reading! Writing experiences, such as whole class white board sessions, making mini books and drawing responses to experiences or literature happen each day. Children continue to sign in each morning and are beginning to add text to their work.

Numeracy

This term we will be building on prior skills and knowledge to develop each child's mathematical skills. Children will be learning about patterns, ordering numerals, one-to-one matching and measurement through songs, games and stories.



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Seesaw

Seesaw continues to be used as your child's portfolio, showcasing their learning experiences at preschool. The seesaw app is our main form of communication to inform parents of events, such as Pyjama Day, or to give reminders about class activities.

Library

Reading to your child each day is the most important thing you can do to support their learning. The children delight in their weekly trips to the big school library. Please ensure your child remembers their library bag on their set library day.

Clothing for Various Weather Conditions

We recommend that your child dresses with layers of clothing at this time of the year. Please ensure you pack a warm jacket and label all clothing. Spare clothing should be packed in your child's bag.

'Hats on' in August!

Wearing of sunsmart hats will be reintroduced on the 1 August 2021 as recommended by Cancer Council ACT. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning before leaving home. We have school stock sunscreen provided to reapply during the day as needed.

Healthy Eating and Allergies

Macgregor Primary School is a *Fresh Tastes* school. At preschool we ask all the children to bring at least one piece of fresh fruit or some raw vegetables to eat at fruit break. Your child will drink water from their drink bottle throughout each day. We check and refill these drink bottles during the day as needed. We ask that you save treats such as chocolate, lollies, milk and juice for home.

Macgregor Primary School is also an *Allergy Aware* school. We have several students with severe allergic reactions or anaphylaxis to nuts, nut products and kiwi fruit. To assist with creating a safe and healthy environment for all, we ask that children and families **do not bring any nuts, nut products or kiwi fruit** to preschool. Please remember to sanitise your hands upon entering their preschool each morning, to help stop the spread of germs and potential allergens.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or on Seesaw.
Kind regards

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