



# Year 5 Term 2 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2 in Year 5! It is great to see that our children 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 becoming increasing inclement, 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, 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. Hats will not be required from June 1st and they are back on again from August 1st.

### Mathematics

This term students will be engaged in a variety of activities designed to develop their understanding of:

- Factors and multiples
- Measurement
- Data

Instruction will be a combination of explicit teaching, open-ended tasks, (both small group and individual), and project-based learning.



Please support your child to practise their basic number skills at home (for 10-15 minutes on at least 5 days per week).

### W@M—Wellbeing at Macgregor

Our W@M lessons this term will be based on the Friendly Schools Plus program and will develop skills in the following key areas:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Social decision making

### English

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

Students will:

- participate in independent reading most days.
- take part in reading groups based on a Book Club model.
- write texts across a number of genres, starting with narratives and expositions and then moving to information texts in conjunction with our Science units.
- have regular lessons in handwriting, both modelled and independent.
- receive explicit instruction in spelling and language conventions.

### Dates to remember

21st -24th May - Book Fair  
 28th & 30th May - School Photos  
 6th June—SL@M Crazy Hair/Sock Day  
 4th July—Athletics Carnival



### Inquiry Unit

This term we will be completing a history inquiry based on the gold rush answering the question:

- What aspects of Australian identity were changed by the Eureka Stockade?
- What was the motivation for the rebellion?
- What would have happened if Peter Lalor didn't call a meeting?

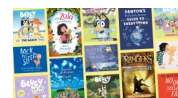


### Library

Our children 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.

Please note also that our in-class libraries in Year 5 are quite extensive and most children will be able to find a suitable book to read in independent reading time or to take home.



### 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. We are also hoping to incorporate some Dance this term.

### Year 5 Band

Year 5 band has started up again this term with some very enthusiastic students. It has been lovely to the commitment from the band members who are clearly practising at home and bring their instruments each band day.

Our band days for this year are Monday and Wednesday.



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