



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous start to our learning in the Year 4 classes and we are very impressed with the way all students have settled in after their well deserved break. We have recommenced our learning across all areas with our focus outlined below. As the weather continues to heat up please ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle and hat to school daily. As a SunSmart accredited school, hats will continue to be worn for all outdoor activities. We are looking forward to a fabulous term of learning together.

Mathematics

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

- equivalent fractions including making connections between fraction and decimal notations
- counting and representing fractions on number lines
- reading and plotting grid references on an X and Y axis
- exploring line and rotational symmetry

Library

Classes will attend library with their classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings.

Contact Details

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

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English

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

- We will develop our listening and responding skills each week through engaging in B.T.N (Behind the News) and answering targeted questions about the episode.
- We will continue to learn about the structure of a simple, compound and complex sentence structures
- Refine the use of capital letters, full stops and crafting solid paragraphs.
- further explore the language features & structures of persuasive writing to demonstrate the skills we have learnt.

Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular P.E. sessions throughout the week with their classroom teacher and our P.E. Specialist teachers.

Students will engage in a range of physical movement activities and collaborative games to refine their gross motor skills. Our focus in health will look into how we interpret health information and apply strategies to enhance their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing .

BOOST Group

Some students will participate in a structured synthetic phonics program as part of their literacy learning. We are calling this program Boost as it is designed to support students in making reading and spelling gains. The program will be delivered by Mr Pat Ormerod. Pat is a highly experienced teacher who is new to the school this year. Notes will be sent home to families if your child is selected for this program.

W@M - Wellbeing at Macgregor



Macgregor Primary School's PBL team has been working on a new initiative called 'Five Week Focus.' For the start of term 4 our Five Week Focus will be 'Right Place, Right Time'. This is to help students remember where they need to be. If walking through corridors without a Safe Pass, children will be reminded with 'Right Place, Right time' and be encouraged to seek a Safe Pass from the relevant staff member. We look forward to students taking up the challenge of being in the Right Place at the Right time.

Integrated Units

In Humanities and Social Sciences we will investigate early exploration of Australia and how this led to colonisation. We will further investigate the reasons for colonisation and the impact it had on Indigenous Australians.

In Science we will look into Forces and how forces can be exerted by one object on another and investigate the effect of frictional, gravitational and magnetic forces on the motion of objects. We will also apply a design and technology focus during this unit.

Dates to remember

- School Disco October 25 - after school
- Camp Warrambui October 28 - 29
- Raiders Tag Gala Day October 29
- Athletics carnival assembly November 5
- Book Fair November 5 - 8
- Year 6 Market day November 8
- P&C Music Recital November 19
- Twilight fete November 22
- Academic Achievement reports sent home December 6
- Academic Achievement Awards December 9
- Last day of term December 17

