



# Year 5 Term 4 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to term 4 in Year 5. Our students have settled in nicely for our final term of learning. 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. This term year 5 students will be participating in the Peer Mediator Program. Most students received the training at the end of last term and will be ready to get out in the playground to spread kindness and provide assistance. 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.

### Mathematics

This term students will have opportunities to practise skills to develop fluency and deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts. Students will continue developing problem solving and reasoning skills while exploring specific mathematical concepts including:

- fractions, decimals and percentages
- converting between 12 hour and 24 hour time
- probability
- financial mathematics and simple budgets

### English

Our writing program is linked to our integrated units. Students will undertake research into a topic related to the science of light and present this information in their chosen format. Students will write speeches about leadership or for leadership. They will analyse successful speech writing by researching famous speeches throughout history. They will explore engaging modes of delivery including altering pitch, volume, and expression through workshops on body language and maintaining eye contact with audience members. Students will receive explicit instruction in spelling, language conventions and reading comprehension.

### 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.

### 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 Science unit, answering the big question: *What is light?*

We will then commence a unit on leadership. In preparation for the 2025 student leadership process, students will be learning about what makes a good leader and what would a good leader of Macgregor Primary School look like.

### 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.

### Year 5 Band

Year 5 band has started up again this term with some very enthusiastic students. Our band days for this term will continue to be Monday and Wednesday.



### Contact Details

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

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### Dates to remember

- School Disco October 25 - after school
- 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

