



McDowall State School

Year 5/6 - Term 3, 2024

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What's Happening

01.08.24	Yr 2 Bunyaville Excursion Yr 4 Living History Incursion
05-06.08.24	Yr 2 Bunyaville Excursion
06.08.24	Parliament House Visit - School Captains
12.08.24	School Council Meeting
13.08.24	Open Morning - New Families Prep (8.30-10.30am)
14.08.24	Ekka Holiday
16.08.24	Grandparent's Day (8.30-10.30am)
19.08.24	Singfest
19-23.08.24	Book Week
20.08.24	Instrumental Music Parent Information Night #1 (6pm - Hall) Busking Competition
21.08.24	Yr 2 Recruitment Concert Yr 5 Planetarium Excursion
22.08.24	Yr Planetarium Excursion
23.08.24	Book Week - PJ Day
26.08.24	Merrille O'Neill Assembly Yrs 5-6 Wavell SHS Literacy Olympics Yrs 5-6 District Mathematics Tournament P&C Association General Meeting
28.08.24	Merrille O'Neill Assembly Beginner Band Blitz (Everton Park SS)
29.08.24	P&C Association Father's Day Stall Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
30.08.24	Student Free Day
02.09.24	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
03.09.24	Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion Yrs 5-6 Chamber Music Concert (Hall) P-1 Surf Lifesaving Presentation
05.09.24	Yr 3 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
06.09.24	P-6 School Cross Country
12.09.24	Casual Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation)
13.09.24	P-6 School Ball Games Carnival

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 5/6!

This term overview outlines the work units that will be studied, along with the activities that have been planned to support learning in the classroom.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.



English

Students will design a Web Site to profile an Aboriginal group/s in Queensland, Australia. They will read texts and examine an indigenous biography. Students will examine the features of a website, and look at the features of an information report. They will complete guided and independent research, and then create their own websites.

Mathematics

This term, students in Year 5 will have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- **Number** — apply understanding of relationships to convert between forms of numbers, units and spatial representations
- use mathematical modelling to solve financial and practical problems, with guidance, using natural numbers and operations, and report on insights and conclusions reached about the context
- use common percentages to make proportional comparisons of quantities
- **Measurement** — use appropriate metric units to directly measure the area and perimeter of regular and irregular spaces and mass and capacity
- **Space** — apply an understanding of relationships between objects and two-dimensional nets

This term, students in Year 6 will have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- **Number** – solve practical addition and subtraction problems involving fractions with related denominators
- solve arithmetic problems involving all four operations with decimals
- use mathematical modelling to solve financial and other practical problems, choosing models, representations and calculation strategies and justify solutions
- **Measurement** — apply an understanding of area and use multiplicative thinking to establish the formula for the area of a rectangle
- convert between common metric units of length, mass and capacity

Science

Energy and Electricity

In this unit students will:

- Investigate electrical circuits as a means of transferring and transforming electricity.
- Design and construct electrical circuits to make observations.
- Develop explanations and perform specific tasks, using materials and equipment safely.

- Explore how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity.
- Identify energy transformations associated with different methods of electricity production.
- Learn how the scientific discoveries and development in electricity production have affected peoples' lives.
- Evaluate personal and community decisions related to the use of different energy sources and their sustainability.

Technology

Hands off!

Linking to the Science Unit, students will investigate how electrical energy can control movement, sound or light in a designed product or system. They will design and make a prototype security device that uses electrical energy to produce sound, light or movement.

HASS

Australia in a Diverse World

In this unit students will investigate the following key inquiry question:

How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?

Health & Physical Education

Health

Transitioning

In this unit, students explore the feelings, challenges and issues associated with making the transition to secondary school. They devise strategies to assist them in making a smooth transition.

Movement

This term all students will receive a 30-minute PE lesson each week. They will participate in a 'Ball Games' unit, learning skills, tactics and strategies in the game of Baseball and Tennis.

School Tennis Tournament

Students in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to take part in the annual school Tennis Tournament held this term.

Inter-house Sports

This term students will participate in the Inter-house Cross Country and Ball Games Carnival.



Japanese

This term students will use language to explore the concept of school life in Japan and make connections with their own school experience. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana and kanji.



The Arts

Visual Arts

Say it with Art

In this unit students explore artworks that inspire the making of a mixed media sculpture that expresses a personal view about a social issue and communicates meaning through display.

Music

Students will have one 30-minute Music lesson each week with Ms Woodruff. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities that develop skills in singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising and composing.

Human Movement/Dance

This term all students will receive a 30-minute movement lesson. Students will perform, make and respond through contemporary dance. Students will begin to develop some contemporary dance movements that reflect the musical intent.

Library

Students have been reading up a storm in Semester One and we thank parents and care givers for supporting their child's love of reading. The major feature for Term 3 will be the Book Week (19th August – 23rd August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer regarding Book Week activities.

Merrille O'Neill Writing Competition

This term all students at McDowall State School will participate in the Merrille O'Neill Writing Competition. Students in Years 2 to 6 will each write a piece of poetry. A special Senior Assembly will be held on 26th August to announce class and year level winners. Winners will also share their poems at the Junior Assembly on Wednesday 28th August.

Payment Form	Year 5/6 – Term 3,
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Payment Options

Payment Options:		
1	Online (Preferred)	QParents - Online and App - Please use existing reference numbers on QParents for payments. BPoint – Please use CRN (Customer Reference Number) and Invoice number for payments on https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete . If you are unsure, please request a statement by sending us an email on admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au or calling the school office on 3872 5333.
2	Credit Card	Call BPoint Credit Card with CRN number and invoice number on 1300 631 073 to make payments anytime. At School Administration – ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum payment: \$10.
3	EFTPOS and Cash	At School Administration – ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum EFTPOS payment: \$10. If sending with your child / leaving in the deposit box at School Administration, please enclose correct money in an envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name, class and this form.
4	Cheque	Made payable to “McDowall State School.” Please enclose in an envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name, class and this form.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > A receipt will be sent home with your child via the class teacher. > Where economic hardship exists in paying, please contact the Business Manager to negotiate a payment plan. > Refunds - parents may claim a refund only when the costs have not required additional subsidy by the school due to cancellation of student attendance. If a student cancels his/her attendance, a refund will only be given if this does not impact on the final costs by other students toward the planned excursion. 		

Payments Due in Term 3, 2024

Activity	Amount
Year 5 Planetarium Excursion	\$22.00
Year 6 Taiko Drumming Performance	\$7.00

Detailed excursion letters with permission slips will be forwarded separately as required