



McDowall State School

Year 5/6 - Term 3, 2025

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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

The language of persuasion

Through texts, students will explore ethical dilemmas or issues in real-world and imagined settings. They will examine persuasive techniques and devices, including language choices that evoke emotion and judgements in direct and indirect ways. They will explore the use of objective and subjective language and identify bias. They will use appropriate interaction skills to present and justify opinions or ideas, experimenting with features of voice such as tone, volume, pitch and pace.

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 and Light

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.
- Explore the properties of light and reflection and refraction of light

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 arcade game 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 questions:

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

How are Australian communities affected by the interconnection between people, places and environments?

Health & Physical Education

Health

Let's Be Active

Students will describe the significance of physical activity to health and wellbeing, to describe their own and others' contributions to safety and wellbeing. They examine how physical activity, celebrating diversity and connecting to the environment supports support community wellbeing and cultural understanding.

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 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.



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 and Junior Assembly will be held on 15th September to announce class and year level winners.

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/Drama

Students will participate in a drama unit connected to stories. Students will create short scenes using scripts that communicate the story to an audience of peers.

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 16th August – 24th August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer regarding Book Week activities.

Excursion Information**Year 5/6 – Term 3, 2025**

Consent requests for all school activities (excursions, incursions, etc) are now done via QParents only. Paper permission forms will no longer be sent home.

Please refer to QParents for up-to-date information on excursions, incursions and payments for this term.

If you do not currently have a QParents account, or the details to set up an account, please contact the School Office on 3872 5333 or admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au.

If you are unable to create a QParents account for any other reason, please contact Administration to discuss further.