



McDowall State School Prep Year - Term 2, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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.

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Welcome to Term 2

This Term Overview outlines the Work Units that will be studied, along with the activities that have been planned to support the learning in the classroom. Parents will also have another opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teacher prior to the report card being sent home. Under 8's Day, 23rd May. Families welcome 8:30-10:30am. More information to come!

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ENGLISH

Examining, creating and sharing informative texts

Students engage with a variety of authentic texts, including non-fiction texts, through shared reading, viewing and storytelling. They make connections between layout, images and text types. They expand topic-specific vocabulary through planned and informal experiences with texts, images, and objects. Students will create short texts to report ideas or events and present to an audience.

HASS

Students will explore the inquiry questions:

- What do families celebrate and why?
- How can stories of families and the past can be communicated through sources that represent past events?
- What is a 'keepsake'?
- What do families do together?



SCIENCE

Students will use their senses to observe the needs of living things, both animals and plants. Through exploration, investigation and discussion, students will learn how an environment can affect the needs of living things. They will begin to understand that observing is an important part of Science and that Scientists discuss and record their observations.

MATHS

Number - Student will:

- look for and make connections between number names, numerals and quantities, and compare quantities, using elementary mathematical reasoning in active learning experiences
- explore situations, sparked by curiosity, using physical and virtual materials to represent and solve everyday

problems that involve quantifying, adding to and taking away from collections to at least 10

Measurement

- build confidence and autonomy in being able to make and justify mathematical decisions based on quantification and direct comparisons of duration and events

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Movement

This term, all students will receive a 30 minute PE lesson per week. Students will participate in a unit focusing on large ball skills (bouncing, catching, kicking and dribbling). Students will also prepare for the interhouse sports day.

Health

I am growing and changing (Sem 1)

In this unit students will continue to explore how their bodies are growing and developing, and identify the actions that will keep them healthy, such as diet, hygiene and physical activity.

JAPANESE

Students in Prep will learn to count to ten in Japanese and how to state their age. They will continue to practice exchanging greetings and introductions using simple language and gestures.



ALL-SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

This term all students at

20 June: Inter-house Athletics Carnival (track)

THE ARTS

Music

Prep students will have a Music lesson each week. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities including singing and listening, beat and rhythm games and dance activities.

Dance

Children in Prep will have one 30 minute Dance lesson each week. Students will continue to explore The Elements of Dance-space, time, dynamics and relationships to perform, make and observe dances about 'Characters'. They explore locomotor and non-locomotor movements and use these fundamental movement skills in their own dance.

Visual Arts

This term students will explore ideas, experiences, observations and imagination to create visual artworks.



They will use and experiment with different materials, techniques, technologies and processes to make artworks.

SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

This term all students at McDowall will participate in the School Art Competition. Students in each year level will produce a piece of art work using a particular medium. A special assembly will be held on the last Monday of term (23rd June) to acknowledge the class and year level winners.

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Play is the Way

McDowall SS is continuing to implement Play is the Way.

PLAY IS THE WAY® is a social and emotional learning (SEL) methodology using physically interactive games & activities, 5 guiding concepts, an empowering self-reflective language and 6 key virtues that form a pathway to empathy.

It is a process that gives McDowall SS a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

The PLAY IS THE WAY® Methodology uses:

- A unique program of physically interactive games
- "Life Raft" concepts that serve as a moral compass to guide students through life and learning
- reflective language that helps children master their own behaviour
- "Pathway To Empathy" virtues
- a philosophy of behaviour education and student self-regulation that fosters independent, self-motivated, empathetic, life-long learners.



LIBRARY

In their weekly library lessons, Preparatory students have become familiar with the Fiction and Non-Fiction collections. They have been very responsible with their borrowed books, transporting them from home to school in their Library bags. Parents are to be congratulated for helping the students remember to return their books each week, ready for borrowing on a Monday. On 21st May 2025, we will again participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). It is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

All Prep students have been subscribed to the DoE (Department of Education) Digital Library and can now access over 60,000 eBooks and audiobooks by visiting the Sora website, or downloading the free Sora app on a mobile device, searching

Excursion Information**Prep – Term 2, 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.