



# McDowall State School

## Prep Year - 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 Nguatana-Lui Excursion
30.08.24	Student Free Day
02.09.24	Yr 6 Mathematics Olympiad
03.09.24	Yr 3 Nguatana-Lui Excursion Yrs 5-6 Chamber Music Concert (Hall) P-1 Surf Lifesaving Presentation
05.09.24	Yr 3 Nguatana-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 Prep!

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## ENGLISH

Students will listen to and engage with a range of literary and non-literary texts with a focus on exploring how language is used for expressing and developing ideas when retelling experiences. They will make connections to personal experiences, and explore how feelings and preferences relating to these experiences might be expressed. Students will engage in shared and independent writing to create short spoken and written texts to retell events, using language to sequence events, and express thoughts and feelings.

## HASS/SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGIES

### On the Farm

In this integrated unit of work students explore the distinctive features of Australian farms as places, and the ways Australian farmers living and working on farms are producing food and fibres, for food, clothing and shelter.

In Science, students will use their senses to observe the needs of living things, both animals and plants. Students learn that the survival of all living things is reliant on basic needs being met, and there are consequences when needs are not met.

In HASS students observe, identify and represent the location and features of places using pictorial maps and models. Students will reflect on the actions farmers are taking to care for farms and the animals, crops and trees they grow.

In Design and Technologies students will explore how plants and animals are grown for food, clothing and shelter, and how food is selected and prepared for healthy eating. They will examine how farms meet peoples' needs. They will design solutions for problems on a farm to produce food and follow steps to make a healthy snack.

## Mathematics

Students develop understandings of:

- > **Number** — look for and make connections between number names, numerals and quantities, and compare quantities, using elementary mathematical reasoning in active learning experiences. They explore situations, sparked by curiosity, using physical and virtual materials to represent and solve everyday problems that involve quantifying, equal sharing, adding to and taking away from collections to at least 10.
- > **Shape** — name, create and compare shapes, using elementary mathematical reasoning in active learning experiences
- > **Measurement** — use direct comparisons of mass, capacity and length of objects

## Health & Physical Education

### Movement

Prep students will have 1 x 30-minute Physical Education (PE) lesson each week our PE Teacher. Prep will be developing small ball skills and participating in a Perceptual Motor Program.

### Inter-house Sports

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

## Health

### I am safe

In this unit, students identify actions and protective behaviours that keep them safe and healthy in situations where they may encounter medicines, poisons, water and fires.

## The Arts

### Music

Prep students will have 1 x 30-minute music lesson each week. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities that develop skills in singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising and composing.

### Drama

Students will participate in 1 x 30-minute drama lesson per week. In this unit students will make and respond to drama by exploring ways that texts and stories can be enacted using voice and movement.

### 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.



## Japanese



Children in Prep will have 1 x 30-minute Japanese lesson each week with our Japanese Teacher. Students will learn to describe the colour and size of farm animals. They will continue to practice exchanging greetings and introductions using simple language and gestures.

## LIBRARY

In their weekly Monday 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. The major feature for Term 3 will be the CBCA Book Week (19th August – 23rd August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the event.



### **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 26<sup>th</sup> August to announce class and year level winners. Winners will also share their poems at the Junior Assembly on Wednesday 28th August.*