



McDowall State School

Prep Year - Term 4, 2025

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Welcome to another busy term in Prep!

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 4

We hope you all enjoyed your September holidays.

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.

Students will also engage in preparing for Year 1.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.

English

Students will engage and respond to a range of texts.

They will read, view and comprehend imaginative texts including simple decodable texts aligned with phonic development.

Through texts, students will explore characters, settings and events, and language and visual features. They will make connections to personal experiences, reflecting on experiences that are similar or different to their own, and use language to express preferences, likes and dislikes.

Students will engage in shared and independent writing experiences to create short texts to retell ideas about stories and express their preferences for characters and texts.



Maths

Students further develop proficiency and positive dispositions towards mathematics and its use as they:

- look for and make connections between number names, numerals and quantities, compare quantities to at least 20 using mathematical reasoning in active learning experiences
- explore situations, sparked by curiosity, using physical and virtual materials to represent, partition and solve everyday problems
- build confidence and autonomy in being able to make and justify mathematical decisions based on quantification
- learn to recognise repetition in pattern sequences and apply this to creatively build repeating patterns in a range of contexts



CLASS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION DAY!!!

Thursday 11th December



Further information to come from classroom teachers later in the term.

Science

Weather watch

In this unit students use their senses to explore and observe the weather in their local environment and learn that we can record our observations using symbols. Students observe that weather can change and identify the features that reflect a change in the weather. They are given opportunities to reflect on the impact of these changes on themselves, in particular on clothing, shelter and activities.

HASS

Students will continue to 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.

Physical Education

Prep students will have one 30 minute Physical Education lesson each week. Children will participate in a perceptual motor program where they will develop their gross motor skills.



Health

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

Music

Prep students will have one 30 minute Music lesson each week with Ms Woodruff. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities including singing and listening, and beat and rhythm games.



Human Movement

Students will participate in one 30 minute Human Movement lesson per week. In this unit, students will make and respond to dance and drama by exploring shapes and objects 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 one 30 minute Japanese lesson each week. Students will learn to greet, introduce and describe themselves to new friends. They will use Japanese to exchange gifts. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana.



Excursion Information**Prep – Term 4, 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.