



McDowall State School

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 1!

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

Character Descriptions - Exploring characters in stories

Students listen to, read, view and interpret spoken, written and multimodal literary texts to identify some features of characters in these texts and to create character descriptions.

Mathematics

This term, students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- **Number and place value** - recall, represent and record the ones, twos, fives and tens number sequence. Identify number patterns, count collections, represent and record two-digit numbers, standard place value partitioning of two-digit numbers. Identify digit values, explore doubling and halving and positioning and locating numbers on linear representations.
- **Patterns and algebra** – recall the ones, twos and tens counting sequences and explore number patterns.
- **Using units of measurement** – compare, measure and record capacity, describe durations of time and tell time to the hour and half hour.
- **Money and financial mathematics** - recognise, describe, and order Australian coins according to their value.



Science

Material Madness

Students explore how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways, according to their properties. They describe the actions used to physically change materials. Students change objects for different purposes. They ask questions and describe changes to objects that are used in their everyday lives.

DATE CLAIMERS

July	
12	Term 3 commences
16	P-6 Athletics Carnival
26	P & C Association Meeting
August	
11	RNA Show Public Holiday
13	Grandparents Open Morning
23	P & C Association Meeting
23-27	Book Week
25	Book Week Celebration TBA
26	Poem in Your Pocket Day
27	Arts Active Learning Day
September	
1	Merrille O'Neill Junior Assembly
3	Student Free Day
10	P-6 Cross Country
16	Casual Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation)
17	P-6 Ball Games Carnival Last day of Term 3
October	
4	Public Holiday (Queens Birthday)
5	Term 4 commences

ARTS ACTIVE LEARNING DAY

Friday August 27th Week 7

Year 1's will experience a whole day full of fun, filled with art and movement activities. Students will be able to wear casual dress.



HASS

My changing life

In this unit students will explore the following inquiry question:

How has my family and daily life changed over time?

Learning opportunities support students to:

- explore family structures and the roles of family members over time
- recognise events that happened in the past may be memorable or have personal significance
- identify and describe important dates and changes in their own lives
- compare similarities and differences between family life today and in the past
- respond to questions about the recent past
- sequence and describe events of personal significance using terms to describe the passing of time
- examine sources, such as images, objects and family stories, that have personal significance
- share stories about the past.



Health & Physical Education

Movement

This term, all students will receive a 30 minute PE lesson per week. Years 1-2 will be learning small ball skills and participate in a Perceptual Motor Programme.

Health

We all belong

Students recognise how strengths and achievements contribute to identities. Students identify and practise emotional responses that reflect their own and others' feelings.

Japanese

Students in Year 1 will have one 30 minute Japanese lesson each week with Mrs Bauer, our Japanese teacher. Students will use Japanese language to explore how special days, such as birthdays and traditional festivals, are celebrated. They will study some hiragana (a Japanese alphabet) and some kanji (Chinese characters). Students will also study aspects of the Japanese culture.



The Arts

Music

Children in Year 1 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.

Drama

Students will participate in one 30 minute drama lesson each week with Mrs Hicks. Students will explore expression, emotions and improvisation through activities focusing on the retell of cultural stories.

Library

In their weekly Friday library lessons, Year 1 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 (23rd August - 27th August) and associated activities. The highlight is our Bedtime Book Fair on Wednesday 25th August. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the evening.



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 30th August to announce class and year level winners. Winners will also share their poems at the Junior Assembly on Wednesday 1st September.

Poem in your Pocket Day

Thursday 26th August will see all students at McDowall State School sharing their love of poetry on Poem in Your Pocket Day. Students choose their favourite poem and recite or read it at play time to anyone who will listen. Every time they read their poem, children collect a stamp or signature on their card.