



McDowall State School

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

Recounting Events

Students will engage with a range of texts which contain topics or story elements that have events that can be recounted. They will share ideas and recount events using language features including topic-specific vocabulary to suit the purpose and audience, and explore language to express opinions, to provide reasons for opinions using a small number of details. Students engage in shared and independent writing to create texts, and participate in informal and structured discussions, as well as short oral presentations.

MATHEMATICS

This term, students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- **Number**- demonstrate that numbers can be represented, partitioned and composed in various ways, recognise patterns in numbers and extend their knowledge of numbers beyond 2 digits
- use physical or virtual materials and diagrams when modelling practical problems (addition and subtraction to 20, equal sharing and grouping) through active learning experiences and employ different strategies and discuss the reasonableness of answers
- **Space** — recognise shapes and objects in the environment. Use spatial features to classify shapes and objects
- **Measurement** — explain ways of making direct and indirect comparisons and begin to use uniform informal units to measure length, mass and capacity



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.

HASS

My changing life

In this unit students will explore the following inquiry question:

How has daily life changed over time?

Learning opportunities support students to:

- compare similarities and differences between life today and in the past
- respond to questions about the recent past
- examine sources, such as images, objects and family stories
- share stories about the past.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Movement

This term, all students will receive 1 x 30-minute PE lesson per week. Year 1 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 1 x 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 1 x 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 1 x 30-minute drama lesson each week. Students will explore expression, emotions and improvisation through activities focusing on the retell of cultural stories.



LIBRARY

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

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 (19th August – 23rd August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the event.

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

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