



McDowall State School

Year 1 - Term 3, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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

Life in the past

This term student in year one will explore provided sources to investigate aspects of life for children in the past. They will describe what has changed and what has stayed the same about daily life for children over time. Students will understand similarities and differences between aspects of life for children in the past and present. They will draw simple conclusions about how aspects of life for children have changed or stayed the same over time



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. 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

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 (16th August – 24th 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 and Junior Assembly will be held on 15th September to announce class and year level winners.

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

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

Excursion Information**Year 1 – Term 3, 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.