



McDowall State School

Year 1 - Term 4, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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.



Welcome to Term 4

This term we will be busy with new learning, assessment and preparing for Year 2. Please continue with home reading for homework.

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. Invoicing for student activities has been completed, where possible, with payment slips included as part of this overview. Parents will be provided with a two-week window of opportunity to make these payments, but can contact our Business Manager to arrange a payment plan, if required. Detailed excursion letters with permission slips will be forwarded separately as required.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.

English

Students will engage with a range of texts that depict characters, settings and events.



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

Through texts, students will review narrative text elements including plot, character and settings, and explore how different authors use language and visual features to build meaning.

Students will engage in shared and independent writing to recount stories with events and characters. They will create texts using language features including simple sentences, high-frequency words and a small number of details.

Mathematics

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

- connect understanding of numbers to at least 120 by representing, partitioning and composing in various ways
- use skip counting to quantify physical collections initially by 2s, 5s, 10s
- recognise repeated patterns in numbers, symbols and objects using physical and virtual materials.

Science

Let's Make Music

This unit provides opportunities for students to discover that sound is produced by a range of sources and can be changed. This unit involves students reflecting on applications of sound in real-life contexts.



HASS

My Changing Life

In this unit students will identify, describe and sequence personal and family events.

Learning opportunities support students to:

- 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
- respond to questions about the recent past
- sequence and describe events of personal significance



Technology

Resources are used to make products for particular purposes and contexts. Students design and construct a musical instrument using recycled materials or materials found in the environment. Students explain their design and material choices. (Curriculum link to Science Unit 4)

Physical Education

Children in Year 1 will have one 30 minute Physical Education lesson each week. Children will participate in a perceptual motor program.

Students will also take part in the School Swimming Program which consists of 5 x 40-minute small group swimming lessons. Their lessons will occur during weeks 7, 8 & 9.



The Arts

Drama

Students will participate in a weekly 30 minute drama lesson. Students will continue to explore movement skills, expression, emotions and improvisation.



Music

In Year 1, students will experience the following music activities:

- Learn a range of songs, clapping rhymes and musical games which reinforce beat, rhythm and tuneful singing.
- Learn the rhythms 'ta' and 'titi' and use them in known songs.



Visual Arts

Children will participate in various visual arts activities in Term 4. Christmas craft will be a focus later in the term.

Japanese

Students in Year 1 will have one 30 minute Japanese lesson each week. Students will learn to describe family outings in Japan and Australia. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana.

CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!!!

Thursday 11th December



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

Excursion Information**Year 1 – 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.