



McDowall State School

Year 2 - Term 3, 2024

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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

Expressing Opinions

Students engage with a range of imaginative and informative texts, providing a stimulus for using language to express opinions and understanding of how topics can be presented in persuasive texts. Through texts, students explore how information is presented in different types of texts to suit their purpose and audience, and explore how language is used to express opinions about texts and topics. They use interaction skills when engaging in discussions using conscious choices of vocabulary to suit the topic. Students create and deliver a spoken text to express a preference for a place or setting to peers.

MATHEMATICS

This term, students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

Number - partition collections, shapes and objects into equal parts (halves, quarters and eighths) and build a sense of fractions as a measure, connecting this to measures of turn and representations of time

- use mathematical modelling to solve practical problems involving authentic situations by representing problems with physical and virtual materials, diagrams, and using different calculation strategies to find solutions

- recognise that mathematics can be used to investigate things students are curious about, to solve practical problems and model everyday situations, describing thinking and reasoning using familiar mathematical language

Using units of measurement - use uniform units to measure, compare and discuss the attributes of shapes and objects based on length, capacity and mass

Shape - compare and classify shapes, and describe the features using formal terms

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.

Science



Save Planet Earth

Students investigate Earth's resources. They describe how Earth's resources are used and the importance of conserving resources for the future of all living things. Students use their scientific knowledge of conservation to propose and explain actions that can be taken to conserve Earth's resources, and decisions they can make in their everyday lives. Students share their ideas about conservation of Earth's resources in a presentation. Students will learn how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use their knowledge of conservation in their everyday lives.

HASS (Semester 2)

Present connections to places

In this unit students will explore the following inquiry question: How are people connected to their place and other places?

Learning opportunities support students to:

- > draw on representations of the world as geographical divisions and the location of Australia
- > recognise that each place has a location on the surface of Earth, which can be expressed using direction and location of one place from another
- > identify examples of places that are defined at different levels or scales, such as: personal scale, local scale, regional scale, national scale or region-of-the-world scale
- > understand that people are connected to their place and other places in Australia, the countries of Asia and other places across the world.
- > represent connections between places by constructing maps and using symbols
- > examine geographical information and data.
- > respond with ideas about why significant places should be preserved and how people can act to preserve them.

The Arts

Visual Arts

Up Down and All Around

In this unit, students explore methods of abstraction and imaginative processes to communicate experiences, observations and personal connection to places. This unit is linked to Science and HASS units.

Music

Year 2 students will have 1 x 30-minute Music lesson each week. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities that develop skills in singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising and composing.

Drama

Human Movement- Drama: Students will participate in drama lessons this term in order to experiment with the elements of drama. They explore locomotor and non-locomotor movements and use fundamental movement and expressive skills in drama activities linked to nursery rhymes.

Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence Recruitment Demonstrations

In Term 3 we will begin the recruitment process for the Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence 2025.

Students in Year 2 will have the opportunity to attend an Instrumental Music Demonstration Concert. At this concert they will see and hear the instruments that are offered in both the Strings and Band Programmes.

Parent Information Night

A parent information evening will be scheduled for Term 3 and will discuss:

- Instruments that are offered in the Instrumental Music Immersion Programme of Excellence.
- Selection and testing process for allocation of instruments to students.
- Configuration of 2025 Instrumental Music classes.
- Student and parent expectations.
- Fees and charges pertaining to the programme.

Library

Year 2 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 Book Week 19th August – 23rd August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the evening.

Japanese

Students will comprehend and translate simple traditional Japanese stories. They will study some hiragana (a Japanese alphabet) and some kanji (Chinese characters). Students will also study aspects of the Japanese culture.

Technology

Digital Technologies

Students will explore digital systems then create and present data to support their observations. Students will then use visual programming software to design and solve a simple problem.

Health & Physical Education

Movement

This term all students will receive a 30-minute PE lessons each week. Students in Year 2 will be learning small ball skills and participate in a Perceptual Motor Program.

Inter-house Sports

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

Health (Semester 2)

In this unit, students explore safe and unsafe situations so that they understand their responsibility in staying safe. They examine the safety clues that can be used in situations and will explore the emotions they feel in response to safe and unsafe situations. Students consider different aspects of sun safety and how they can promote their health, safety and wellbeing.

Payment Form**Year 2 - Term 3, 2024****Payment Options****Payment Options:**

1	Online (Preferred)	QParents - Online and App - Please use existing reference numbers on QParents for payments. BPoint – Please use CRN (Customer Reference Number) and Invoice number for payments on https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete . If you are unsure, please request a statement by sending us an email on admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au or calling the school office on 3872 5333.
2	Credit Card	Call BPoint Credit Card with CRN number and invoice number on 1300 631 073 to make payments anytime. At School Administration – ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum payment: \$10.
3	EFTPOS and Cash	At School Administration – ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum EFTPOS payment: \$10. If sending with your child / leaving in the deposit box at School Administration, please enclose correct money in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class and this form.
4	Cheque	Made payable to "McDowall State School." Please enclose in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class and this form.

- A receipt will be sent home with your child via the class teacher.
- Where economic hardship exists in paying, please contact the Business Manager to negotiate a payment plan.
- Refunds - parents may claim a refund only when the costs have not required additional subsidy by the school due to cancellation of student attendance. If a student cancels his/her attendance, a refund will only be given if this does not impact on the final costs by other students toward the planned excursion.

Payments Due in Term 3, 2024

Activity	Amount
Year 2 Bunyaville Excursion	\$24.00
Total Cost	\$24.00

Detailed excursion letters with permission slips will be forwarded separately as required