



McDowall State School

Year 3 - Term 3, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 3!

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

Exploring language to express opinions

This term students will engage with a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that provide a stimulus for constructing persuasive responses.

Through texts, students will explore how texts are created, using different language features and structures depending on their purpose and audience.

They will engage in shared and independent writing and learning experiences to create persuasive responses for a particular purpose and audience. They will use language of evaluation and emotion such as modal verbs, words, phrases and images, and text structures including the stages of a basic argument, to persuade. Students will create a spoken text to express a preference and opinion about a chosen topic.



Mathematics

This term, students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

Number and place value

- recognise and represent unit fractions and multiples in different ways, communicating solutions within a modelling context
- develop, extend and apply their addition and multiplication facts and related facts for subtraction and division through recognising connections between operations and develop automaticity for 3, 4, 5, and 10 multiplication facts through games and meaningful practice
- become increasingly aware of the usefulness of mathematics to model situations and solve practical problems
- learn to formulate, choose and use calculation strategies, communicating solutions within a modelling context

Space - make, compare, classify and determine key features of objects

Measurement - measure using metric units to measure and compare the length, mass and capacity of objects

HASS

Exploring places near and far.

In this unit students will explore the following inquiry question:

How and why are places similar and different?

Science

Hot Stuff

During this unit, students will:

- Understand how a change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat.
- Explore the properties of liquids and solids and understand how to identify an object as a solid or a liquid.
- Evaluate how adding or removing heat affects materials used in everyday life.
- Conduct investigations, including posing questions and making predictions, assessing safety, recording and analysing results, considering fairness and communicating ideas and findings.
- Identify that science is involved in describing patterns and relationships in the way solids and liquids behave.



Technologies

Water Bottle Cooler

Students design, construct and test their own water bottle cooler. Based on a set of design requirements, they select and use a range of construction materials. This project links to the Term 3 Science Unit.

Health and Physical Education

Movement

This term all students will receive 1 x 30-minute PE lesson per week. They will participate in a 'Ball Skills' unit, learning skills, tactics and strategies in the games of T-Ball and Tennis.

Health

I am healthy and active

In this unit students explore decision making strategies that help them stay healthy and active, and the benefits of being healthy and physically active

Japanese

Students will use Japanese language to participate in group activities involving teamwork. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana and kanji and they will study aspects of the Japanese culture.

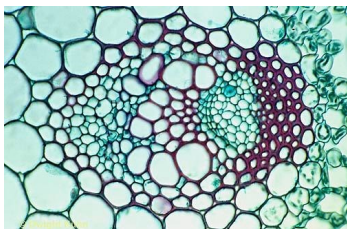


The Arts

Visual Arts

Tiny Worlds

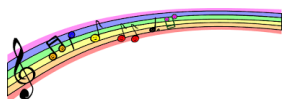
In this unit students explore human connections to real and imagined environments as inspiration for constructing a mixed-media artwork depicting a tiny world. Students will be creating a tiny world as part of their assessment task. They will be required to bring in items from home to complete this task. Information will be sent home closer to the date.



Drama

Students will participate in a drama unit based around the use of scripts. Students will explore expression, emotions and how to use and interpret simple scripts. They will perform a simple dramatic scene to an audience of peers.

Music



Year 3 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.

Library

Year 3 students continue to select books according to their interests. The major celebration for Term 3 will be the 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 3 – 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.