



McDowall State School

Year 4 - 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 Nguatana-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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Welcome to another busy term in Year 4!

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 Historical Texts

Students listen to, read and view a variety of historical texts including historical and literary recounts written from different perspectives. Students present a historical recount set in the past to inform an audience. This text will be the basis of the Speaking Challenge Task in term 4. This links to this term's HASS Unit.



Mathematics

This term, students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- > **Number and place value -**
 - draw on proficiency with number facts, fractions and decimals to deepen an appreciation of how numbers work
 - choose and use efficient strategies when modelling financial and practical problems, communicating solutions within the context of the situation
- > **Using units of measurement**
 - measure and estimate common attributes of objects using conventional instruments and appropriate metric units

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

Science

The Properties of Matter

Students will investigate physical properties of materials and consider how these properties influence the selection of materials for particular purposes.

HASS

Australia before, during and after European settlement

In this unit, students:

- > draw conclusions about how the identities and sense of belonging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

peoples in the past and present were, and continue, to be affected by British colonisation and the enactment of terra nullius

- > analyse the experiences of contact between Australia's First Peoples and others, and the effects these interactions had on people and the environment
- > make connections between world history events between the 1400s and the 1800s, and the history of Australia, including the reasons for the colonisation of Australia
- > investigate the experiences of European explorers, convicts, settlers and Australia's First Peoples, and the impact colonisation had on the lives of different groups of people

Health & Physical Education

Health

Netiquette and online protocols

In this unit, students examine and interpret health information about cyber safety, cyberbullying and online protocols. They describe and apply strategies that can be used in online situations that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. They explore the importance of demonstrating respect and empathy in online relationships. They reflect on young people's use of digital technologies and online communities, and identify resources to support their safety.

Movement

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

Inter-house Sports

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

Japanese

This term students will explore the concept of eating practices in Japan. They will look at ways of communicating about food and sharing meals. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana.

The Arts

Music

Year 4 students 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

Eliza Bird

Students will participate in 1 x 30-minute drama lesson each week. Students will explore expression, emotions, freeze frames and improvisation through activities focusing on the first fleet, convicts and the novel Eliza Bird. (Link with HASS and English unit)

Library

The Year 4 students have been reading up a storm in Semester One and we thank parents and care givers for supporting their child's love of reading. The major feature for Term 3 will be Book Week (19th August – 23rd August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the event.

INCURSION: LIVING HISTORY

Date: 1st August
Cost \$12.00

This term, Year 4 students will be undertaking a unit of work investigating the impact of colonisation. To further consolidate concepts explored in the classroom, a visit has been organised by the touring group - Living History.

Activity details: A Dutch 17th Century Explorer and an 18th Century Magistrate will explain problems brought about by the Industrial Revolution. During this presentation, students will explore various artefacts from early Australian settlement. They will interact with characters from the past to learn first-hand what life was like during this time.

Payment Form**Year 4 – 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 4 Living History Incursion	\$12.00
Total Cost	\$12.00

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