



McDowall State School

Year 5 - Term 4, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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ENGLISH

Persuading others



Students will engage with a variety of texts which provide a stimulus for persuasive responses, such as film and digital texts, novels, non-fiction or dramatic performances, and persuasive texts, such as speeches and arguments, as models for creating their own work.

Through texts, students will explore ethical dilemmas and examine point-of-view, positioning and influence in texts, and how they affect interpretation and response from the audience.

Students will share, develop and expand on ideas and opinions for a particular purpose and audience.

Mathematics

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

- use place value to order decimals
- use algorithms and digital tools to experiment with factors and multiples to identify and explain patterns
- use multiplication facts and efficient calculation strategies to build fluency in multiplying large numbers by one and two-digit numbers and divide by single digit numbers
- find unknowns in numerical equations involving multiplication and division using materials, diagrams, number sentences and arrays
- develop reasoning skills when considering relationships between events and connecting long-term frequency over many trials to the likelihood of an event occurring

Science

The Solar System

This term, students will explore how the Earth, Sun, and Moon move and how these movements cause day and night, shadows, and seasons.

They'll also learn how space exploration has led to useful inventions — like **satellites** for communication and weather tracking, and **memory foam** used in everyday products. Students will choose one

discovery and explain how it has helped people or solved a real-life problem.

This unit encourages curiosity and shows how science in space can improve life on Earth..



HASS

Participating in Australian communities

In this unit, students will study significant past developments, events, individuals and groups that impacted on the development of law and democracy in Australia. Students will explore representative democracy and the voting processes in Australia.

Health

In this unit students recognise the influence of emotions on behaviours and discuss factors that influence how people interact. They describe their own and others' contributions to health, safety and wellbeing and demonstrate skills to work collaboratively.

Physical Education

Students will have one 30 minute Physical Education lesson each week. Students will learn skills in bowling, newcombe and table tennis.



Interschool Sport (Years 4 – 6)

Students will participate in Interschool Sport. Students will be involved in sport over 3 x Friday afternoons. Dates are 31st

McDowall Speaking Competition

Students from Years 3 – 6 prepare and present a spoken presentation.

Year level finalists present at the Speaking Challenge Assembly on

Tuesday (Year 3 & 4) 9:00am

Wednesday (Year 5&6) 9:00 am

Year 6 finalists compete for the

Linda Davidson Speaking Award

October, 7th and 14th November. Students have nominated for Interschool Sport or At-school Sport. Payment is only required for Interschool Sport.

Japanese

Students will continue to develop their existing knowledge and skills relating to the Japanese language and culture. Learning will focus on:

- Developing the Japanese vocabulary and grammar required to discuss sports and games.
- Developing students' understanding of hiragana.

Music

Students will experience the following music activities:

- Listen, sing, and play songs of various styles.
- Learn and review elements of music theory including bars, bar lines, time signature, repeat signs, notation, and symbols relating to expressive elements.
- Read, write and aurally identify more complex rhythms including 'ti-tikas' and 'tika-tis'.
- Discuss their ideas and responses to music they hear and perform using appropriate musical vocabulary.
- Explore the timbre of tuned percussion instruments and families of the orchestra.

Drama

Students will participate in one 30 minute lesson each week. This term, students will continue working on their scenes created from a story/poem read in class. Students will devise and present their small group pieces to the class. Students will also respond to their own work presented in class as well as other presentations.

Instrumental Band/Strings Students

The students will continue to expand on their skills and repertoire in their relevant instruments, bands and ensembles. Year 5 students who are in the Rode Band, Keona Band, Cantabile Strings and Presto Strings will be invited to be a part of the MusicFest in October.



CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!

Thursday 11th December

Further information to come from your class teacher.

Excursion Information**Year 5 – 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.