



McDowall State School

Year 6 - Term 3, 2025

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 6!

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

Using language to persuade

Students will engage with a range of texts which provide a stimulus for persuasive responses, such as novels, and persuasive texts, such as advertisements and non-fiction texts, as models for creating their own work.

Students will read, view and comprehend texts that support and extend them as independent readers, monitoring meaning and analysing how text structures and language features work to engage and influence an audience.

They will examine persuasive techniques and devices, including language choices that evoke emotion and judgements in direct and indirect ways. They will also explore the use of objective and subjective language and identify bias.

Students will create an infomercial to persuade families to visit an Asian destination.

HASS

Australia in a Diverse World

This unit will link with English. Students will investigate the following key inquiry question: How do places, people and cultures differ across the world? They will include facts related to diversity in their infomercial.



Mathematics

Number

- solve practical addition and subtraction problems involving fractions with related denominators
- solve arithmetic problems involving four operations with decimals
- use mathematical modelling to solve financial and other practical problems, choosing models
- representations and calculation strategies and justify solutions



Measurement

- apply an understanding of area and use multiplicative thinking to establish the formula for the area of a rectangle
- convert between common metric units of length, mass and capacity

Space

- develop a range of written and digital means for representing objects and three-dimensional spaces in two dimensions

Science

Energy and Electricity

In this unit

- circuits and
- Design circuits
- Develop specific equipment safely.
- Explore how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity.
- Identify energy transformations associated with different methods of electricity production.
- Learn how the scientific discoveries and development in electricity production have affected peoples' lives.
- Evaluate personal and community decisions related to the use of different energy sources and their sustainability.



students will:

➤ Investigate electrical as a means of transferring transforming electricity.

and construct electrical to make observations.

explanations and perform tasks, using materials and

Technology

Hands off!

Linking to the Science Unit, students will investigate how electrical energy can control movement, sound or light in a designed product or system. They will design and make a prototype security device that uses electrical energy to produce sound, light or movement.

Health & Physical Education

Movement

This term all students will receive a 30-minute PE lesson each week. They will participate in a 'Ball Games' unit, learning skills, tactics and strategies in the game of Baseball and Tennis.

School Tennis Tournament

Students in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to take part in the annual school Tennis Tournament held this term.

Inter-house Sports

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

Japanese



This term students will use language to explore the concept of school life in Japan and make connections with their own school experience. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana and kanji.

Library

The Year 6 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 the Book Week 16th August – 24th August) and associated activities. The Tartan Times will advertise further details closer to the Book Week event.

Taiko Drumming incursion – Japanese Tuesday August 5th

To support the student's depth and richness of learning, Toko-Ton drumming group will visit McDowall State School. Toko-Ton will present an exciting, interactive show highlighting Japanese Taiko drumming, which is a spectacular and integral part of Japanese culture. Year 6 Students will attend this performance. There will be a cost of \$7 for this incursion. All details and consent information has been sent through QParents.

The Arts

Visual Arts

Say it with Art

In this unit students explore artworks that inspire the making of a mixed media sculpture that expresses a personal view about a social issue and communicates meaning through display.

Music

Students in Year 6 will have one 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.



Dance

This term all students will receive a 30-minute Drama lesson. Students will perform, make and respond through contemporary dance. Students will begin to develop some contemporary dance movements that reflect the musical intent.

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.

Excursion Information**Year 6 – 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.