



McDowall State School

Year 3 & 4 - Term 4, 2023

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What's Happening

10-12.10.23	Yr 3 Bunyaville Incursion
12.10.23	Yr 4 Big Bang Science - Forces in Action Incursion Prep Surf Lifesaving Incursion
20.10.23	Yrs 4-6 Inter-School Sport #1
23.10.23	P&C Association General Meeting Musicfest - Cantabile Strings & Presto Strings (Iona College)
24.10.23	Yr 1 Indigenous Games Incursion
26.10.23	School Tour - Parents & Students welcome (9am) Musicfest - Rode Band & Keona Band (Iona College)
27.10.23	P&C Association Disco - Under the Sea (5pm - 8pm) Yrs 4-6 Inter-School Sport #2
30.10.23	School Council Meeting - 7pm
31.10.23	Yrs 5-6 Public Speaking Competition
02.11.23	Yrs 3-4 Public Speaking Competition
05-10.11.23	Japanese Study Tour - Kudan Secondary School (McDowall SS)
06.11.23	School Tour - Parents & Students welcome (9am)
10.11.23	Yr 6 Walk of Remembrance (Gallipoli Barracks) Yrs 4-6 Inter-School Sport #4
13.11.23	Yr 6 Taiko Drumming Incursion
15.11.23	Instrumental Music Parent Info Night #2
16.11.23	Yr 6 Lifesaving
23.11.23	Yrs 5-6 Performing Arts Celebration Concert (Craigslea SHS) Yrs 3-4 Morning Melodies Matinee (Yr 3 Groups + Adagio Strings, Metro Band & Junior Choir) School Tour - Parents & Students welcome (9am) Yr 6 Lifesaving
27.11.23	P&C Association General Meeting
28.11.23	Yr 6 Music Tour
30.11.23	Yr 6 Lifesaving
06.12.23	Yr 6 Presentation Assembly Yr 6 Celebration Dinner
07.12.23	Yr 6 Fun Day - Albany Creek Leisure Centre
08.12.23	Last Day of Term 4, 2023

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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.



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This term overview outlines the work units that will be studied, along with the activities that have been planned to support the learning in the classroom. Invoicing for student activities has been completed, where possible, with payment slips included as part of this overview. Parents will be provided with a two-week window of opportunity to make these payments, but can contact our Business Manager to arrange a payment plan, if required. Detailed excursion letters with permission slips will be forwarded separately as required.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.



English

Messages and Morals

Students in Year 3 and 4 will read and analyse traditional stories from Asia and from Aboriginal Peoples' and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' histories and cultures. They demonstrate understanding of the stories by identifying structural and language features, finding literal and inferred meaning and explaining the message or moral.

Mathematics

Students develop understandings of:

Year 3

- > Number and place value.
- > Chance and data.
- > Money value and simple change.
- > Measurement, length, mass, capacity.
- > Time to the nearest minute.
- > Addition and subtraction (including regrouping).
- > Multiplication and division.



Year 4

- > Data representation and interpretation - write questions to collect data, collect and record data, display and interpret data.
- > Patterns and algebra - investigate and describe number patterns, solve word problems and use equivalent multiplication / division number sentences to find unknown quantities.
- > Number and place value - calculate addition and subtraction using a range of mental and written strategies, recall multiplication and related division facts, calculate multiplication and division using a range of mental and written strategies, solve problems involving the four operations.
- > Money and financial mathematics — calculate change to the nearest five cents, solve problems involving purchases.
- > Using units of measurement (volume, time) — measure and compare volume, use am and pm notation, solve simple time problems.
- > Number and place value — use estimation and rounding, apply mental strategies, add, subtract, multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Science

Year 3 What's the matter?

In this unit, students will investigate heat and heat transfer. Students will evaluate how adding or removing heat affects materials in everyday life.



Year 4 Fast Forces

Students investigate how forces affect objects through direct contact or from a distance, and relate this knowledge to the use of forces in everyday life.

HASS

Civics and Citizenship

In this unit, students in Year 3 and 4 will examine the purpose of laws and distinguish between rules and laws. They will explore the diversity of different groups in their local community and consider how personal identity is shaped by aspects of culture, and by the groups to which they belong.

Health

Students in Year 3 and 4 will learn and understand how heritage and culture influence identity. They will demonstrate communication skills and strategies for working cooperatively and observe varying emotional responses.

Visual Arts

Students in Year 3 and 4 will participate in various visual arts activities in Term 4. Christmas craft will be a focus later in the term.



Human Movement

Drama

Students will participate in one 30 minute lesson per week. In this unit, students will continue to explore Indigenous viewpoints through freeze frames and small scene creations. Students will also respond to their own work presented in class as well as others.

Physical Education

Students will have one 30 minute Physical Education lesson each week. They will participate in AFL, skipping and Newcombe.

Japanese

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

- Describing a storybook character.
- Developing students` understanding of hiragana.

Music

Students in Year 3 and 4 receive a half hour lesson with Ms Woodruff. They are continuing to build a repertoire of songs that include more complex rhythmic and melodic elements. The students are learning to play these on either classroom tuned percussion (Year 3) or recorder (Year 4).



Interschool Sport (Years 4 – 6)

Students can participate in interschool sport. Students will be involved in 4 x Friday afternoon sporting sessions. Dates – 14, 21,28 October and 4 November. For Year 4 students this term the District is offering an Interschool Sport program - Year 4 Multi-Sport. Year Four students will learn the skills and play games against students from other schools in seven different sports over the scheduled four weeks. Sports include, Touch Football, AFL, Basketball, Hockey, Cricket and other ball sports (TBA).

Junior Badge

Students in Year 3 can continue working towards achieving their Junior Badge this term. Students intending to nominate for Student Councillor in Year 4 will need to have achieved their Junior Badge by Friday 25 November 2022. Reminder that it is your child's responsibility to approach their classroom teacher.

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 31st October (Year 5&6)

Thursday 2nd November (Year 3&4)

Big Bang Science Show

Year 4's have the exciting opportunity to expand on their Term 4 Science unit on forces with an incursion hosted by Big Bang Education across Week 2 and 3. The 'Forces in Action' show and workshops will allow students to learn about forces from local science professionals who will share their expertise and knowledge with hands on experiments to challenge students critical thinking skills. Cost: \$10



Bunyaville EEC Incursion - Year 3

Nature Journaling

Cost \$10.00

Students work with teachers from the Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre to investigate the environment around them through art. The incursion program introduces students to nature journaling. By recording their observations in their nature journals, students will express themselves visually while developing their connection with and contribution to the world. They will be recording shapes, colours,



CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!!!

Thursday 7th December

Further information to come from classroom teacher later in the term.

Payment Form	Year 3/4 - Term 4, 2023
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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 ad-
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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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 4, 2023

Activity	Amount
Year 4 Inter-School Sport (invoice will be available in the near future)	\$62.00
Total Cost	\$62.00

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