



# McDowall State School

## Year 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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### 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.



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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

### Exploring a quest novel: 'Rowan of Rin'

Students read and analyse a quest novel. They will study and write about how a main character is represented in an important event in the novel, by writing another chapter.

## Mathematics

### Students develop understandings of:

- Fractions and decimals - count and identify equivalent fractions, locate fractions on a number line, read & write decimals, identify fractions and corresponding decimals, compare and order decimals (to hundredths).
- Chance - describe the likelihood of everyday chance events, order events on a continuum.
- 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.
- Make connections between fractions and decimal notation.
- Money and financial mathematics — calculate change to the nearest five cents, solve problems involving purchases.
- Shape — measure area of shapes, compare the areas of regular and irregular shapes by informal means.
- Using units of measurement (volume, time) — measure and compare volume, use am and pm notation, solve simple time problems.
- Fractions and decimals — investigate equivalent fractions; make connections between fractions and decimal notation.

Number and place value — use estimation and rounding, apply mental strategies, add, subtract, multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers.

## Science

**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.

## Technology

Using their understanding of the physical properties of materials for packaging, students design, construct, test and evaluate an egg protection device.

## HASS

### Civics and Citizenship

In this unit students 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.

### Physical Education

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

### Interschool Sport (Years 4 – 6)

Students can participate in interschool sport. Students will be involved in 4 x Friday afternoon sporting sessions. Dates are 20, 27 October and 3, 10 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).

## Health

### Netiquette and online protocols

Students examine and interpret health information about cybersafety and online protocols. They describe and apply strategies that can be used in cyberbullying situations that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

## Visual Arts

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

## Music

Students will experience the following music activities:

- Develop their reading and writing notation skills for all notes on the treble clef and music symbols, and rhythms containing crotchets, quavers, semiquavers, minims and semibreves.
- Learn a varied repertoire of music that they can sing in tune and in appropriate style, individually, and with others in canon and as partner songs.
- Explore verse/chorus/coda/introduction structure of music.
- Discuss their ideas and responses to music they hear and perform using appropriate musical vocabulary.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.*



### 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 1st November (Year 5&6)**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Year 3&4)**

Year 6 finalists compete for the

**Linda Davidson Speaking Award**



**CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Further information to come from your class teacher.

<b>Payment Form</b>	<b>Year 4 – Term 4, 2023</b>
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### Payment Options

Payment Options:		
1	<b>Online (Preferred)</b>	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 <a href="https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete">https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete</a> . If you are unsure, please request a statement by sending us an email on <a href="mailto:admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au">admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au</a> or calling the school office on 3872 5333.
2	<b>Credit Card</b>	Call BPoint Credit Card with CRN number and invoice number on 1300 631 073 to make payments anytime. At School Administration – <b>ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum payment: \$10.</b>
3	<b>EFTPOS and Cash</b>	At School Administration – <b>ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 11am. Minimum EFTPOS payment: \$10.</b>  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	<b>Cheque</b>	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"> <li>&gt; A receipt will be sent home with your child via the class teacher.</li> <li>&gt; Where economic hardship exists in paying, please contact the Business Manager to negotiate a payment plan.</li> <li>&gt; 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.</li> </ul>		

### Payments Due in Term 4, 2023

Activity	Amount
Big Bang Science Incursion	\$10.00
Inter-School Sport (invoice will be available in the near future)	\$62.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>

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