



# McDowall State School

## Year 6 - 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)
09.11.23	Yr 6 Walk of Remembrance (Gallipoli Barracks)
10.11.23	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 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.

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Below are the units we will be studying this term.

## English

### Comparing texts.

Students listen to, read, analyse and compare literary and informative texts on the same topic. They explore and evaluate how topics and messages are conveyed through both literary and informative texts. Students identify the author's purpose and analyse the effectiveness of each text in its ability to deliver a message.

## Mathematics

Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- **Chance** - conduct chance experiments, record data in a frequency table, calculate relative frequency, write probability as a fraction, decimal or percent, explore the effect of large trials on results, compare observed and expected frequencies.
- **Data** - compare primary and secondary data, source secondary data, explore data displays in the media, identify how displays can be misleading, problem solve and reason by manipulating secondary data.
- **Data representation and interpretation** —interpret and compare data displays, interpret secondary data, solve problems involving data, conversion of units of measure and computation.



## Science

### Life on Earth

Students will explore their local environment, investigating the relationship between the growth and survival of living things and the physical conditions of the environment. Students investigate the impact of the surrounding environment on living things and the implications for decision making. Human impact on the environment and implications for growth and survival of living things will also be explored.

## HASS

### Australia's global connections

In this unit students will investigate the following key inquiry question:

How do Australia's global connections influence my role as a global citizen?

## 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 4 x Friday afternoons. Dates are 13,20,27 October and 3 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:

- Describing themselves and family members via Q and A.
- Developing students' understanding of hiragana.

## Visual Arts

Students will participate in various visual arts activities in Term 4. They will explore various visual arts mediums throughout the term.



## 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, barlines, 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.
- > Develop understanding of structure in music including Binary, Ternary and Rondo Form.
- > Discuss their ideas and responses to music they hear and perform using appropriate musical vocabulary.



**Dance**

Students will participate in one 30 minute lesson each week. Students will continue learning and exploring The Elements of Dance. Students will create a small group dance performance exploring their memories at McDowall State School as their final task. Students will also respond to their own presented in class as well as others.

**Lifesaving Program**

Students will participate in a lifesaving program on Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th November. The aim of the Lifesaving Program is to improve overall lifesaving capabilities, skills and confidence of those students who can already swim, as well as developing confidence in those students with limited swimming instruction.

Students will also learn how to safely assist other swimmers who may experience swimming difficulty.

More information about this exciting learning experience will go out this term.

**BUNYAVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

*Bunyaville Environmental Educational: Incursion*

Centre staff will visit McDowall State School to work on science concepts utilised on the excursion to the Environmental Educational Centre and explore the school environment.

*Bunyaville Environmental Educational: Excursion*

Students will experience practical application of Science concepts explored throughout unit work.



**CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!!!**



Year 6 will be having a celebration luncheon at Albany Creek Leisure Centre on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Lunch will include pizza and a drink. The costs for this activity have been included in the term invoice.**

**GRADUATION  
December 2023**

The Year 6 Presentations Assembly will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Further information will come for these events later in the term.

**Remembrance Day**

Years 6 students will participate in a Remembrance Day Service and visit the National Memorial Walk at the Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera on 9th November 2023.



**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 31<sup>st</sup> October (Year 5&6) 9:00am**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Year 3&4) 9:00 am**

Year 6 finalists compete for the **Linda Davidson Speaking Award**

<b>Payment Form</b>	<b>Year 6 – 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>➤ A receipt will be sent home with your child via the class teacher.</li> <li>➤ Where economic hardship exists in paying, please contact the Business Manager to negotiate a payment plan.</li> <li>➤ 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
Interschool Sport	\$62.00
Lifesaving Programme	\$35.00
Taiko Drumming Workshop	\$7.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$104.00</b>

***Please note invoices for the above activities are not yet available.***

***Invoices will be issued in the near future along with detailed excursion letters with permission slips.***