

## MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Small Group Program

### TERM 1 OVERVIEW 2024

#### WELCOME TO TERM 1

The classes of Majura Primary are named for 2024 being the UN International Year of the Camelid – that is the family of camels, llamas and alpacas. In the small group program, we are going to be called the SGP Billabong. Our students are members of the SGP, as well as being part of their individual year level classes. Our Billabong classroom is where we all gather and learn together.

#### ENGLISH

Our focus in **reading** will be on developing phonics and decoding skills, along with comprehension of what we read. Every morning we have individual reading time, as well as sharing of class texts. We will explore the features of fiction and nonfiction texts, and how we can use information texts to help us learn about the world.

In **writing** we will work on creating information texts to explain different ideas and topics to readers, from labelling diagrams to using sentences with capital letters to begin and full stops to finish. Each morning we will start with fine motor and handwriting activities. We will follow the Soundwaves spelling program to build understanding of letters and the sound combinations that we use in English to decode words so that we can write and read.

#### INQUIRY

This term our inquiry focus is on **HASS** and **science** –looking at *Me in the World*. We will explore and share ideas and information about who we are as individuals, people we know, and places where we live. We will also investigate different habitats (like the billabong) and the creatures that live in them.

#### HEALTH & PE

In **PE** we will focus on gross motor movement skills and simple movement sequences. Our **health/Social-Emotional Learning** focus will be around naming emotions and developing understanding and vocabulary around how we feel at different times. We will also be exploring our Majura Primary School values of respect, resilience, collaboration, integrity and inclusivity, and how we can show them in our SGP Billabong and around our school community.

#### MATHEMATICS

This term the concepts covered will be **number**, and **measurement and geometry**. In number we will work on recognising, counting and making numbers in different ways, including using symbols and words to represent numbers. We will also explore the ideas of more and less, and how we use addition and subtraction strategies in problem solving. In measurement we will explore different amounts of time such as days and months, and how we can read and use calendars and timetables. Our work and investigations in geometry will be around identifying, naming and making 2D shapes. We will use 2D shapes to make patterns and pictures. We will build vocabulary around positional language and simple mapping.

#### SMALL GROUP PROGRAM TEACHERS

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|--------------|---|--|
| Teachers     | Sharee Harrild (Monday to Thursday)<br><a href="mailto:sharee.harrild@ed.act.edu.au">sharee.harrild@ed.act.edu.au</a><br>Adam Chad (Friday)<br><a href="mailto:adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au">adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au</a> |  |
| Co-educators | Bonnie Lawrence<br>Bronwyn Smith<br>Jigme Lhaden  | Luke Pattison<br>Dinuri Gamage<br>Aden Siantar |
| Exec teacher | Adam Chad<br><a href="mailto:adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au">adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au</a>   |  |

#### SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

##### Music

Term 1 music will continue to be integrated with stories and picture books. The focus will be on reading books and learning songs and rhymes about farm animals. The students will learn the musical elements of rhythm and beat by singing, playing movement games, and exploring a range of percussion instruments.

##### Sustainability







In sustainability lessons, the Small Group Program will develop their understanding of billabongs as habitats. Students will learn about the animals which typically inhabit billabongs and how we can help look after billabongs and other Australian habitat spaces. The Small Group Program students will also take part in national environmental events including 'Schools Clean Up Day' and 'Earth Hour'.

##### Arts – Visual Arts

In specialist arts lessons this term, the Small Group Program will be participating in activities that explore the elements of arts (line, shape, colour) and learn how to use them in their own art works. They will participate in producing their own art pieces using different materials such as crayons, oil pastels, paint, paper, and clay.



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| SPECIALIST TIMETABLE   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                                  |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | MONDAY               | TUESDAY              | WEDNESDAY            | THURSDAY             | FRIDAY                           |
| <b>Music with Ms Millar</b><br>               |                      | <i>SGP Billabong</i> |                      |                      |                                  |
| <b>Arts with Maree</b><br>                    |                      |                      |                      | <i>SGP Billabong</i> |                                  |
| <b>Sustainability with Mel</b><br>           | <i>SGP Billabong</i> |                      |                      |                      |                                  |
| <b>Library with Mr Chad</b><br>             |                      |                      |                      |                      | <i>SGP Billabong</i>             |
| <b>Garden with Philippa and Mr Chad</b><br> |                      |                      |                      |                      | <i>SGP Billabong (odd weeks)</i> |
| <b>Assemblies</b><br>                       |                      |                      | <i>SGP Billabong</i> |                      |                                  |

Our SGP class timetable and individual inclusion timetables will be sent home with students once they are finalised for the term.