



Mawson Lakes School

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Week 1, 1st February 2017

School Administration

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2017

18th Jan Uniform shop 9am-12pm

19th Jan Uniform shop 9am -12pm

30th Jan Term 1 2017

7th Feb AGM

13th Mar Public Holiday

15th Mar School Photos

13th Apr End of Term 1

1st May Term 2 Begins

Department for Education and Child Development

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A word from the Principal

It's great to be back at Mawson Lakes School in 2017. Term 1 promises to be a great term with the summer weather and lots of events on. We have approx. 800 students starting this year, with 30 classes across the two sides of the school. We have a number of new staff starting with us in 2017. The new staff include

Linda Kurtze DC1

Jackie Theodorou E41

Francesca Nazzari TR1

Liana Tangredi TR10

Cathy McHolm TR8 / W12

Beata Debicka W23

Kimberley Williams W41

Lucas Brennan TR2

Renae Farr

Viki Taylor

I know you will make our new staff welcome to our school.



If you haven't already downloaded the Mawson Lakes Skoolbag App to your smart phone, then I recommend you do so to keep up with the latest events, dates and news from our school. It only takes a minute to do and instructions are on our school's website.

This skoolbag App is the schools main communication link to our parent/caregiver and community, ensuring you don't miss out on any important information. Please note, after this hard copy of the newsletter, **all further documents will be via the Skoolbag App or the schools website.**

I look forward to seeing you in the school yard and saying hello in the coming days and at acquaintance night.

David Cowles

Principal

Mawson Lakes School

Here are some of the events happening for the first half of the term:

AGM with STEM guest speaker- Tue Feb 7th at 7.00pm in Mobara Rooms

Come along to hear all about what STEM is (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), what it isn't and how your child will benefit from engaging in STEM at Mawson Lakes School. Meegan Ballantyne from the DECD Primary Years unit is an engaging and passionate advocate for STEM and will be our guest speaker; PLUS there will be a sneak preview of our architectural drawings for our new \$1m dollar STEM 'Learning Street'. Light refreshments provided.

Acquaintance Night- Tue 14th of Feb- 5.45-6.30pm

The school is open to come along and meet your children's teachers as well as having the opportunity to visit other specialty subject teaching areas around the school such as The Arts, PE/ Health and Japanese. More information will come out closer to the event.

Have you downloaded the Skoolbag App?



DECD External School Review – Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of March

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in government schools. All government schools will be externally reviewed every 4 years. During the school review some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel through meetings, discussions etc. **If you don't** want your child to be part of the external review discussions, you will need to indicate on the attached external review info sheet on the Skoolbag App and return it to the front office.

The importance of regular attendance at school

Did you know that is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school? Did you know that the Education Department has an attendance target of 95% for each school? If your child is not at school or develops a pattern of lateness, then it makes it difficult to access the curriculum.

Non-attendance or habitual lateness can quickly impact negatively on their learning. Of course from time to time we know that students get sick or they may be away for a reason related to family. If your child is away, please ensure that you communicate the reason for their absence to the front office (via phone or email) or your child's teacher, via their diary/communication book/ email address.

If child will be absent for a longer period an extended period, due to family or other reasons such as overseas/ interstate travel, you will need to seek an *exemption in writing from the Principal*. The application for this exemption must be completed and submitted to the school for consideration in plenty of time *before* travelling and is available on our schools website or front office.

The roll book is also a legal document and staff need to be able to apply the correct coding for absence. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



Governing Council 2017 (Our school is calling you!)

Why not join our Governing Council in 2017?

At the AGM, nominations are called for parents / caregivers to join Governing Council. The Governing Council is a group of parents and teachers volunteering their time to participate in the governance of the school. They assist the school leadership in setting broad directions for the school, which may include the school's site learning improvement plan which focus on improving student learning, various committees (OSHC, sports, fundraising etc.) and general governance of the school. We would love to have some new members on the school's governing council in 2017 to represent the many multicultural groups we have in the school.

If you would like further information on Governing Council and the role it and members plays within the school, you can contact us via: dl.0987.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au

School Fees

On the 27th January 2017 an Invoice and Schedule of School Charges for the year 2017 were mailed out to all Parents/Caregivers. If you have not received your Invoice please contact the school to make sure we have your correct address on our system.

Material and Service Charges for the year are \$344.00.

If you wish to pay by instalments please come and see office staff to make arrangements.

School Card Holders / Potential School Card Holders – (Tax Year 20015 / 2016) if you are entitled to School Card please fill out the appropriate forms. (If you are unsure please come and see front office staff). A **new form** must be completed each year that your child attends school. Please come and collect this form from the front office and return to the office. It is important that you do this promptly.

Payments can be made into our Bank A/C BSB 015 142 Account 350001708 please include your Family ID number or your Invoice number for our reference – fees can be paid in full or part payment. Otherwise fees can be paid with cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Number Sense

This year our Mathematics learning journey continues, and we're starting off with Number Sense. It's hard to define, but number sense is about our ability to understand how numbers work, and how they can be used flexibly to solve problems, rather than learning how to 'do' sums. We'll be exploring the beautiful patterns that numbers can produce, and learning how to quickly and efficiently use the power of numbers to help us in our everyday lives. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.

DECD External School Review

Dear Parents,

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools.

All government schools will be externally reviewed every four years. The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal. The review will occur on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of March (week 6).

We will find out the aspects of the school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future. During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this external school review process. If you would like more information please contact Mandy Van Hees on 82601681.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office only if you **do not want** your child to participate.

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS – Return by: Monday 27th of February

NAME: _____

I **do not** want my child/ children _____ (name) in room (s) to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Signed: _____