



Welcome to the 2021 school year!

My name is Amy Goalder and I am very excited to be your child's teacher for the year. I have been teaching for 19 years, this being my tenth year at Mawson Lakes. The majority of those 19 years have been teaching year 5. I enjoy teaching and am very passionate about providing students learning opportunities that are enjoyable, challenging and rewarding.

I understand all children are academically unique and therefore adjust learning outcomes and expectations for each student. I endeavour to cater for all learning types using various teaching methodologies and pedagogies to ensure students are always engaged and feel safe and comfortable to take risks with their learning.

I have high expectations of all students and expect them to complete all learning tasks to the best of their ability. I also have very high expectations of myself as an educator and strive to provide all students with relevant and meaningful learning opportunities. I am a fair but firm teacher and am very mindful of every student's right to learn. During the first week we will formulate a set of rules that together we believe will contribute to making our class a supportive learning environment. Any behaviour that hinders any student's right to learn will be addressed promptly and appropriately.

Throughout the year we will be learning about as well as developing and refining student's growth mindset. *"In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment," Professor Carol Dweck, author of Mindset.*

I believe that children receive the best education when parents/caregivers and teachers see themselves as a team, working for the benefit of the child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. My email address is:

Amy.Baker316@schools.sa.edu.au or pop in for a brief chat any day after school.

You can keep updated on classroom happenings, work, notes, artwork etc on the classroom website <http://mlsw22.weebly.com/>

On the following page is some classroom/school information. A detailed learning programme will be included in the class newsletter in week 2 of this term. All class newsletters throughout the year will be uploaded onto the school website.

Kind regards,
Amy Goalder



Arrival at school

Students may arrive at school **after** 8.15 am. Our classroom will be open at 8.40am for students to come in and organise themselves for the day. Recess is from 10.55am to 11.15 am and lunch is from 12.40pm to 12.50pm (eating time) then 12.50pm to 1.25pm for play. School finishes at 3.00pm. If your child arrives before 8.15am or is here later than 3.20pm they will be taken to Out Of School Hours Care.

Healthy snack

Students are permitted to eat a healthy snack (fruit not currently on the prohibited fruit fly list or vegetables generally) in the mornings during class time. Please ensure they are easily consumed and make minimal mess.

Water bottle

I strongly encourage students to bring a water bottle to school as the brain functions more effectively when hydrated and this also cuts down on time spent out of the class getting drinks throughout the day.

Uniforms

As stated in the school uniform policy students are expected to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child's uniform is available for your child to wear on a daily basis. For safety reasons students will not be able to participate in PE and fitness lessons without the correct footwear. For girls, please ensure shorts/skirts are at an appropriate length.

Clothing

Please label clothing (jumpers, hats, etc.) with child's first and last name. Hats are a must in terms 1 and approximately week 7 of term 3 until the end of term 4. Mawson Lakes School has a "No hat, no play" policy.

Absences and Lateness

If your child is late they must be signed in at the office before coming to the classroom. If your child is away please notify the school through the skoolbag app or by phone. Departmental regulations require that specific records are kept in this regard. Lateness is also recorded and consistent lateness results in a child missing out on a substantial amount of their learning time.

Other Business

If your child could bring in a box of tissues to share this would be greatly appreciated as the school has a limited of supply tissues.

Please be aware that our school has a "NO NUT" policy that must be adhered to, as we have students who are extremely allergic to nuts. We must be pro-active in making sure that all students are kept safe by not allowing any nut products in the school. This includes foods like Nutella and Peanut Butter sandwiches.