



Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers,
Welcome to the 2021 school year! I hope you all had a happy, relaxing and rewarding time with family and friends, and feel refreshed and ready to go!
It is wonderful to see many students from last year back again and a BIG welcome to all the new families who are joining us for the first time this year.

A little bit about me:

I have been teaching for twenty years, and this is my seventeenth year at Mawson Lakes School. I have taught a range of year levels from year 2 to year 7 and I am very excited about working with year 5s this year. If you would like to contact me for anything, the best and easiest ways are via email or SeeSaw. The email address is: jasmine.hutchinson332@schools.sa.edu.au and our SeeSaw account will be set up as soon as the roll over has been completed.

Please note, I have a hearing impairment in my left ear and wear a hearing aid, which means there are times when I may have difficulty understanding what you are saying. Please be patient with me if I am having difficulty and ask you to repeat what you have said.

I also have 2 children of my own, Charlotte (12) and Alexander (9).

Location

This year our class is on Site West in the "Casey" building, building one. Our classroom is W12.

School Times

Students can arrive at school **after 8.15 am**. The school day **begins at 8.40am** and we ask that students are at school and ready to enter the classroom at that time. The areas that are supervised before school are the grassed area, asphalt and courtyards. The students are not allowed on the playground or to play ball games before school.

Recess is from **10.55am to 11.15am** and **lunch** is from **12.40pm to 12.50pm (eating time)** then **12.50pm to 1.30pm for play**. School **finishes at 3.00pm**. If your child arrives before 8.15am or is here later than 3.20pm he/she will be taken to Out Of School Hours Care and you will be charged for the time as the yard is unsupervised before and after these times. We will try and ring families first in the afternoon before sending them to OSHC.

If your child arrives later than 8.40am parents/caregivers are required to sign them in at the Main (East) Office before going to class and to give the sign in slip to the class teacher. Please be sure to supervise them as they cross the bridge. Any instances of lateness or absence require an explanation either in writing, by phone message or in person.



If you need to collect your child during the day, can you please ensure that you have **signed them out at the Main Office first** and bring the "early departure" slip to me so it can be recorded correctly in the roll. Teachers are unable to release children without the "early departure" slip.

Communication

The students have been provided with a communication folder for notes and newsletters that may be sent home. I have also attached me email address if you wish to contact me that way. This year I will also be using SeeSaw again, an app that we can use for communication between parents, teachers and students. More information about this will come to you soon.

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Hats

Students are required to have a **sunsafe school hat** at all times when outside in the yard. If they do not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the designated shady spot. **Our school policy is 'NO HAT, NO PLAY'**. Can you also please ensure that **all hats and uniforms are labelled with names** (first and last) as we often find stray hats and jumpers and they are easier to return if they are labelled.

Play Spaces and the Canteen

Students are able to play on both sides of the school at recess and lunch time provided they wait for a teacher to supervise them crossing the creek and they are wearing a hat. They will have access to

the canteen at recess and lunch play times, depending on the weather. If the weather is forecast to be 35°C or over or it is forecast for rain, the students will be unable to access the canteen. On days like this, can you please ensure that students have all the food and drink they need for the day. When the weather is on the warmer side, the students are encouraged to bring all their food and drinks into the classroom.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are ordered through Rory's Lunches online. Please refer to the school website for more information on how to do this. **Please ensure you have updated your child's class on the app**, to ensure their lunch is delivered to the correct room. It is highly recommended that students do not have spending money for the canteen when the forecast is above 35° or it is to rain, as we are unable to cross to the canteen in these cases. Lunch orders will still be collected.

Nut Policy

Please be aware that our school has a **"NO NUTS"** policy that must be adhered to as we have students who are **extremely** allergic to **ALL nuts**, so we must be very 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.



Fruit Snacks and Water Bottles

At times, students are allowed to have a fruit break during class. Unfortunately, due to the recent outbreak of Fruit Fly, this has greatly hindered the types of things the students can bring to school, at least until the middle of April. Some items still permitted are carrots and cucumbers. If you would like to check which fruits are not permitted, please refer to the attached page.

Students are allowed to have drink bottles in the classroom provided they contain only water. Can I also please ask that if these bottles are frozen, that they are wrapped in something so that as they melt, the condensation does not leak all over the table.

Stationery

The students have been given all their stationery to get them started for the year and I am happy to replenish items as they wear or run out. However, I have made it very clear to the students that if items need to be replaced due to misuse, they are responsible for replacing it themselves. It will not be necessary for students to bring books home to be covered, as we will be providing book covers for them.

Year 5 Classes

There are 4 other year five classes in the school, Pamela has a 4/5 class in W13, Justin has a 4/5 class in W11, Michelle has a year 5 class in W23 and Amy has a 5/6 class in W22. We will work together with

each of these classes and others across the school in various ways throughout the year.

Newsletters

Each term, in week 2, each class/building/year level team will be putting up a class newsletter on the school website for you to access. The newsletters will be an overview of what we will be covering for the term. These newsletters and other information that you may find useful are available on the school website at the following address

www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/newsletters.html

Parent Information Night/ Acquaintance Night

The school will be holding a parent acquaintance evening on Tuesday 9th February, week 3, and I would love to see as many parents/caregivers as possible so I can meet you.

I look forward to seeing you all then, if not before!

Yours sincerely,
Jasmine Hutchinson