



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back 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 in the year 4/5/6 courtyard.

My name is Michelle Gleave, and I will be your child's teacher for the year. This year our class is W23 in the "Davis" building that joins onto the STEM room.

My family consists of my husband and our three lovely girls - two step daughters for me, and one of my own. The older two have left home, the most recent family event was my eldest step-daughter announcing that she is having her first child. My daughter Joanna has just started Year 9, and she is having her first day of school tomorrow - a bit of a longer break!

I was born in Australia, but both of my parents are European, one from Greece and one from The Netherlands, so I have "bits" of all sorts of traditions and food going on in my house!

I have been teaching for twenty-six years, and I have just completed my twenty first year at Mawson Lakes! I have been at Mawson Lakes School since it began in the year 2000 with a student body of only 50 children. Over the years I have been a classroom teacher of students in years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. I have also been a specialist teacher R-7, teaching Health, Science and more recently, The Arts across the school. Every year that I am required to update this information just makes me feel older!

I have enjoyed being in my own class again and I am very excited by this particular group of students-they are wonderful and I can see that they are going to keep me on my toes! There are a few familiar faces back again, so for those families reading this - not much has changed. I will be working with the other teachers in the year 4 and 5 team to plan units of work and there will be opportunities for students to move around the courtyard and mix with some of their friends from other classes now and again for various activities.

Our "little buddies" are Jessica Purkis and Anna Shields' year 2 group on Site East, and we will also be working with Jessica Robertson's Year 1 group. This will be for a variety of activities throughout the year.

The best and most convenient way to contact me is to send an e-mail: [michelle.gleave367@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:michelle.gleave367@schools.sa.edu.au)  
This year I will be using the "Seesaw" program to help us communicate information between home and school and keep you updated on what is happening. As soon as the program has been rolled over for the new 2021 classes I will be sending you an invitation to join. As a parent myself I know how much you will want to stay organised and so I will send out reminders from time to time when important events are coming up, and you can keep an eye out for what the homework tasks are. Please check the email address that you supplied the school carefully and let us know if it needs updating. I find this is particularly helpful if your child spends time or lives in more than one home (separated families).

An opportunity for further information on how the class will be run this year will be on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February when we hold our parent acquaintance evening, from 5:45pm-6:45pm. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you around and for us to meet and talk about class routines.

Yours Sincerely,

Michelle Gleave