



Friday 29th January, 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year! We 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.

For those who don't already know me, my name is Justin Grubb and I will be your child's teacher this year. I have been teaching for twenty-one years and taught at Mawson Lakes School for seventeen years. I have taught from Reception to year seven as a classroom teacher, however mostly as a year 3 and a year 4 teacher over the last few years. I am really excited to have a such a lovely class this year and hope I can count on your support to make this your child's best year of learning yet.

If you would like to contact me the best and most convenient way is by email:

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This year our class is on Site West in the "Casey" building in alongside of the Site West Office. My room is W11.

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, courts and courtyards. The students are not allowed on the playground 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 3.15pm they will be taken to Out Of School Hours Care and where there is a fee for care. We will try and phone 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 Site East front office before going to class. Any instances of lateness or absence require a written explanation, emails are fine too.

If you need to collect your child during the day, can you please ensure that you have signed them out at the Site East 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.

Students are able to play on both sites of the school at recess/lunch time provided they wait for a teacher to supervise them crossing the creek and they have a hat. They will have access to the canteen at both recess and lunch play times, depending on the weather. If the weather is looking to be quite wet or hot, the students are encouraged to bring all their food and drinks into the classroom and keep them in the classroom out of the way, it may also mean the students can't get outside to access the canteen.

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Students are encouraged to have drink bottles in the classroom provided they contain only water. Can we 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 their desks.

Students are required to have a hat every day at school. If they do not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the designated shady spot and bring a hat as soon as possible. Can you also please make sure that all hats and uniforms are labelled with their name (first and last) as we often find stray hats and jumpers and they can be returned if they are labelled.

The students have their stationery to get them started for the year and we are happy to replenish items as they wear or run out. I have made it very clear to the students that if items have to be replaced due to misuse, they are responsible for replacing it themselves.

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. We are very pro-active in making sure that all students stay safe by not allowing any nut products in the school. This includes foods like Nutella and Peanut Butter sandwiches.

We will be holding a parent acquaintance evening in Tuesday 9th of February (week 3) between 5:45pm and 6:45pm. We will have updated information about COVID safe precautions sent out soon. It won't be a formal meeting but a chance to visit, have a look around the room, get some extra information and have a quick meet and greet. We look forward to seeing you then, if not before!

If you think there are issues that require a personal discussion, please book a time to meet with me at a suitable time. Again, the best way to contact me is by the included email address.

Yours sincerely,

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