



Dear families,

I kindly welcome you and your child to DC1 for 2021 at Mawson Lakes School. There will be many emotions felt by all as your child begins Year One.

I have created a space that is a warm, welcoming and calm learning environment for your child to thrive in. I am very excited about teaching Year Ones again this year and look forward to joining your child while they travel along their learning journey.

I have taught for twelve years in Junior Primary and am devoted to providing a nurturing environment where I meet the social, emotional and academic needs of each child. I am passionate about fostering each child's love of learning by tapping into their natural curiosity and creativity, particularly in reading, writing and Mathematics.

To begin the year I will focus on *belonging*. When we belong, we feel noticed and cared about which fosters friendliness, confidence, cooperation and trust. Belonging begins with feeling connected and so during the first several weeks I will be focusing on building relationships with each child and for the children to build connections with each other.

To find out what the children will be learning about you can access the class newsletter online. At the end of week 2 each term, the overview will be available online at <https://www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/class-newsletters/>

I will also be communicating DC1's learning journey through ClassDojo so look out for the invitation to join our online community. It is a really easy way to be in contact with each other via messages and to see what your child has been learning at school each week on the Class Story.

I look forward to a wonderful year with you all.

Warm regards,

Miss Lara

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# Important Information

## Absences options:

If your child will be absent please either:

☎ Call the school: 8260 1681

💬 Use the Skoolbag app:

[www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

✉ Email me:

[lara.whitmore256@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:lara.whitmore256@schools.sa.edu.au)

😊 message me on the ClassDojo app

## Lateness or early departures:

You must sign your child in or out at the front office and give the printed white slip to me.

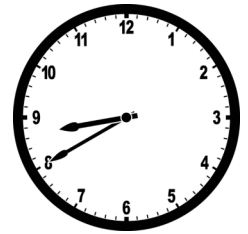
### Key Times:

8:40am: school starts

10:55 - 11:15am recess play

12:50 - 1:30pm lunch play

3:00pm dismissal



## Our school is a nut-free school:

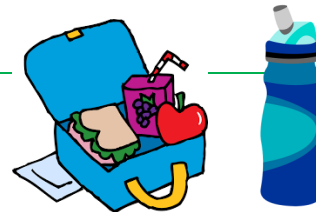
This includes popular spreads like Nutella. Please help to keep others with life-threatening nut allergies safe by checking food labels and not packing foods containing nuts.



## Drinks:

**Plain water:** please pack a drink bottle with water (no cordial or juice) for your child to access inside the classroom during the day.

- ☆ Other drinks, such as juice, can be packed for recess or lunch time, to be consumed outside
- ☆ Water fountains are located around the play areas



Please pack a healthy lunchbox for the following times throughout the school day:

**Healthy Snack:** every morning the children will be given time in class to eat a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables only please).

**Recess:** children will be given 10 minutes before recess play to eat a small snack to sustain them until lunch.



**Lunch:** children will be given 10 minutes before lunch play to eat their meal.

Lunch orders are available.

Order online via Rory's School Lunches

<https://www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/our-school/canteen/>

## Your child's other teachers:

**Erin:** Japanese

Mondays 12:00 to 12:45pm &

Wednesdays 1:30 to 2:15pm Site West TR2

**Michael:** Health and Physical Education

Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:00pm &

Thursdays 11:15am to 12:00pm Gym

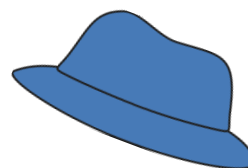
**Simon:** The Arts

Fridays 9:25am to 10:10am Site West TR 7/8



## Hats:

Blue sun safe hats must be worn from 1st September to 30th April.



\*Please label all of your child's belongings - including hats and jackets/jumpers, drink bottles etc.

\* unlabelled items will be sent to the Front Office