



Welcome to DC2 in 2021

Bree Kurtz's Year 1 Class



Hello,

My name is Bree Kurtz.

Welcome to the new school year!

A bit about me

I started my career in 2005, teaching in the country for 7 years. I spent one year teaching in London, England and have been here at Mawson Lakes School for 8 years.

This letter is being sent home today to provide you with some important information about the new school year.

Further explanation of procedures used within the classroom and curriculum content will be explained in the Term Overview (to be sent home on Friday, Week 2).

In 2021 I aim to create a classroom environment where students feel safe to participate in learning and develop a **Growth Mindset**.

Students with such a mindset understand that their ability is not 'fixed' and with persistence and effort, they challenge themselves, stretch their learning, and recognise that mistakes are all a part of learning.

The first few weeks

To kick-start the term, we will be participating in activities to get to know one another and develop understanding and appreciation of our school values. In this time we will also be establishing routines and creating a common understanding of expectations within the classroom.

Levelled reading books will be sent home on Friday of Week 3.

Lateness and absences

Please inform the front office if your child is going to be absent, via phone or SkoolBag, otherwise we require a reason for their absence when they return to school (illness/family reasons etc). If your child is late (after 8.40am) you will need to sign your child in at the front office, then bring them to the classroom along with the late slip given to you by office staff. For early dismissal, please sign your child out at the office then bring the dismissal note to the teacher personally when collecting them.

Morning Routine

At **8.40am** the doors will be opened and children are to come into the room using the side door entrance with their belongings. **Students need to collect all belongings needed from their bags before coming inside, bags should not be brought in.**

Belongings to be brought in to the classroom:

Bee Folder (Blue Zipped pouch) needs to be put into the labelled box, this is where levelled readers will be kept and where any notes to be brought home will be placed.

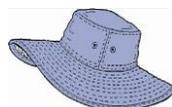
Blue Bag (optional) for safe keeping of future borrowed Book Nook books and BEE folder.

Healthy snack can be placed on their table, ready for healthy snack time (lunchboxes will stay in their lockers).

Drink bottles are to be put in one of the baskets provided.

Hats can be kept in students' trays.

Please allow your child to complete these tasks independently, to encourage independence and responsibility.



At **8.45am** children need to be seated on the carpet, ready to begin our morning routine.

I am unable to meet with parents once the school day has started as it is a busy time and this can be disruptive to the students and our morning routine, plus COVID is likely to restrict access for adults in the classroom.

Please let me know you if you would like organise a time to meet, either before or after school. Meeting times can easily be arranged through email or by using the 'message' feature on Class Dojo.

Further information:

- 🌀 Our class is **DC2** in the Denison Centre, on Site East.
- 🌀 I use Class Dojo (and email if required) to **communicate between school and home**. Please send any messages via the app (details sent home today also).
- 🌀 **Water** is permitted in the classroom and we will make time for a **healthy snack** to increase our concentration during morning lessons and promote healthy eating. **Fruit and vegetables, prepared ready to eat are permitted** at this time.
Please remember that Mawson Lakes is a **'Nut Free Zone'**. Nuts and food products containing nuts, are not to be brought to school.
- 🌀 **Any toys/personal belongings brought in for sharing can be kept in the 'Sharing Tray'**. For security reasons and to avoid **'distractions' toys (including collectables) won't be permitted in the classroom**.
- 🌀 **Hats** are required **in Term 1, the end of Term 3 and Term 4**.
- 🌀 A box of **tissues** would be greatly appreciated if you are willing to make a donation, to keep up with demand.
- 🌀 Please check the **Skoolbag App** regularly for the latest school information and updates.
- 🌀 We will combine with Miss Lara's class to participate in many lessons together.

Class and School Newsletters

All future Term Overviews, End of Term Reflections and School Newsletters will be found on the school website:

<http://www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/newsletters.html>

You may provide the school with your email address if you haven't already, to get school newsletters sent directly to you.

Contact with me

Please make a time to see me if there is anything that you would like to discuss, or think is important for me to know about your child.

You can reach me by email at:
bree.kurtz19@schools.sa.edu.au



I look forward to working with you and your child to achieve success!

