



Welcome to 2021



It's hard to believe, but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master. We look forward to sharing in those exciting times with you.

Entering our classroom

Please enter our classroom via the outside door in the red courtyard. Students can unpack their bag at their locker and bring their things around the outside of the building to our door.

Staffing

Bianca Duke will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Michaela Rankin will teach the class on Thursday and Friday.

Lunch and Drink Containers

We encourage all students to bring water bottles into the classroom. They are kept above the students lunch trays for easy access and to avoid being spilt on desks. We keep our lunch boxes inside the classroom in tubs provided. Please ensure that lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly labelled. Please remember that our school has a NUT FREE policy. This means that nuts and products containing nuts are NOT allowed at school.

Reading and Homework

Students will have a clear Reading Pouch that they will bring to school everyday and home every afternoon. Reading books and spelling words will be sent home from week 3 for students to practise.

After School

School finishes at 3pm. We ask that you wait outside in the Red courtyard between Aurora and Toroa Buildings until your child comes out of class.

What are we doing?

Our class has started the year by working together to establish a positive learning environment. We will be developing a positive classroom culture through :

- Establishing positive working relationships with each other
- Learning to get along
- Becoming familiar with our School Values of Respect, Co-operation, Pride and Quality
- Discussing the traits that powerful learners display

This week the children will work together to establish a classroom code to support them in making positive choices throughout the year. It is important that the children establish these guidelines themselves (with our support) in order for them to have a sense of ownership and belonging over their learning environment.

Tissues

It would be appreciated if each child could donate a box of tissues to be used in the classroom.

Newsletters and Overviews

Our class newsletter will be coming out soon. The newsletter will outline the curriculum we will be covering over the coming term. The schools newsletter and building newsletter are available on our schools website www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au. Please check the **SKoolbag App** regularly for the latest school information and updates.

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming