



Welcome to TR11!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to TR11 and the 2021 school year! I hope that you all had some well deserved time off and are excited to see what 2021 has to offer. I am looking forward to guiding your children in their learning journey and getting to know all of the parents and carers as well.

COMMUNICATION

This year in our class we will be using an app called Seesaw.

It is a huge benefit to student agency which will be a big focus in our class.

The app allows students to showcase their learning within the class and share it with their peers and also their family. It will be great for parents as it allows you to be actively involved with what your child is learning in class as well as a good communication system between teacher, parents

and the students. I have already set up our class and as some of you have used the platform in previous years, you have been assigned to your child and already have access. For the remainder of parents I will be sending through an email with all the information you will need to set it up by the end of this week. It is able to be accessed through any phone, device or computer.

The majority of my communication home will be through Seesaw however I am quite happy to receive and respond to emails as well. amy.bell58@schools.sa.edu.au

If you wish to discuss issues or concerns in person please make an appointment for before or after school via email or through Seesaw.



NUT FREE



Mawson Lakes School is **NUT FREE**. Nuts and food products containing any type of nut are not allowed. This includes spreads like Nutella and Peanut Butter, peanut oil, almonds and many muesli/trail bars. Please check the label carefully before sending items to school.

ABSENCES, LATENESS & EARLY DEPARTURES

The Department of Education requires specific records on all students' attendance, including lateness and early departures. If your child is absent it would be very appreciated if you could write a dated and signed note/email or contact the school.

If your child arrives after 8:40, he/she will be marked as late and you must sign them in at the front office. If you are picking up your child early, you must sign them out at the office before collecting them from class. The office slip is required before allowing a student to leave my care before the end of the school day.



PLAY TIMES

Students are able to play on both sites of the school at recess and 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 play times, depending on the weather. All students need a sun smart hat for use in term 1 and 4. The school has a 'no hat, no play' policy' during these terms. Please ensure hats are clearly labelled with your child's full name to enable them to find it easier if it goes missing.



PERSONAL ITEMS

Please ensure all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled, with their first and last name, as items can only be returned if the finder knows who it belongs to.

Students are encouraged not bring mobile phones, electronic devices, or personal items to school. Students do not have safe places to store these valuable items, if any of these items are bought to school, the school has no responsibility for the safety of the item.

HEALTHY SNACK



Student's will have the opportunity to eat a healthy snack, such as sultanas, yoghurt, crackers, carrot sticks, during the morning lessons, promoting healthy eating. This food must be easy to eat while working, not cause a mess in the classroom and adhere to the current advice from the Department of Primary Industries regarding what fruit and vegetables may be brought to school linked to the fruit fly outbreak.

TISSUES

It would be very appreciated if all students could please donate a box of tissue for our classroom. If you send it as soon as possible we will store them, so we have them when needed.



STATIONERY



Your child has been provided with all the books and stationery they will need for the year. All students need to bring their own pencil case and are responsible for looking after their own stationery. Please label these items to support your child with keeping track of their belongings. I am happy to replenish items as they wear or run out. However, I have specified to the students that if items need to be replaced due to misuse; they will be responsible for replacing it themselves.

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FIRST FEW WEEKS

During the first few weeks of school students will be involved in learning which will establish a positive class and school environment. The students will work together to create classroom rules, routines and expectations to create a safe, calm and inclusive learning environment. Students will become familiar with our School Values (Respect, Cooperation, Pride and Quality) and engage in activities, discussion and explicit teaching around the skills needed to be a powerful learner with a growth mindset. These skills include resilience, organisation, teamwork, decision making, critical thinking and independence. This will continue to be a focus throughout the year and is embedded in all that we do.



SCHOOL TIMES

8:15 – A Staff member is on duty so students can arrive

8:40 – School starts.

10:55 – Recess

11:15 – Learning continues

12:40 – Children are supervised eating their lunch

12:50 – Lunch play time

1:30 – Learning continues

3:00 – Dismissal

I look forward to meeting and working with you to support your child's learning and helping them achieve their best in 2021.

Kind regards,
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