



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday break with family and friends.

We would like to inform you that from Week 3 of this term Maria will be reducing the number of days she will be teaching to 4 days. She will be teaching the class Mondays-Thursdays and Laura Vicario on Fridays for the remainder of the school year. Laura has taught at Mawson Lakes School previously.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child and to everyone having a happy and successful year. We are located on Site West, Transportable in TR 12.

During the first two weeks of school, Maria will be working on establishing expectations, routines and focusing on the School Values and developing Growth Mindset thinking. Students will be involved in activities to get to know each other and produce work that we can assess to fine tune the learning program.

An overview of what is to be taught this term will be on the school website on Friday, Week 3 and all future class newsletters will be on the website. Class newsletters are published in week 2 of each term.

The School website is: www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au

Communication

We will be using the online platform Seesaw as a communication tool between school and home. In the next few days, you will be sent an invitation to join Seesaw. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please email Maria. Any messages for you will be sent on Seesaw. Alternatively, you can use the email to communicate with either of us. Please check the student's zip-bags for any notes etc. that have been sent home.

School Times

It is important for students to be at school on time to get organised for the day. Punctuality keeps disruptions to a minimum. Students are to arrive at school between **8:15 and 8:40 am**. The students need to be in the classroom when the **8:40am** bell goes. Attendance and lateness are recorded on the roll, with late arrivals to be checked in at the office on Site EAST. Please notify the school by phone/Skoobag app when your child is absent and or write a message on Seesaw giving a reason e.g., illness, family. It is a legal requirement that we keep a detailed and accurate record of student attendance. School finishes at **3:00pm**.

Stationery

Students will be supplied with their own stationery (pens, pencils, rulers, erasers etc.), which they are responsible for. Students have been asked to supply their own pencil case to keep all their belongings. Student workbooks will be covered at school.

Tissue Boxes

It would be appreciated if each child could bring a box of tissues to be used by the class. Thank you for your support with this.

Homework

Students are required to read for about 10-15 minutes most nights. This can be reading to an adult and/or independent reading and monitored by an adult, depending on student's level. Students will need to keep a record of books read. Students will also receive Jolly Phonics spelling words to practise at home. For Maths students are asked to practise the fluency of multiplication facts (times tables) to 10. Occasionally students will be asked to prepare for oral presentations.

Water in class

It is important that students keep hydrated during the day by drinking plenty of water. They need to bring a drink bottle of water to keep on their table.

Healthy Snack

Students are encouraged to have healthy snacks throughout the day to refuel their brain. They can bring a small container of **already cut up** vegetables and fruit (e.g., carrots, celery, cucumbers, mushrooms, melons-watermelon, honey dew etc.) to eat in class. Please be aware of current restrictions on fruit which cannot be sent to school.

No Nuts Policy

Due to a high number of students with **severe allergies**, parents are requested not to send food to school which contains nuts or nut products e.g. Nutella.

Lost property

Lost property is stored in a box in the office area. Children and parents are encouraged to check the box for missing items when possible. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name so it is easily returned to them.

Please feel free to arrange a time to meet with either Maria or Laura if you have any questions or issues about your child's learning or are unsure of any routines or expectations. If you are unable to come in person, please send a note through Seesaw, phone or e-mail.

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We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Kind Regards,

Maria Zvarec and Laura Vicario