



Wednesday 27th January, 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

My name is Monica Kemp and this year I am the classroom teacher for TR5. Welcome back to the 2021 school year! I hope you all had a happy, relaxing, and rewarding time with family and friends! It is wonderful to see many students back again and a BIG welcome to all the new families who are joining us for the first time this year. This letter is 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 available by Friday Week 2 via the class newsletter online (www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/newsletters).

I have been teaching for many years, with this my ninth year at Mawson Lakes School. I have taught a variety of year levels, both Junior Primary and Primary and I am very excited to have a year 3 class this year. It is a great privilege to be your child's teacher. In 2021, I aim to create a classroom environment where students feel safe to participate in their learning, develop a **Growth Mindset** and be **Powerful Learners**.

In the first few weeks of the term, we will be focusing on activities to get to know one another and promoting positive self-esteem. We will also be developing an understanding of our school values and establishing classroom routines and expectations.

Homework will begin in Week 3, when reading books and individual spelling words will be sent home to practise.

Students can arrive at school after **8.15 am**. The school day begins at **8.40am** and we ask that students are at school and ready to come into the classroom at that time using the side door entrance. **The students need to collect all belongings needed from their bags before coming inside. School bags should not be brought into the classroom.**

Belongings to be brought in include:

- **Blue Bags** containing readers, green folder and reading record books. These are to be placed in the pocket on the back of their chairs.
- **Lunchboxes** to be kept in the tubs provided.
- **Fruit and/or vegetables cut and prepared and ready for morning Brain Break.** These maybe left on their desks.
- **Drink bottles**, with only water in them are to be put on their desks.



- **Diaries** to be put in the small white containers.
- **Hats** (required every day) to be put in student's trays under their desks.

It is important that your child develops **independence** and **responsibility** so please allow them to do these tasks on their own. After completing these tasks at **8.45am** children need to be seated on the carpet, ready to begin our morning routine.

Recess is from 10.55am to 11.15am and lunch is from 12.40pm to 12.50pm (eating time) then 12.50pm to 1.30pm for play. School finishes at 3.00pm. If your child arrives before 8.15am or is here later than 3.15pm he/she may be taken to Out Of School Hours Care and you may be charged for the time as the yard is unsupervised before and after these times. We will try to ring families first in the afternoon before sending them to OSHC. If your child arrives later than 8.40am parents/caregivers are required to sign them in at the front office (East) before going to class. Please ring the front office on 8260 1681 if your child is going to be absent. Otherwise, I require a note explaining the reason for absence in their diary when they return to school.

If you need to collect your child during the day, can you please ensure that you have signed them out at the East office first and bring the "early departure" slip. Teachers are unable to release children without the "early departure" slip.

Please remember that Mawson Lakes is a 'Nut Free Zone' and we have students who are extremely allergic to ALL nuts. We must be pro-active in making sure that all students are kept safe by not allowing any nut products in the school, including foods like Nutella and Peanut Butter sandwiches.

I will be using the **Seesaw Class app** as a tool for communication between home and school. I will send out a link through your email asking you to join the class group. The link will explain more about the program and have instructions for you to follow to set it up. It can be used to send group information out or it can also be used for personal communication.

In addition, I would appreciate if you could please donate a box of tissues that can be used in the classroom.

It is difficult to meet with parents once the school day has started as learning programmes have commenced. Meeting times can be arranged through your child's diary or by email. My email address is: Monica.Kemp715@schools.sa.edu.au



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Please check the **Skoolbag App** regularly for the latest school information and updates.

Our school will be holding a parent acquaintance evening on Tuesday of week 3 (more information will follow shortly) and we would love to see as many parents/caregivers as possible so we can meet you. I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your child to support them on their learning journey throughout the year to achieve success.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Monica Kemp

