Hello!

As the DSTA at Mawson Lakes School, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our school.

My name is Jenny Southwell. My role within the school is to help you and your child/children transition as smooth as possible and to assist you with any concerns you may have about their educational, emotional or social needs.

If you have any questions, I can be contacted by phone on:
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I look forward to meeting you.

Welcome

DSTA stands for Defence School Transition Aide.

A DSTA is a liaison between ADF parents, their children, teachers and the school.

The DSTA helps students to develop a sense of belonging in the school community.

The DSTA supports students when a Defence parent is Absent from Home.

The DSTA will help encourage students in their friendships and schooling activities.

The DSTA will answer basic questions about the school and link families to the right person to provide assistance.

DSTA ROLE
Defence Kids Club

- Each term, all the Defence students can get together for Defence Kids Club. We have heaps of fun making things and being very creative. You can see a photo on the next page of some students making Funky Pencils.

Absent From Home

- If you are Absent from Home for Service reasons, please tell your child’s teacher or the DSTA so we are aware of how your child may be feeling at this time. We will work together to support your child.

DSTA Mascot

- We have a mascot called “Snoopy”. He loves to go away with any Defence member that is willing to take him. Please let me know if you would like Snoopy to go away with you.

Get Involved By:

- Asking your child about their day. What was your favourite thing you did today? Or who did you play with at lunchtime today? Can I help you with your homework?

- Join the school Governing Council

- Accompany class excursions

- Listen to students read in class

- Help with fundraising events

- Share your skills and hobbies

- Ask your child’s teacher how you could help them in class