

welcome

Hello and Welcome to Reception in E22!

My name is Miss Samantha and I will be your child's reception teacher.

This is such an exciting time for children and parents, as we begin our learning journey together at school.

In this letter I have included some key pieces of information about our classroom and school.

All further class specific information will be shared on Class Dojo and School Information on SkoolBag.

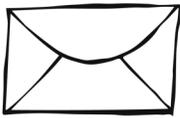
Communication

Class Dojo is used to communicate between home and school. You can download the app on any smart phone or access the website to stay up to date with information, events and learning in our class and to communicate with me through messages. Please note, class dojo notifications from families are only received during school hours.

<https://www.classdojo.com/>



When notes need to be sent home from school, a red pouch containing the notes will be sent home in your child's blue bag. Please address these notes and return the red pouch to school the following day.



Mawson Lakes School uses the SkoolBag App to communicate whole school information between school and home. Be sure to download the app to stay up to date with school events.



Term Overview

We will begin the year by working together to build the foundations for a positive start to school and explore learning areas through playful experiences.

In week 2 of each term the Reception teaching team will upload our term overview onto the school website. You can see what we will be learning about throughout each term here:

<https://www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/class-newsletters/>



Morning Routine

School begins at **8:40am** and the classroom will open for the children to come inside and organise themselves for the day.

Parents are asked to say goodbye to their child in the Yellow courtyard outside the classroom, to support our classrooms to be COVID safe. Please adhere to all social distancing and personal hygiene guidelines and check our SKoolBag App for ongoing information about school health and safety.



Children will need to leave *their* school bag in their locker and bring their *Blue Bag, Lunch Box, Drink Bottle and Hat* into the classroom.

In the classroom children will need to:

- Place their lunchbox, hat and Blue Bag in their tray
- Place their water bottle in the designated box
- Place their BEE Pouch and Notes home pouch in the designated trays
- Then, sit on the carpet ready for the roll

Please encourage your child to unpack their own belongings independently as this is a valuable skill for them to acquire.

For the first few weeks of school we will begin each day with play based learning experiences to support children's transition from preschool to school. Children will be invited to join a play experience once they have organised their belongings.

End of the Day

School finishes at **3pm** and your child will meet you outside our classroom in the Yellow Courtyard. Please advise me if you have any alternative pick up arrangements, e.g. OSHC.



Bell Times



School Starts	8:40am
Recess	10:55am - 11:15am
Lunch Eating	12:40pm - 12:50pm
Lunch Play	12:50pm - 1:30pm
Home Time	3:00pm

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

If your child is arriving late to school you will need to sign them in at the office before bringing them to the classroom.

If you need to collect your child early from school please let me know ahead of time, so I can ensure your child is ready to be collected. You will also need to sign your child out at the office before coming to the classroom to collect them.

Specialist Subjects

Students will work with a specialist teacher for 45minutes each day. Please see below for our subjects and teachers each day.

Subject	Day	Time	Teacher
PE	Monday	1:30	Des
Japanese	Tuesday	10:10	Erin
PE	Wednesday	11:15	Des
The Arts	Thursday	1:30	Abby
Japanese	Friday	1:30	Abby

Belongings



Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their full name and room number (E22). This ensures any lost items can be easily returned to their owner.



It is a school policy that hats are worn during Terms 1 and 4. The school has a strict 'no hat, no play' policy.

Lunch Boxes

Children will have supervised eating times prior to both Recess and Lunch, and opportunities to eat when hungry throughout the day. We encourage families to pack lunch and a range of ready to eat snacks for children each day.

Lunch can also be ordered from Rory's School Lunches on the Qkr! app or at the Front Office.

Please note that certain fruits cannot be bought to school due to the current Fruit Fly restrictions in place. See Skool Bag note for further information.

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Nuts in any form are not allowed at school. e.g. Nutella or any premade snacks containing nuts.



Celebrations and Birthdays



Birthdays and Special Events are exciting to celebrate during the year. At school we can celebrate your child's birthday through singing, playing a whole class game and special sharing.

We will also be acknowledging many celebrations and special events through our HASS curriculum.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child, and sharing some wonderful learning experiences throughout the year ahead.

Should you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me.

— Miss Samantha

