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TO OUR CLASSROOM



HELLO AND WELCOME...

Welcome to Mawson Lakes School. My name is **Reannon McGiffert**, this is my sixth year teaching reception children at Mawson Lakes School.

Starting school is an exciting and anxious time for both students and parents, as they begin their learning journey. I am excited to get to know all of the students in our class and help them grow their learning this year. Your child's classroom is located in the Nimrod (blue) building on Site East and the classroom will be commonly referred to as E23.



FIRST TERM AT SCHOOL

Our first term at school will be spent establishing a foundation to be successful at school, establish a positive school environment and promote student wellbeing. We will begin to explore the learning areas through a range of playful experiences. During this time we will:

- Get to know each other and other people within the school we interact with regularly
- Establish classroom expectations
- Become familiar with school values (cooperation, pride, respect, quality)
- Become familiar with classroom rules and procedures

The reception teachers will be assessing students in a range of learning areas during the first few weeks at school. This will help us to ensure students are provided with resources and learning opportunities suitable to the individual needs of each child.



MORNING ROUTINE

Students will enter and exit our classroom through the door inside the foyer of the Nimrod building. The classroom opens when the bell sounds each morning at 8.40am. Children will need to organise themselves for the beginning of the school day by:

- Placing their school bag, blue bag, lunch box and other belongings in their allocated locker (lockers can be found at the main entrance of the Nimrod building)

After we have completed the roll in the classroom students will be given time to unpack their bags and organise their belongings for the day. We ask that parents do not assist students to unpack their belongings as we will all learn to do this together in class time.



EATING AT SCHOOL

Recess and lunch foods will be kept in the classroom inside student lunchboxes until break time. Lunch orders can be placed via the QKR App (please see canteen staff or SkoolBag App for further information).

Please remember that Mawson Lakes School is a Nut Free zone. This includes all nut spreads (peanut butter/Nutella). Food at school cannot be refrigerated or reheated.



ENTERING THE ROOM

Parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their child outside of the foyer area, 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.

CLASS DOJO

I use class dojo to communicate directly with families. Parents and teachers can email each other, I can send class notifications to our classroom wall and you can view uploaded photos of your child and their work. You can download the application directly to your phone by searching 'Class Dojo' on your phone's app store. All communications from myself will come directly from Class Dojo so please sign up for this service as soon as possible.

TAKE HOME NOTES FOLDER

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

SPECIALIST LESSONS

Children will work with specialist teachers for 45 minutes each day for the subject areas of The Arts, PE and Japanese. Please see our specialist timetable below:

Day	Lesson	Teacher
Monday	The Arts	Abby
Tuesday	Japanese	Erin
Wednesday	PE	Mr D
Thursday	PE	Mr D
Friday	Japanese	Abby

SKOOLBAG

The school uses the SkoolBag app for further communication of notices and upcoming events such as pupil free days and special events. This can be downloaded on most mobile phone devices.

ABSENCES + SCHOOL ARRIVAL

It is a DECD requirement that all absences, lateness and early departures be recorded correctly. Please contact the school or use the SkoolBag app to inform us if your child will be absent from school.

SCHOOL TIMES	8.40am	School Begins
	10.45 - 10.55	Recess Eating
	10.55 - 11.15	Recess Play
	12.40 - 12.50	Lunch Eating
	12.50 - 1.30	Lunch Play
	3.00pm	School Ends

If your child arrives after 8:40am or leaves before 3:00pm you must sign your child in/out at the office. Children who arrive to school late must be walked to the classroom by an adult.



CLASS NEWSLETTER

Class Newsletters are uploaded to the school website in week 2 of each term. These can be found on the school website and outline our classroom learning intentions and achievements. Please read through these each term to see what is happening in the classroom.

HATS + BELONGINGS

All children must wear hats during terms 1 and 4. The school enforces a strict 'no hat, no play' policy.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled with their full name and room number (E23). This will ensure the best possibility of lost property finding its way home.