



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year! After a challenging year, we hope that this is a more settled one with opportunities for academic and personal success. This year the teachers in TR9 are Emily Gardiner and Darren Esposito. Emily will be working Monday to Wednesday and Darren Thursday and Friday. Vira Wallis is currently on leave for Term 1. We are excited to begin the year with a new team of learners in TR9.

### **Arrival times at school and Absences:**

Students are to arrive at school between 8.15am and 8.40am. Our learning program begins at 8.40am. Please sign in at the Site East office and receive a late slip if for some reason you are late to school. If your child is absent from school please let the office know via phone or the Skoolbag App. Alternatively a note can be provided in the school diary.

### **Healthy snacks and Water:**

We encourage all students to have a bottle of water throughout the year on their table. Healthy snacks are encouraged to have within Brain Breaks to help with focus and concentration. Please be aware of the recent alert around a range of fruits and vegetables that cannot be brought to school. Alternatives include strawberries, watermelon, honeydew melon, rockmelon, vegetable sticks, pineapple, yoghurt, dried fruit or pre-packaged fruit tubs and purees.

### **Homework:**

Students are encouraged to complete 15-20minutes of homework, four nights a week (M-Th). The only addition to this is if a student requires time to catch up on class learning for the day. Our homework program will formally begin in Week 3. Homework is predominantly reading, handwriting, times tables practise and spelling.

### **Newsletters:**

Our class newsletter will be provided on the school website soon. This document will outline the terms' programming. <http://www.mawsonlakes.sa.edu.au/newsletters.html>

### **Acquaintance Night:**

There will be an acquaintance night in week three, Tuesday the 9th of February. (5.45 – 6.45pm) This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and also see learning spaces. If you would like to meet at an alternative time or have longer discussion, please let us know and we can make a time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are queries or concerns you may have throughout the year. To contact, use the school diary or contact the school on 8260 1681. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a positive year of learning and achievement!

Kind Regards,

Emily Gardiner and Darren Esposito