



# Manilla Central School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to begin the 2023 school year with Stage 1 Venus. Teaching your child is a tremendous responsibility and I will do my best to ensure that each child has a safe and motivating learning experience in the upcoming year. Here are a few reminders to ensure a smooth start to the year.

**Classroom Expectations and Policies:** Establishing good classroom management is essential to each child's success, confidence and well-being. Every child should feel that the classroom environment is safe and secure. For this reason it is expected that all students comply to MCS's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and school expectations which are Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners.

A new K-2 syllabus is being implemented across NSW this year for both English and Mathematics. Students will engage in units of work to support the curriculum reform. Students individual learning needs will be catered for through these units. During Mathematics and English sessions students will work in groups across K-2 according to their learning needs.

**English:** K-2 students will work with multi-age units to explore different elements of texts. They will be immersed in rich literature to support their ability to connect with texts and explore elements of narrative such as characters, setting and story structure.

**Mathematics:** Students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in a range of early addition and subtraction strategies. They will engage in hands on learning and investigation to develop a love of mathematics.

**HSIE:** Our HSIE unit for Term 1 is 'Present and Past Family Life'. Students will learn about similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past.

**Science and Technology:** The unit 'Earth and Space' will be taught by Ms Sauer. Students will focus on the observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape. They will explore how the Earth's resources are used and investigate their conservation.

**Fitness:** Students will participate in fitness four days a week based on fundamental movement skills. Students will also engage in regular brain breaks to get them refocused and ready to learn.

**Sport:** Students will participate in sports lessons each Friday. This term we are learning the skills of soccer. Sports uniform is to be worn to allow students to move around with ease.

**Library:** Library borrowing day will be Wednesday. A library bag is needed to ensure books are protected in their school bags.

**Assembly:** Assemblies will be held on a Thursday afternoon at 2:15pm under the COLA. This term they will be in Week 6 and 9. Please check newsletters for updates.

**Scripture:** Scripture lessons will commence on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. If you do not wish your child to attend these lessons, please inform the front office in writing.

**Uniform:** It is a school expectation that students wear the formal school uniform on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Sports uniform is for each Friday.

**Food:** We have ‘Crunch n Sip’ daily at approximately 10.00am. Children are encouraged to bring a piece of FRESH fruit or vegetable. Break 1 & Break 2 food needs to be packed each day, or alternatively ordered from the canteen before 9.10am. Children need a water bottle daily to ensure hydration and to avoid having to leave the classroom to drink from the bubblers during class time.

**Hats:** There is a ‘No hat, no play’ policy at Manilla Central School. This means that children cannot play during breaks unless they are wearing a hat. This policy is in place for your child’s sun protection.

**Home Reading:** Home reading will commence this week. Student’s will bring home familiar reading that they can read successfully to ‘show off’ their skills to friends and family at home.

**School Entry:** Students must maintain regular and prompt attendance to ensure success. If students arrive late they miss out on learning activities that begin immediately after assembly.

**Seesaw App:** The Seesaw App will be used as a means of communication between parents/carers and teacher and will give families and immediate window into their child’s school day.

I look forward to the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Holzigan  
S1 Venus Classroom Teacher

Miss Jenine Milgate  
Assistant Principal

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023