



# Manilla Central School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year for 2023. I hope all students enjoyed their holiday break and time with their families. I am thrilled to be teaching S2 Jupiter and look forward to a fun and productive year of teaching and learning.

The following information is intended to help families get organised for the term/year ahead. Please take the time to read through it with your child.

## Classroom Supplies

The school will provide all the children's writing books.

It is beneficial to your child's learning if they can come to school equipped with the following stationery items to use in class:

These are:

- Small pencil case with: Lead pencils, eraser, blue or black pens, red pens, glue stick and ruler (small 15cm ruler to fit in pencil case)
- Coloured pencils, textas
- Highlighters – at least 2 different colours
- A set of headphones and a corded mouse (not Bluetooth) for use with the laptops/iPads – *optional but highly recommended* (There is a class set of these to share, but for health reasons, the less we need to share the better).
- Old paint shirt - *optional*

***Please make sure your child's name is clearly displayed on all items.***

## Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and appropriate footwear to school each day. This includes a school hat as we have a "No hat, no play" policy. Please contact the school if you have any queries about school uniform requirements. A reminder that necklaces and bracelets are not school uniform (unless it is a medical bracelet), and earrings should be small sleepers or plain studs.

## Sport

Primary sport will take place on **Fridays**. Sports uniform may be worn on this day. Full school uniform is expected to be worn on other days of the week.

### **Homework**

*Homework is not compulsory*, however can be provided as an enrichment activity upon request if you wish your child to complete it. Please let me know if you require homework activities to be sent home for your child.

The best homework activity is to read, read, read, read! Reading helps develop a student's vocabulary, comprehension and is a skill necessary for all learning areas. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to borrow Premier's Reading Challenge books from the library to incorporate into their homework routine.

### **Crunch and Sip**

Crunch and Sip is a set break in the morning session to eat healthy foods such as fruit and vegetables in the classroom. This helps to assist the physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Also, please ensure your child has a water bottle (or two in hot weather) to have in the classroom to drink throughout the day.

### **Library**

This term our library time will be on **Wednesday** with Ms Sauer. It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist your child in remembering his or her library books on this day. Students can borrow books during this time, or during break 2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Band**

Band will run again in 2023 with Mr O'Neill. Band day will be Thursdays. Instruments should be brought on this day and taken home again to practise, not left in classrooms for the week.

Any students who wish to join the school band will need to register their interest directly to Mr O'Neill via a written letter outlining their intent and preferred instrument of choice. The letter must be signed by a parent/guardian and endorsed by myself as the classroom teacher. It is important to note the commitment that joining the band entails, as lessons are during class time and some students may require extra catch up or revision to stay on top of their learning. Our students are very fortunate to be able to access music tuition through our school rather than having to source private lessons, so please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

### **Classroom News**

Students will build their literacy skills through a combination of spelling, grammar, reading, comprehension, and writing activities. English activities this term will be through a film study on 'How To Train Your Dragon' which is focused around the theme of 'Friendship'.

Maths activities will be in year groups across Stage 2, with a strong focus on multiplicative strategies. Assisting your child to practise their number facts and/or multiplication facts at home could be beneficial in helping them to consolidate their mathematical skills.

Our History unit is 'Community & Remembrance'. Many of our Visual Arts activities will be linked to this unit of work and other focus areas of learning throughout the term. Science & Technology will be taught by Ms Sauer on Wednesdays when the class goes to the library.

Our class will continue to integrate computers and technology into our learning activities. Some of the regular programs we use that can also be accessed at home include Reading Eggs, Get Epic, Study Ladder, Prodigy and Typing Club. Copies of logins will be sent home at a later date, once they are all finalised.

Some important dates coming up this term to note in your calendars:

- Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- School Photos – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- NAPLAN (Year 3's) – Week 8 & 9

### **Special Celebrations – Food**

If you are wishing to send food in for the class to share for a special celebration such as a birthday, it would be very much appreciated if parents/carers could let me know in advance. This is so I can coordinate any special dietary or medical needs that may be required, so that all students are included. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Contacting Me**

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please make an appointment or request a return phone call through the front office by calling (02) 67851599 from 8.40am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Kind Regards,

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Classroom Teacher

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