



Manilla Central School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2023 at Manilla Central School!

I am looking forward to teaching your child in S2 Mars this year. It will be an exciting and busy time with an abundance of quality learning, wide variety of sporting opportunities and many extra-curricular experiences to ensure your child is getting the best!

Our class size (18 students currently) and structure Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) this year will provide opportunities for all students to set individual goals to work towards in targeted areas. In all Key Learning Areas, we will be striving to achieve our best and building on our prior knowledge and skills. We are very fortunate to have Student Learning and Support Officers (SLSO) in our classroom for most of each day.

The following information is to guide and assist families throughout the year.

Attendance

Regular attendance is most important for your child's education! Please remember to notify the school by note, phone call, text message or message on SkoolBag app if your child will not be attending school and provide a short explanation. If you need to drop off or pick up your child during the school day, you will need to sign them in/out at the front office.

Classroom Supplies

All books are supplied by the school and our classroom is well resourced with all stationary needs and if you would like to equip your child with the following items it would be beneficial to their learning:

- Small pencil case with lead pencils, eraser, blue pens, red pens, glue stick and ruler.
- Coloured pencils and textas
- Highlighters – at least 2 different colours
- A set of headphones and corded mouse (not Bluetooth) to use with their own assigned laptop. They are supplied with a school set but is recommended.
- Paint shirt – optional

Uniform

All students are expected to wear correct school uniform and appropriate footwear each day. Full school uniform is expected to be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sports uniform is to be worn each Friday. Our school has a 'No Hat No Play' policy and a school bucket hat is required each day. Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled.

Sport

Sport lessons will be held each Friday. Students will also participate in Fitness lessons on all other days each week.

Homework

Homework is not compulsory, however can be provided as an enrichment activity. If you would like your child to complete homework each week, please let me know and I can provide this.

The best homework is to READ, have conversations and READ! If your child requires more reading material. I am more than happy to arrange this for them.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip is a set break around 10.10am each morning. A snack of fruit or vegetables and a drink of water is encouraged at this time. A water bottle is also encouraged to ensure hydration during the day.

RFF & Library

S2 Mars will have RFF with Ms Sauer each Tuesday morning and in this time, they will return and borrow books. Science & Technology will also be taught during this time. 'Earth and Space' will be the focus for Term 1 & 2. S2 Mars will have RFF with Mr Scott each Tuesday from 11.40-3.10pm each week and in this time, they will continue with their English and mathematics learning and Health & Personal Development will also be included in this time.

Band & SRE

Band will continue again this year on Thursday with Mr O'Neill. Could you please assist your child in remembering their instrument on this day.

If your child would like to join the school band and have weekly music lessons, you will need to write a quick note to Mr O'Neill requesting this. Over the next few weeks Mr O'Neill will work with students and issue them a musical instrument. This is a commitment that must not be taken lightly as students are required to practise regularly at home.

SRE (Scripture) and Non-SRE will be each Thursday for 30 minutes after Break 1.

English

This term we will be working on a film study with 'How to Train a Dragon' as our movie to study. This unit will be the theme of our English time each week. Students will also build on their skills and knowledge in spelling, reading & comprehension, grammar, handwriting, speaking & listening and writing during English lessons each day.

Home Reading

Students have received a home reading journal and are encouraged to read each night. As they reach different levels, they will receive a reward for their achievement. A more detailed note will come home next week.

Mathematics

Mathematics will be divided into year groups this year with a strong focus on the multiplicative strategies. I would encourage students to learn their times tables and your assistance with this would be very appreciated. Mrs Hawley will teach Year 4; Miss Milgate will teach Year 3 and Mrs MacDonald will provide additional support to students in areas of need.

HSIE – History & Geography

Our History Unit for Term 1 & 2 is 'Community and Remembrance'. Students will be learning about different celebrations in our community and the importance of remembrance.

CAPA

Our visual arts learning will focus on our History unit this term. We will be focusing on different elements of art each week and will have fun producing bright and creative pieces of artwork to show their understanding and skills.

Special Celebrations – Food

You are very welcomed to send in a cake or cupcakes for your child's birthday. We currently have 18 students in our class so something that is easy to share between for this amount would be appreciated. Just let me know when this will be happening so I can coordinate this special celebration around our break times.

Term One Dates:

Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 8th February

School Photos – Tuesday 14th

NAPLAN – Year 3 – Weeks 8-10

Communication

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please make an appointment or request a phone call through the front office by calling (02) 6785 1599 during school hours. I can also be contacted via my email jenine.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au. I will contact you during school hours only.

I am very excited for the year ahead and have really enjoyed getting to know your child this week. I would like you to know that you should be very proud of them and how they have returned to their learning this week.

Yours Sincerely,

Jenine Milgate
Classroom Teacher/Assistant Principal

Tanya MacDonald
APCI - Assistant Principal

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