



Manilla Central School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year for 2023. I am very excited to be teaching S3 Neptune and look forward to a year full of fun and learning.

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 stationary items to use in class:

These are:

- Pencil case with: Lead pencils, eraser, blue or black pen, red pen, glue stick and ruler (small 15cm ruler to fit in pencil case)
- Coloured pencils, textas
- A corded mouse (not Bluetooth) for use with the laptops.
- Individual headphones have been supplied for each student, but students may bring their own if desired. (If sending headphones, it is also recommended they are the type with a headband across the top, not the ear plug style ones.)

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. Year 6 students will be able to wear their year 6 shirts for sport when they arrive later in the year.

Homework

Homework is not compulsory, however can be provided as an enrichment activity upon request if you wish your child to complete it. I do ask that you accommodate time for your child to read for at least 20 minutes before bed each night if possible. The best homework activity is to read as often as possible. Reading helps develop a students' vocabulary, comprehension and is a skill necessary for all learning areas. Students are encouraged to borrow from the library weekly to help with this.

Toast and Crunch 'n' Sip

Toast is provided for students each morning on entry to class as we move through the morning routines. Crunch and Sip is a set break in the morning session at 10am 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. Please ensure your child has a water bottle (or two in hot weather) to have in the classroom to drink throughout the day.

Band

Band will be conducted on **Thursdays** with Mr O'Neill. Instruments should be brought on this day and taken home again to practice, not left in classrooms for the week. A safe spot in the classroom is available to place instruments on Thursday. Please reach out if alternate arrangements are needed.

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 classwork. 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

This term our science topic is 'Earth and Space' with Digital Technologies incorporated. Our history focus is 'Australia as a Nation'. We will be completing science, history, spelling, and writing activities focused on these themes to bolster learning. Our class will be using numerous online learning resources and programs within the classroom. Some of these include Google Classroom, Inquisitive, Soundwaves and Maths Plus. Other programs such as Prodigy, Get Epic and Typing Club will also be in use. Students may like to access these at home on a computer, laptop, or iPad. A photocopied sheet of the student's logins and passwords will be sent home with your child. Please contact me if you have any questions about any of these activities.

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

- Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 8th February
- School Photos – Tuesday 14th February

Contacting Me

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to see me in person, it is necessary to make an appointment through the front office by calling (02) 67851599 from 8.40am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Chris Jones
Classroom Teacher

Mr Dale Scott
Assistant Principal

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