



Manilla Central School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new year at Manilla Central School. I am excited to be back at MCS teaching your child and am looking forward to a year filled with learning. Our class is called S3 Saturn, and we are in Room 14 (closest to the pool).

In 2023 and beyond we are focussing on the importance of working *with* one another at MCS and we encourage parents and carers to join us in this process. We value Respect, Responsibility and Safety and believe that acting with these values in mind leads to student success. This letter is designed to provide you with some information about S3 Saturn.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip takes place every morning at around 10.00am. Students are encouraged to bring in fruit or vegetables to snack on, and to drink water. Giving students the chance to re-fuel with fruit or vegetables helps to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting long term health.

Birthdays

You are very welcome to send in cake for your child to celebrate their birthday in class, only if you wish to. If so, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send cupcakes or other easily shared options – it can be tricky to cut a round cake into 26 even pieces in a short period of time. Thank you in advance.

Homework

Students will receive homework on Mondays, and it is due the following Friday. The most important part of their homework is reading with an adult – as well as being time to share with your child, there is a wealth of research that shows the positive impact that this has on their learning.

Classroom Items

It is not expected for children in primary school to provide their own pencils, pens, textas etc. They are welcome to bring their own equipment to class but all necessary equipment is provided. Art during Term 1 will involve lots of paint and will be extremely messy. It is advisable to supply your child with a paint smock or an old (adult sized) shirt to protect their uniforms. It would be greatly appreciated if children could each bring in a box of tissues to share with the class at some point during the year.

Friday Sport

Students are to wear their sports uniform on this day. Students are reminded to wear their dress uniform Monday – Thursday. MCS can assist with the purchase of uniforms. Please contact the front office to arrange requirements.

Over the next fortnight I will attempt to contact parents over the phone to introduce myself. If you, or your child, have any questions or concerns over the course of the year please do get in touch with me or through the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet or call.

I hope your child has enjoyed their first week in S3 Saturn. I certainly have, and I look forward to working with you to meet the educational needs of your child this year.

Kind Regards,

Mr Andrew Ward
Classroom Teacher

Mr Dale Scott
Assistant Principal

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