

## Welcome to the M4 classroom

I hope you have had a relaxing holiday and you are ready for a great year ahead. The students are already getting into the swing of things and are eager to learn which is exciting to see.

My name is Nada Cirocco and the students call me Ms Nada. I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming months and supporting them to achieve their best.

## Morning Routine

Students need to wait outside until the school bell goes. Once the bell has rung students can put their bags in their assigned lockers and bring their lunch box and drink bottle inside the classroom. Drink bottles are to be placed on the top of the shelf and lunch boxes below. Students should have a Blue Reader Folder which is to be placed in the box provided daily (when they start coming home). Students will then come and sit on the floor for our roll call. School begins at 8.40am so if you are running late please go through the front office for a late slip.

## Blue Reader Folders and Homework

Over the next few weeks students will receive a Home Learning Book with activities they can do at home to support what they have been learning in the classroom. These will be stored in their Blue Reader folder which need to be brought to school daily. In these folders students may also bring home 5 Readers which they can read to you over the week. Readers will be changed weekly.

## Hats and Uniform

All students must wear a hat to play outside. Hats are kept in their lockers and I have written their names in a silver marker so it stands out. This will hopefully help them to be returned if they are misplaced. Students must wear blue school t-shirts or polos with the school logo on it. Any dark blue shorts, skirts or pants are allowed. The blue and white checked dresses can also be worn. If you are using a jacket or cardigan from home it must be the same blue as the school tops. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear to protect their feet.

## Brain Food/Recess/Lunch

Students have a fruit break between 9.30 and 10.00 am which is in the middle of our learning. We ask that they have a small piece of fruit they can eat while sitting on the floor and still be able to concentrate. Please try to keep it simple and easy to eat. Students are given an extra 10 minutes before recess and lunch play time to eat their food. Remember that they only have little tummy's and some of them think they have to eat everything. Please discuss with your child what is expected of them. I try to keep an eye on what they are eating but it can be difficult to check all of them.

## Smart Watches and Phones

It is now department policy that all smart watches and phones are to be kept at home. If your child has a smart watch or phone it will need to be sent to the front office while they are at school.



## Literacy and Numeracy

In Term One the students will be learning and revising the alphabet, common words and practicing their handwriting skills. We will be working on the Recount genre and it's features. It is important that students learn the names and sounds of the letters in the alphabet with atomicity and ease. This will support them in their reading and writing.

Young students take time to understand and learn about the concept of number. This is an important part and the base of being able to work efficiently in the older years. This term will be all about number, what it looks like, feels like, how it is represented and what it means. Remember to make any learning at home fun as this will support their learning journey.

## Specialist Lessons and other days to note

P.E. with Mr Thom on Tuesdays and Thursdays      Science with Mr Williams on Wednesdays

Italian with Signora Rachel on Wednesdays and      Library borrowing will be on Tuesdays with myself

Wheels Wednesday - Students can bring their bikes or scooters to school on Wednesdays and use them at Lunch on the Tennis Courts.

Assembly - Fortnightly on a Friday morning      Singing - Monday afternoon

## Important Dates to remember

9th February	Acquaintance Night	8th March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
15th - 18th March	Interviews	18th March	National Day against Bullying and Violence
22nd March	Harmony Day	26th March	Sports Day
1st April	Pupil Free Day	2nd April	Good Friday Holiday
5th April	Easter Monday Holiday	9th April	End of Term I/Early dismissal

## Communication

SeeSaw is a classroom app which is used by many teachers in our school. It is an easy and friendly way of communicating between parents and teachers. Over the next week I will send home instructions on how you can download it and become part of our classroom group. If you prefer you can email me at [nada.cirocco238@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:nada.cirocco238@schools.sa.edu.au) or you can request an appointment to chat at any time. Please feel free to ask me any questions about your child's learning. I am here to support and work with you and your child to grow into confident and successful learners.

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"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think"

Winnie the Pooh

