

# 2023 Year 1 Class Handbook



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Tania Wain and Steve McLoughlin

## Year 1 Teaching Team



### Tania Wain

Welcome to an exciting new year at Immanuel. I live in Adelaide's northern suburbs, and I enjoy reading, watching movies, singing, chocolate, playing cards and board games and trivia nights! I am a member of St John's Lutheran Church at Tea Tree Gully. I love to travel and have achieved my goal of setting foot on every continent. I have been teaching in the Lutheran system for over 25 years across Kindergarten and Junior Primary years in country SA, NSW, London and Beijing. I have also served as a Kindergarten Director and was acting Director at Zion Lutheran Preschool in 2022. This is my 10th year at Immanuel (with a 2-year stint in Beijing, China in between). I come from a strong Christian family and hope to pass my love of God on to the children in my care. I am looking forward to the challenges and adventures this year will bring, working with the children in Wain's "Oneders" to reach their full potential and building a caring and supportive relationship with the children and their families.



### Steve McLoughlin

Welcome to 2023. This year is my 4<sup>th</sup> year in Year 1 at Immanuel Gawler. My name is Steve McLoughlin and I have been teaching for 20 years of which 11 years has been as a Junior School Teacher. As a late arrival into teaching I bring a strong understanding of young children and their development. I understand the importance that a high level of cooperation between school and home can have on the success of all students. I have taught at large Colleges such as St Columba, smaller Catholic schools and remote schools in the Territory. I live locally, coach a junior cricket team at Sandy Creek, and have four adult sons, and 6 grandchildren that keep myself and my wife busy.

## 1) Weekly Overview

**Worship & Praise** – Every Friday 10:30am

**Assembly** – Monday 2:45pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term

**Library** – Tuesday Afternoon each week.

**Music** – Wednesday Mornings

**LOTE (languages other than English)** – Thursday

**Sport** – Wednesday

**PMP** – Thursday

## 2) Camp (Big Day out/Sleepover)

Year 1 sleepover will be held in Term 4, a date will be confirmed during the year. Sleepover presents a fantastic opportunity for all students to gain the confidence needed to participate in future School Camping experiences. Students will experience all the fun and excitement of being on sleepover in familiar surroundings, with familiar adults. The children will build their resilience and independence in a safe, secure, and friendly environment.

The experience helps student's friendships and social skills with shared experiences. It will also build their organisational skills, allowing them to be more independent which is an integral part of being a school student.

## 3) Homework/Learning at home

The IB cites the following as the key elements of a good learning program: Knowledge, Skills, Concepts, Attitudes and Action. The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Year 1 is ...

- We encourage reading aloud each night
- Spelling – on Mondays we will a list of spelling words that we would like your child to revise three times over the week. These words will all contain a common sound.
- Maths - the Learning @ Home folder also contains a weekly maths task that is linked to our unit of inquiry.

#### 4) Daily Routines

Prompt arrival is a school expectation. Students are to be at the classroom by 8:50 as learning starts at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or leaves before 3.25pm they will need to sign in/out via the front office.

**Brainfood-** Please pack a small snack of fresh/dried fruit and or vegetables to eat during brainfood. Please send this cut up into manageable pieces.

**Water Bottles-** Please pack a drink bottle with water for use during the school day. Please avoid drinks such as juice, cordial.

#### 5) Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Mrs Charmaine Strickland teaching Indonesian
- Music: Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Mr Richie Cochrane
- LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant): Leticia Semmler

#### 6) Special Events

**Swimming** – Week 2, Term 2 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. More details will be provided closer to that time.

**Camp** – Term 4, date to be confirmed

#### 7) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety modes to communicate. Here is a snapshot...

**See Saw-** See Saw is used to communicate student work and occasionally class information.

**Monday memos** (sent as an email)- whole school information is published weekly which is followed with class specific information.

**Email-** We understand meeting face to face is not always possible in which case Email is the next best option. See email address below.

**Operoo-** online (paperless) process used to communicate events (camps/excursions/ school events).

## **8) iPads**

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Foundation to Year 3 expectations include;

- Making good choices
- Being safe
- Being kind
- Asking for help

An Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home shortly which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

All the best for 2023,

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