

2024 Year ONE Class Handbook



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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 11th 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 2024. This year is my 5th 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.

Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created; Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of, respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

1) Weekly Overview

Worship & Praise – Every Friday 10:30am

The Year One combined classes will be presenting in Term 1, Week 10 (5th April), Term 2 Week 5 31st May and in Term 2, Week 9 (28th June)

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

We will be presenting in Term 2 Week 8, Monday 17th June 2024.

Library – Monday

Art- with Mrs Kreymborg: 1Wain Tuesday afternoon, 1Mcloughlin Thursday afternoon

Music – 1Mcloughlin and 1Wain Tuesday morning

LOTE (languages other than English) – Indonesian with Mrs Strickland, Tuesday morning

Sport – with Mr Cochrane, 1McLoughlin Tuesday afternoon, 1Wain Thursday afternoon.

2) Camp (Big Day out/Sleepover)

Year 1 sleepover will be held in Week 4 Term 4, on Thursday 7th November. 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

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Year 1:

- We encourage reading aloud each night from several possible sources.
 - Students will have a piece of text from the previous weeks Playberry Literacy focus. The children should be experts at this text and we encourage several read throughs, we a focus on fluency and accuracy
 - Students will have 2 decodable readers. Once again, we would encourage regular read throughs, aiming for fluency and accuracy. We are encouraging students to sound out unfamiliar words. Please record books read on their Reading Record sheet.
- Heart Words – on Mondays we will a list of Heart Words that we would like your child to revise three times over the week. Heart Words may not have a common sound pattern, they are words that students will need to recognise and read automatically.
- Maths - the Learning @ Home folder may also contain 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.

The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play at 12.30pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm.

8:50 - Start of Day, Roll admin etc

9:00 -10:05 - Literacy: daily Literacy Routine

10:05 -10:30 - Whole School Brain Break

10:30 – 12:00 - In class

12:00 -12:30 - Lunch play time

12:30 -12:40 - Supervised lunch eating time.

12:40 – 2:10 - In Class

2:10 – 2:30 - Recess

2:30 – 2:45 - Whole School Assemblies (Mondays), other days in class.

3:15 - Pack up time

3:25 - Hometime

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

- **LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant):** Alana Harvey, Sally Wandel and Jess Buckler
- **LSC (Learning Support Coordinator):** Mrs Gail Darby
- **LOTE:** Mrs Charmaine Strickland
- **Music:** Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff
- **Sport:** Mr Richie Cochrane
- **Art:** Kayla Kreymborg
- **Wellbeing:** Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- **IT:** Mr Glynn Morgan
- **Ministry Leader:** Will Knott

6) Special Events

Swimming – We will be having daily Swimming Lessons at Starplex Gawler in Week 8, Term 1 (18th March until 22nd March).

Excursion – Marine Discovery Centre, Henley Beach. We will be visiting the Marine Discovery Centre on 6th May (Week 2 Term 2) to consolidate our learnings on animals and their habitats.

Concert- This year is the Junior Schools turn to present our School Concert. It will be a feature of our Term 3 program. The concert will be held on 5th September, Week 7.

7) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety of 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.

Students will also receive formal instruction with Mr Morgan's support to build their skills and understanding using a variety of I-Pad features and apps, as well as other technologies.

9) Other bits and pieces

Throughout the year we would love to see the children become more independent in a variety of ways. This includes:

- Tying their shoelaces
- Taking lunch box lids on and off
- Twisting lids off yoghurt sachets
- Packing and unpacking bags each day
- Taking off jumpers
- Getting in and out of bathers (during swim week)
- Participating in worship and praise, assembly and concert

Things we don't encourage:

- Toys from home
- Fidgets from home
- Multiple key rings on bags (they are very enticing to others!!)
- Halloween and Elf on the Shelf
- Lollies and chocolates for birthdays (stickers, balloons, non-food items are OK)
- Santa and Easter bunny are discussed but not overly promoted.

All the best for 2024,

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