

Dear Students and Families of Class 3/4C,

Hello! My name is Katherine Jones, and I am so excited to be joining the amazing Upwey South Learning Community in 2025.

Today, you would have received correspondence from the school stating that I will be the classroom teacher of Class 3/4C for 2025. I am writing this letter to introduce myself, and to begin the process of building important relationships between myself, the students, and the families in our class. It's okay to feel a little bit nervous about transition, and it's also okay to feel excited. In fact, you might be feeling a mixture of both emotions, especially given you will be meeting a new teacher. Meeting each other will be a great day, where we will have the chance to get to know more about each other, but until then I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I live in Rowville with my husband Chris and my two sons Mason, and Lucas. We have a dog named Sadie who is a golden retriever, and two lovable cats named Oska and Harry. Both of my sons play basketball, just like their dad. As a family we love to go bike riding, watch movies together, and visit family and friends. I love going to the gym, reading, shopping, and singing in the shower.

Having my own children has deepened my passion for teaching, and I strongly believe in the importance of creating and maintaining effective relationships with students, families, and the wider community. I hold a strong sense of community, and believe that making firm connections between home and school is essential for student learning, and welcome this partnership with families. I am looking forward to getting to know my students and their families.

I love working with children, and enjoy the busy, exciting atmosphere of the school. I always aim to create an inclusive classroom where all students feel safe to take on new challenges while being supported in their learning. 2025 will be a fun year full of exciting learning opportunities, and I endeavour to provide our students with nurturing and rewarding experiences.

Please note I will be popping into the school on the morning of Friday 6th December to say hello to the students during the school day. For any parents/carers who may have the opportunity to visit the school on **Tuesday 10th December**, or **Tuesday 17th December**, I will be at Upwey South Primary School all day on these dates. I will be available to say hello both before and after school.

I can't wait to meet you all soon.

Kind Regards,

Katherine Jones