



## TERM 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER – ROOM

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January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear families,

Welcome back!! I hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your loved ones and enjoy your summer break. The students have certainly had some exciting stories to share.

My name is Miss Jamal and I am very excited to teach all students and guide them through year 6/7. First, I would like to provide some background information about myself. This is my third year of teaching at Ingle Farm Primary School. I earned my double degree of Bachelor of Teaching and Arts from the University of Adelaide and have a passion for middle years teaching. In my spare time I like to read, listen to music and enjoy most sports. As a teacher, I try to make learning fun and I believe students learn best when they are engaged in their learning, feel safe and welcomed in the class. For some students this will be their last year of primary schooling and I look forward to equipping them with the knowledge and experience needed to transition smoothly and confidently into high school. I am looking forward to teaching your children and seeing their learning potential flourish throughout the year.

### Student Health and Wellbeing

Please ensure your child has a hat ready for term 1 and applies sunscreen at home on hot days. It is very important that students stay hydrated and therefore they should have their own drink bottle that can be filled up with water only. Other drinks such as cordial and juice can be consumed during recess or lunch and not during lessons. Students are also encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable to eat during brain break. Eating fruit and vegetables can increase your child's concentration and encourage healthier eating habits.

### Mobile Phones/Devices:

Students who bring their phones/devices to school will need to hand them in at the beginning of the day to the teacher and they will be returned back to them by the end of the school day.

**Please return all consent forms distributed this week as soon as possible to kick start our term 😊**

### School Events:

Throughout the year there will be various events such as excursions, aquatics and graduation and jumpers for the year 7s. Therefore, I ask that you are aware of this in order to be financially prepared.

### Reading

Please make sure your child reads on a daily basis. Students will be able to borrow books weekly from the library.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a weekly basis. Students are encouraged to hand in their homework book every Friday. It is the student's responsibility to bring their homework book to school.

### Communication

At the beginning of this year each student will receive a diary. The diary will be checked on Monday each week by the teacher and must be overlooked by families each week and signed over the weekend. It will be used for communication such as student notes, student absence and the recording of homework and due dates. It is the student's responsibility to bring the diary to school everyday.

I also welcome contact with you face to face before or after school.

Thanks Miss Jamal 😊



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## Term 1-curriculum overview for English and Math

### **English:**

#### **Writing:**

Our genre focus for writing this term is persuasive writing. Students will build on their knowledge of language features and develop verbal and written persuasive skills and techniques.

#### **Spelling:**

Spelling will be incorporated into our daily morning warm ups. Students will also have a weekly spelling contract to complete.

#### **Reading:**

Literacy circles will be introduced this term for reading. Reading in groups, taking on different leadership roles and building on comprehension skills collaboratively is the drive behind literacy circles.

### **Maths:**

#### **Maths Warm ups:**

Math warm ups will be based on the topic being studied, as a tool for revision or in preparation for a new topic.

#### **Maths lessons will focus on the following content strands from the Australian curriculum:**

Number and Algebra- Number and Place Value, Real Numbers, The four operations  
Money and financial mathematics

#### **Specialist Teachers:**

- Physical Education and Health with Mr A will be lesson 5 and 6 on Tuesdays and students will be dismissed from there.
- Language (Chinese Culture) with Mig lesson 5 Monday.
- The Arts (Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts) with Ruth lesson 3 and 4 Thursdays.

Kind regards

**Tamara Jamal**