

Dear Families,

Welcome to Room 29 for 2020! I hope that you all had a wonderful, restful break and are excited for the year ahead. I can't wait to hear all about it from the students!

My name is Nichole Kershaw (Miss Nichole) and I will be your child's teacher this year. This is my first year at Ingle Farm Primary School and I am extremely excited to get to know each individual student and enjoy a year of learning together.

A strong focus for the beginning of the school year, and continued throughout the entire year, will be creating a classroom community that is safe, inclusive and engaging. We will be working towards unpacking the school values of Respect, Honesty and Persistence, and developing a strong awareness of how we can incorporate these values into all aspects of school and life. To help our classroom be a safe, supportive and inclusive space, there will be a strong focus on celebrating diversity, building positive relationships and encouraging growth mindsets/creativity. We will also be working closely with Room 28 next door, with Miss Mia and her Year 6 class. It is through teamwork and a commitment to our values that we are going to be able to have a positive year.

The Seesaw app will be used to help connect families with what is happening in our learning space. It will also be used as my main method of communication. I encourage you to register with Seesaw if you have not already. I am more than happy to assist you with setting up your Seesaw account, as I am also learning how to navigate and understand adapting to a new program can be challenging. For those who are unable to access the app, hard copies of communication can be sent home with students.

A term 1 overview will be provided in Week 3 with details of the curriculum learning topics that will be explored in Room 29. An Acquaintance Night will also be held in Week 3, which will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other (more details to come).

#### **Homework:**

Homework will commence in Week 3. Students will receive more information about homework this week (Week 1) and a sheet will be sent home outlining expectations.

#### **Reminders:**

- Students are to wear correct school uniform with school colours (navy & red).
- Bucket hats are to be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4. Students without a hat need to play under the shaded area.
- Due to allergies, please ensure no nuts are brought to school and bananas must be eaten in the classroom.
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school. Healthy fruit is optional as we will have scheduled brain breaks in the morning learning session.
- Mobile phones will be passed to me at the start of the day for safe storage and will be returned to your child at the end of the day.

I look forward to a great year and sharing your child's learning and successes with you.

Warm regards,

Miss Nichole