



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Miling Primary School Semester 2, 2017. I am very excited to be continuing in the Senior Room and am excited for an amazing and jam-packed second semester. This term is going to be very busy with lots of amazing activities both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. Two of the activities the Senior Room are most looking forward to are the Athletics Carnivals and the Senior Room camp to Albany in week 6. We are busily preparing for this camp in the classroom, as I am sure you are at home. There are many other events happening this term as well, students have already been to successfully compete at Eneabba and on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August the whole school had the pleasure of attending a NAIDOC Day celebration at Moora Primary School where students had the opportunity to make damper, paint stones and throw a boomerang. With many events still to come this term, including Rob Adams and the Year 5/6 Science Forum in week 5, as well as our presentation day to follow up the amazing Joint Schools Camp last term. It is sure to be a great term and semester. Please find below an outline of what the Senior Room will be doing this term.

## **CURRICULUM**

### **Literacy:**

In the Senior Room, we will hold Literacy Blocks (2 hour blocks of literacy instruction) with a crunch and sip break at 12:00. This semester in Writing, we will be focussing on poetry, recounts, descriptions, instructions, recipes and letters. The 'write4fun' competition is on again and students will have the opportunity to submit one of their poems. Students will also be continuing to learn about elements of grammar including a continued focus on correct use of paragraphs. In Reading this semester, we will be focussing devices authors use and the impact they have on the reader. Spelling will occur each day in the Literacy Block with words going home each week with practice activities for students to complete nightly. Students will be given opportunities to develop their Speaking and Listening skills through debates.

### **Mathematics:**

In Mathematics this semester, we will be looking at the three strands; Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. In Number and Algebra, we will be continuing to learn about the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) with a specific focus on multiplication and division, fractions and decimals, money and patterns, and algebra (including order of operation). In Statistics and Probability, the Year 3 & 4 students will be continuing to developing their own questions to investigate on a given topic and select appropriate methods to collect the data and displays their results. The Year 5 students will also be investigating data collection and display methods, as well as comparing data using side by side column graphs. The Year 6 students will be focussing on data analysis and comparing data.

In Measurement and Geometry this semester, Mrs Dennis will be teaching the Year 3s Position, Time, Mass, Symmetry, Length and Area, and Angles. The Year 4s are looking at Position, Time, Mass, 2D Shapes, Area and Angles. The Year 5 students are looking at Position, Volume, Mass, 2D Shapes, Angles and 3D Objects. The Year 6s are looking at Location, Volume and Capacity, Mass, Symmetry and Transformation, Area and Perimeter, and Circles.

### **Humanities & Social Sciences (HASS):**

This term in the Senior Room, we will be studying Geography. This term the Year 3 & 4 students will be focusing on Australian Geography and learning research skills. Next term, the Year 3 & 4s will be learning about our neighbouring countries and some of the similarities and difference between us and them, as well as the types of climates. In Geography, the Year 5 students will be investigating alterations made to the natural environment and the impact of bushfires and floods, and next semester will begin studying Business and Economics. The Year 6 students will continue to study HASS through our ILN specialist teacher where they will be studying Business and Economics this term and Geography next term.

### **Science:**

This term, we are looking at Physical Sciences. For the Year 3 & 4 students, Physical Sciences will be studied through investigating heat while the Year 5 & 6 students study light.

**Health:**

This term in Health, we will be looking at Drug Education. Within Drug Education we will be focussing on safe and unsafe drugs, the effects some drugs have on the body, making informed decisions about drugs, and first aid. In Term 4, the Health focus will be Relationships, with students learning about a variety of aspects of relationships such as developing strategies to relate with others and standing up for themselves.

**Physical Education:**

In Physical Education, Mrs Dennis will be focusing on golf for the first few weeks then concentrating on athletics. In Term 4, the students will learn cricket skills. Please note, Physical Education is on a Monday and students are encouraged to wear their sneakers.

**The Arts (Music):**

In Music this term, Mrs Dennis will be focusing on musical terms such as beat, rhythm, tempo and dynamics as well as the sounds heard in the environment.

**Technologies:**

In Semester 2, the Senior Room will be focusing on Digital Technology. In Digital Technology, students will begin to learn specific terminology, use new software, learn about the parts of a computer and many more exciting things.

**Library:**

Our Library session will continue to be on a Thursday. These sessions are important as this is one of the only times the students have the opportunity to borrow books. Please make sure your child brings their library bag every Thursday.

**Homework Requirements:**

In accordance with the Miling Primary School Homework Policy, students will be given weekly homework on a Monday that they are expected to complete and return the following Monday. The homework will be designed to support classroom learning, looking at the current concepts being covered. Homework will consist of nightly reading, spelling activities, mathematical problems, a writing activity and two other activities from other areas of the curriculum.

**Classroom Management:**

In the Senior Room, we use the Miling Primary School Traffic Lights System. All students will begin the day on 'ready to learn' and will move up to 'awesome' when they are seen to be following our Miling PS expectations; kindness, cooperation, perseverance and respect. If the student ends the day on 'awesome' they are rewarded with a sticker on their desk chart. When students reach five stickers they will go to see Miss Siviour for a prize. If a student continually fails to follow our Miling PS expectations throughout the day, their name will move down the chart and they may receive timeout.

**Communication Books:**

Student diaries are used regularly so it is important that they are brought to school daily with any messages appropriate for the teacher. As the student diaries are official school documents, it is important that they are used for such things as reporting to the teacher if your child has had an illness, explaining an upcoming absence, arranging a parent-teacher meeting, letting us know transport arrangements etc. Please continue to use the communication books daily as they are part of our routine and help us with our duty of care.

**Teacher Contact Details:**

If you have any questions please contact me via the student diaries, phone (9654 1063) or email ([elise.currie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:elise.currie@education.wa.edu.au)).

Thank you,  
Miss Currie