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Stationery Packs for 2015 – Order before 19 December 2014 to avoid paying a delivery fee.

2015

Monday 2 February
Preschool (Monday/Tuesday groups) and Kindergarten students first day of school. New students in years 1 to 6 can stop by at 9:15am to meet their teacher and visit their classroom.

Tuesday 3 February
Years 1 to 6 first day of school.

Thursday 5 February
Preschool (Thursday/Friday groups) first day of school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for a fantastic school year. Together we have achieved so much. Our students have once again achieved to an outstanding standard and put in an amazing effort with their learning. As a community we have come together to celebrate all the children’s achievements- concerts, reading, maths, passion projects, performances, Learning Journeys and much more.

I look forward to an exciting year in 2015.

2015 is the 20th year of Palmerston District Primary School and in 2016 we will celebrate the school’s 21st birthday. The School Board has approved for us in 2015 to explore the opportunity to re-establish our School Vision. We have engaged a consultant to work with staff, community and students. Together we can have our say on what we want from education at Palmerston for our children in 2015 and beyond. More on this opportunity in 2015!

A big thank you to all the staff at Palmerston.

A farewell to:

• Erin Weston who will be commencing at Miles Franklin School
• Jennifer Holland who will be commencing at Hawker Primary School
• Margaret Quade who will be commencing retirement and a quieter life than in preschool

A promotion for:
• Janet Abbot who will be working in the Directorate
• Sylvia Headon who will be working at Miles Franklin School

I would also like to thank the contract and relief teachers who have come to work at our school this year and may not be returning:
• Rita Kaur our Indonesian teacher
• Tanya Stone our librarian
• Todd Richardson

I welcome back Mrs Breen and Mrs Dugbaza from maternity leave and Tania Collis from Duffy School.

I welcome new to our school:
• Ms Duggan
• Mr Smith (our new acting executive teacher for senior school)
• Ms Reeve
• Ms Campbell (our new science teacher)

School commences on the Monday 2 February for all kindergarten students and preschool (beginning of week) students. This year we also commence on 2 February for Introductory English Students.

Tuesday 3 February will be for returning students and students in years 1-6. All students arrive to the blacktop at 8.55am and will be taken to their PoDs for shared time on the first day. You will know your child’s teacher when you pick them up at the end of the day.

Teachers will be commencing professional learning and setting up classes the week before.

**Just a reminder that school is closed over the Christmas and summer break.**

There will be no supervision of students at this time. Please do not bring in your children to the enclosed fence area to play on the equipment or climb on roof.

A very big thankyou to the parent volunteers who will be feeding the chickens. We were overwhelmed with support.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe break.

*Melissa Travers*
Principal
FINAL REMINDER - 2015 Stationary Pack Orders – Important Information
The Palmerston District Primary School 2015 Stationery Pack lists were sent home with your child/ren earlier in the term. Please read the instructions sent home. Notes are also available on the school website. To have your order delivered to Palmerston complete your order online by Friday 19 December 2014.

To place your orders please go to:
1. Search for your school: Palmerston District Primary School
2. Enter the school password: 2PALMPRBTS
3. Enter students name and select their 2015 year level
4. Select items and quantities required the ‘click’ Add to Cart
5. Review the items in your shopping cart and proceed by clicking ‘Order Online’
6. Review contact and payment details and click ‘Place your Order’

If ordered after Friday 19 September packs will be delivered to home and will incur a delivery cost of $18.90. 2015 Stationery Lists can also be found on the school website.

Defence News
As the year comes to a close, I would like to wish all the Defence Families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. To those families moving due to posting, I would like to say goodbye and good luck, it’s been great getting to know you all and I hope you have fun in your new locality. For me, it is a time to think about the new families we’re expecting for 2015. With the new online enrolment process, defence families are no longer readily identified, so if you are aware of any Defence families posting into the area, please can you let me know?

My working days at Palmerston will be changing for 2015. As I have two DSTA/DTM positions and to enable me to work with both schools effectively, my regular working days at PDPS will be Thursday and Friday, 8.30am to 3.30pm. During the first week back however, I will be at the school on Tuesday 3 February 2015 to greet new families. On Friday 5 February 2015, I will be holding a morning tea, so please save the date.

Regards,
Marina Pilicic
DSTA.