### IEC Term 1 Overview 2015

#### Classes for 2015
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<td>In our Home Reading program we encourage parents/carers to read home readers with their child every night. Home reading has started this week (week 2).</td>
<td>School begins daily at 8:55am and learning begins promptly. If your child is absent, please phone the school on 6205 7241 or bring a note with the date of absence, reason for absence and your signature for our records. This note can be handed in prior to, or after, your child’s absence.</td>
<td>IEC students will visit the school library once a week. They will be given an opportunity to choose three books to take home. Please remember to provide a water proof school library bag for your child.</td>
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| Junior singing will be held in the Multi-purpose room on Thursdays 12.30-1.00pm. All assemblies are held on Friday at 9.00am in the school hall. Whole school assemblies are held every second week beginning in Week 2. Junior/Senior assemblies are held every alternate week. Junior assemblies are held in the hall and Senior assemblies are held in the Multi-purpose room. | 13 Feb – 1st whole school assembly  
Week 3 – PIPS (Kindergarten)  
27 Feb - Clean up Australia Day  
3 March - 26 Storey Treehouse (3-6)  
11 March – World of Maths (K-2)  
12 March – World of Maths (3-6)  
13 March – Questacon Incursion  
16-18 March – 5/6 Camp Cooba  
18 March – Christian Education  
20 March – Harmony Day  
21/22 March – Car Boot Sale  
30 March - 3/4 Day trip to Birrigai  
3 April – Good Friday  
8 April – Cross Country | We are a Sun Smart School. All students require a hat - broad brimmed hat to wear daily during recess, lunch and physical education (caps are not sun smart as they do not cover the ears and neck). |

**Homework**

Students in Year 3-6 will have homework tasks given to them every three weeks. Homework tasks will involve a variety of tasks from our learning across English, Mathematics and our inquiry unit. Students will also be learning a range of words to build vocabulary and knowledge of words, which will support reading comprehension. Homework will start in Week 3.

**English**

Based on year level and language ability, English across the IEC will consist of reading, writing, listening and speaking. This term we will cover:

- Words Their Way (word study for phonics, vocabulary and spelling instruction)
- Speaking in front of the class individually (morning news) and speaking in groups (presentations)
- Handwriting
- Guided reading
- Reading Tables / Hot Reads (15 mins independent reading every morning)
- Report writing, narrative, recount, procedural texts
- Fine motor skills to develop muscle strength (this will support younger students in their writing)
- Communication – students listen and explain to others and share ideas through pictures, talking and writing

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*Together We Learn From Each Other*
Mathematics
Across the IEC, mathematics learning will emphasise the importance of students studying coherent, meaningful and purposeful mathematics that is relevant to their lives. Students will engage in active experiences that allow them to construct key mathematical ideas.

Based on year level, the topics we will explore this term are:
- Numbers to 1000, patterns, addition, subtraction and multiplication
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Data and position
- Money, focusing on Australian coins and notes

In addition, all Palmerston students will take part in a World of Maths Day (K-2 on 11 March, Yr 3-6 on 12 March).

Integrated Inquiry
Our integrated inquiry focus for this term is a history/health based unit called “My Class and School”. During the unit, students will have the opportunity to explore their new classroom and school. They will develop their understanding of new environments and learning routines, as well as learn the language required to make their needs known through the introduction of questions.

To assist us in this area we ask that you also discuss these topics at home. Some of the topics you may discuss include: morning/afternoon routines, objects in and around the home and classroom, suburbs and towns.

The Arts
- Students will explore activities, projects and inventions from around the world
- Students will also participate in drama within the classroom and the library (using a puppet theatre)
- Students will participate in singing and cultural dancing

Physical Education
Students in K-2 will be learning about the Fundamental Motor Skills of running, jumping and leaping. Students in 3-6 will join mainstream classes for some PE lessons and will be working to develop team skills and good sportsmanship across a variety of team sports and games.

Friendly Schools Plus
As part of Kids matter in 2015, K-6 will be implementing Friendly Schools Plus. This falls under the social and emotional learning of the Kids Matter umbrella. Students will be taking part in a range of learning activities to develop social skills, friendship, emotions, conflict resolution and building a community of happy learners. It is recognised nationally and internationally as a successful whole-school evidence based bullying prevention program.

The Friendly Schools Plus program will begin in week 5.

Administration
Fruit and Water Break
Classes will break at 10.00am each day for fruit and water for 10 minutes. Research has shown that eating fruit and drinking water at this time assists with concentration.

Labelling Items
Please label all your child’s items including drink bottles and lunch boxes to ensure that lost items can be returned to them.

If you have any questions, please contact the front office to make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher.

We look forward to a happy and productive period of learning at Palmerston District Primary School.

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