Kindergarten – Palmerston District Primary School
The Mem Fox PoD – Term 1 2015

Kindergarten has three classes consisting of:

KFC - Magic Hats – Ms Felicity Cox
KLM - Possum Magic – Ms Libby Marley
KSH - Devine Wombats – Mr Sam Higginson
KKW - Green Sheep – Mrs Katherine Wilson

Administration

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<td>Please remember to provide a waterproof school library bag for your child. Our library days are: KFC - Thursday KLM – Thursday KKW – Thursday KSH – Thursday</td>
<td>Classes have their fruit and vegetable break at 10am each day.</td>
<td>School begins daily at 8:55am and learning begins promptly. If your child is absent, please phone the school on 62057241 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>
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Homework
Students will receive regular homework to support their learning in class. It will include daily reading with a parent/carer, weekly news and Magic 100 words. These activities are designed to support student learning. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dates to remember
13 February – First whole school assembly
27 February – Clean up Australia Day
11 and 12 March – World of Maths
18 March – Christian Education
2 April – Term 1 Reports go home
8 April – Cross Country

Sun smart
At Palmerston we are a Sun Smart School. All students require a hat – broad brimmed, legionnaires, or bucket hat to wear daily during recess, lunch and Physical Education (caps are not sun smart as they do not cover the ears and neck).

English
English lessons are held daily in the morning session. Our English program involves:

- reading, writing, spelling, speaking and listening
- reading including modelled, guided, shared, and independent
- writing and participating in fine motor activities including sound, letter and word formation
- modelled writing
- spelling exploration and basic grammatical features
- speaking and listening, news time, circle time and participation in class/PoD meetings
- viewing activities and responding to media study activities

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Mathematics
Our maths program focuses on developing early arithmetic strategies and building understanding and application of number strategies.
This term we will be covering:
- Exploring numbers zero to ten
- Investigating patterns
- Investigating and describing positions of objects
- Exploring the relative position of number
During maths, we work with the children to help develop their understanding and application of mathematical concepts. The mathematical concepts covered in the Kindergarten curriculum include: number, space, measurement, chance and data.

Integrated Inquiry
Our first Integrated unit in Term 1 is ‘All About Me’. In this unit of work, students will explore what a family means to them and different family structures. We will investigate how families are similar or different and where our families come from. Through a range of learning experiences we will explore the focus question - What is my history and how do I know? This unit is linked to history, geography and the arts.
During the second part of the term students will be participating in an Integrated Inquiry unit called ‘Staying Alive’. It is a science based unit that looks at our basic needs of survival including using our senses to achieve these needs.

Physical Education and Gross Motor
During Physical Education sessions, students will participate in a variety of sporting activities including fundamental skills, team work, sportsmanship and cooperative games. All students in Kindergarten will participate in gross motor activities from term 2.

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 happy learning environments.
It is recognised nationally and internationally as a successful whole-school evidence based bullying prevention program.

Science
Students will be engaging in learning about Science through the Biological Sciences and fair test investigation. They will be actively observing, describing, predicting, fair test investigating, measuring, recording and communicating their findings. Sustainability will be a major focus of investigations and students will continue to work in the gardens growing produce.

Indonesian overview
In term 1, students will be learning about seasons and the weather (musim dan cuaca). They will learn how to describe different types of weather in Indonesian. They will also compare and contrast the various seasons and weather patterns found in both Australia and Indonesia and discuss the impact of these on daily life. Students will also learn how to ask and answer basic questions relating to themselves and how they are feeling in Indonesian.

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

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

Felicity Cox, Katherine Wilson, Libby Marley, Sam Higginson
Kindergarten team