Year 3/4 has three classes consisting of:
3/4RH The Zoobots – Miss Hewat
3/4GL The Magnetic Dogs – Mrs Kimberley Griffiths and Ms Rachel Levinson
3/4GS The Hunting Dragons – Mrs Georgina Sofatzis

Administration

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<td>Students will have the opportunity to attend library throughout the term. Each class will visit with either the librarian, or their classroom teacher.</td>
<td>Classes break at 10am each day for fruit and water. Research shows that this assists with brain function and therefore learning. Please provide a piece of fresh fruit or cut up vegetables for your child to eat at this time.</td>
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| Homework creates an opportunity for consolidation of skills, especially in reading, spelling, mental computation and mathematics. We work hard to ensure the tasks are open ended and meet the needs of the group. Occasionally an Inquiry related activity is set to help students deepen their understanding. Although homework is not compulsory, completion is encouraged and shared with class members. Please support us by encouraging the completion of homework. | 10 Feb – Swimming Carnival  
11 Feb – Parent Information Night  
3 Mar – Year 3-6 Theatre Visit ‘26 Storey Treehouse’  
30 Mar – 3/4 Day trip to Birrigai |

This year homework will be sent home each Tuesday and returned the following Monday. Each week students are encouraged to complete one activity from the homework grid, read every night and will also be provided with a list of 10 words, and activities, to further develop their vocabulary. Students will continue to have the opportunity to use Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

English

Students will be given daily opportunities to participate in modelled, shared and independent reading and writing sessions. Our writing this term will be jointly focused on narrative and persuasive texts. Students will have regular opportunities to plan, draft, confer, refine and publish pieces of work. This year, a focus in our PoD will be independent reading. Students will be encouraged to choose books from the library that suit their interests and ability which they will use to complete activities during reading sessions. There will be regular explicit lessons in spelling strategies and rules, grammar, handwriting and listening comprehension. Students will also have the opportunity to regularly share their work.

Mathematics

This year we continue to use the Australian Mathematics Curriculum. Our approach will use a variety of strategies, focusing on using the teaching resource GO Maths. Students will complete pre and post tests on different units of work, which will allow teachers to assess what the students know and what they need to be taught next. We will also be continuing Middle Years Mental Computation (MYMC) across the senior school with weekly lessons aimed at improving students mental computation skills. For example, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This program uses hands on activities and games to encourage
participation and faster computation. As part of MYMC, we will be sending home 0-11 number cards which come with suggested activities for students to practice at home.

**Science & Technology**  
This term students will be participating in Environmental Science lessons with Karon Campbell, our dedicated science teacher. Other science and technology subjects will be taught throughout the year.

**Integrated Inquiry**  
Students will be completing a hands on interactive inquiry unit based on the history curriculum called: ‘First Contact’. Students will investigate the concept of identity through looking at how our country was settled by indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

**Physical Education & Health**  
Students will be involved in regular, active and vigorous physical education (P.E.) lessons throughout the week, focusing on fundamental motor skills including running. As we participate in mandated P.E. activities each day, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear including a sun smart hat. Students will participate in senior sport each Thursday????.

**Indonesian**  
This year students in year 3-6 will be learning Indonesian and will be taught by Sunny Duzgba and Lies Price.

If you have questions or concerns 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 and teaching at Palmerston District Primary School.

**Rebecca Hewat, Kimberley Griffiths, Rachel Levinson and Georgina Sofatzis  
Year 3/4 Classroom Teachers**