## Year 2 Term 1 Overview 2014
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### Library
Please remember to return library books regularly. Books need to be kept in a waterproof bag or pouch. Our library day is Tuesday.

### Fruit and vegetable break
Fruit break is at 10am every day for approximately 10 minutes. Please cut fruit/veg into manageable pieces. We encourage students to drink lots of water throughout the day.

### Absences
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.

### Sun Smart
Palmerston is a Sun Smart School. All students require a broad-brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat to wear daily during recess, lunch and physical education. These can be purchased from uniform shops or the second hand uniform store at the school.

### Homework
Homework this year will involve students completing tasks from a rubric based on Gardiner’s Multiple Intelligences. These learning tasks will include a variety of English and mathematics tasks. Year 2 homework will begin in week 3.

### Dates to remember – Term 1
- 14 February – First whole school assembly
- 7 March – Swimming carnival
- 19 March – Christian Education
- 4 April – Cross Country
- 8 April – Term 1 Reports go home
- 11 April – 2VS & 2JS whole school assembly

### Home reading
Students are encouraged to read home readers and quality literature on a regular basis. Home reading has started this week, week 2.

### English
Every day student’s will participate in lessons targeted to accommodate each student’s needs by participating in The Daily 5: This consists of:
1. Reading to self – morning reading tables, independent reading, differentiated guided reading groups
2. Reading to someone – differentiated guided reading groups, partner reading and reading assessments
3. Listen to reading – differentiated guided reading groups, quality literature reading and class story time
4. Work on writing – modelled, shared and independent writing and writing conferencing with the teacher
5. Word work – ‘Word Detectives’ spelling groups, vocabulary and high frequency words

Students are encouraged to independently borrow and return home readers regularly. Independent readers (over level 30) are encouraged to read a variety of texts each night to continue to develop their reading skills.

Oral language will be developed through class activities, including regular opportunities for group discussions, presentations and during circle time. This term teachers will lead students in preparing, writing and presenting an oral presentation to their peers learning how to speak in front of an audience.

- Together We Learn From Each Other -
Our writing focus for this term is writing for different purposes including writing to inform and entertain, including recounts and poetry. Students have the opportunity to write daily, with a focus on achieving personal writing goals related to improving the quality of their writing. Each student participates in writing conferences with the teacher to learn how to edit, check spelling and improve writing structure.

**Mathematics**

Every day, students will complete learning tasks developing maths skills, focusing on mental computation strategies. Students will be grouped from Monday to Wednesday to best meet their needs in number concepts. Our number focus for this term will be on: place value, addition, and subtraction. On Thursday and Friday students will remain with their class to engage in space and measurement strands.

**Integrated Inquiry**

During term 1 Year 2 will be working on a history unit, learning about our local community and how it has changed throughout time. We will look at:
- Significant places and events
- Using timelines and linking these to past, present and future
- Comparing objects from the past and present
- Posing questions and using sources to answer these questions

**The Arts**

All students in year 2 will continue to participate in weekly singing. Students will also be involved in rotating five week sessions with year 1 in a variety of activities such as visual arts, dance, music, drama, ICT, cooking, singing and gross motor.

**Physical Education**

All students will have daily involvement in fundamental movement skill development, including running, throwing, catching and kicking. Please ensure your child has a hat everyday so they can participate in Physical Education activities.

**Friendly Schools Plus**

As part of Kids matter in 2014, 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 after assembly this term.

**Administration**

**Hats, jumpers and other items**

Please label every item (including lunch boxes and drink bottles) clearly so they can be returned if lost.

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 year of learning at Palmerston Primary School.

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Year 2 team