INDOOR PLANTS
REVISION SLIDES
Calathea

• Commonly called Peacock Plant, Zebras plant or Prayer plant as the leaves fold up when drying up lying praying hands

• It's in the Marantaceae family which has rhizome roots full of starch and are known as arrowroot and consumed for food

• It comes from Africa, Australasia and the Caribbean

• There are nearly 300 different species

• They can tolerate low light and have very colourful foliage
Ficus benjamina

- Common name is Weeping fig because the ends of the large branches hang down
- It's in the Moraceae family the same as all the figs
- It is a great indoor plant in medium to highlight but like most figs has to be gradually adjusted to different light levels otherwise you will get leaf drop
- It grows very large if in the ground up to 25m wide and high in about 30-40 years so it needs plenty of room outside and has aggressive roots
- It is native to Australia mainly in the tropical north
Howea forsteriana

- Common name is Kentia Palm and its native to Lord Howe Island off the East Coast of Australia.
- Grows to 15m tall in the soil but makes a great indoor palm tolerating medium to low light.
- It's in the Arecaceae family and has a beautiful green trunk with cream ring markings and pendulous fronds.
- It's grown by seed and was named by a father and son team of botanists on Captain Cook's ship.
Chamaedorea elegans

- Common names are Parlour Palm or Neatha Bella Palm
- Native to Southern Mexico and Guatemala and has rhizome roots and can produce multiple stems
- Generally as an indoor plant it grows to about 1-1.5m but outside in a shaded spot it can get to 5m tall
- The leaves are mid to light green and each stem produces about 6-7 fronds
- It gets light yellow to orange colour flowers with a slight fragrance and grows by seed
- Its in the Arecaceae family