

## NGARU SYNDICATE YEAR 3 & 4

### Term 1, 2021

School Vision: PBS Learners will be collaborative, creative and critical thinkers capable of engaging confidently and respectfully in their community.



Embrace our Education ~ Empower our Cultural Confidence ~ Enhance our Future

## FROM THE SYNDICATE

Happy New Year! A warm welcome to new and returning students and families. We trust you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, and are ready for a busy term ahead. This year Ngaru syndicate consists of 6 Year 3 & 4 composite classrooms. We have two more great teachers joining our teaching team - Teresa Robertson and Vicki Howarth. Teresa has been teaching at PBS for a number of years most recently in Te Motu Syndicate. Vicki has also moved syndicates after teaching Year 2 for the last four years. They are both excited to be part of the Ngaru Team.



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We have some exciting things planned for the year. We aim to keep you informed with what's happening through termly programme updates, through the school newsletter, website, Facebook page, SeeSaw or via e-mails and phone calls.

## TERM DATES

### 2021 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 1 - Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 April (11 weeks)  
Term 2 - Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July (10 weeks)  
Term 3 - Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct (10 weeks)  
Term 4 - Mon 18 Oct - Wed 15 Dec (9 weeks)



Here are some dates for your calendar:

Wed 24 Feb - Meet the Teacher 2pm - 8pm

Fri 5 March: School Picnic & Fun Run



## SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are a part of our programme where students celebrate their achievements and share work they are proud of. We are also teaching the children how to be a positive member of an audience, how to be an effective presenter and participant in an assembly. Assemblies will be held every second Friday afternoon and you are welcome to join us.



### Term 1 Syndicate Assembly dates

Friday 12 February 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 26 February 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 12 March 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 26 March 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 9 April 2:10-2:45pm in the hall

## PARENT HELP

Thank you to the parents who have extended offers of help. We aim to offer dynamic and varied programmes for your children, and this would not be as easily achieved without the support and assistance of willing parents. If you are able to offer help, please make this known to your child's teacher.

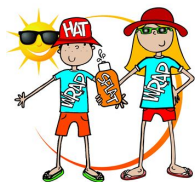
## SCHOOL MEETING DAYS



Should you wish to see your child's teacher, please be aware that staff meetings are held at 3:15 pm on Monday & Wednesday.

## SUNHATS

Hats with a full brim are compulsory throughout Term 1 and 4. Bucket hats or full brimmed hats offer best protection for your child and are compliant with our school sun safety policy. Please ensure that hats are named.



Children without a hat must remain in shaded areas. This is an important part of learning during Term 1 and we want to encourage and promote correct sun safety practices. As the children are out in the sun at least twice a day putting sunblock on in the morning is a wise precaution. Children may bring their own sunblock to keep in their bags for personal use at school.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

When we go on a trip or if an event is happening at school, your child will bring home a note. Permission or any costs for trips can be paid for through our online Kindo programme. Another way is by placing all money and/or permission slips in an envelope with your child's name, room number and what it is for, then it can be placed in the money box outside the staffroom before 9.00 am on the day before the trip/event at the latest.

## OUR LIBRARY DAYS

We are so fortunate at PBS to have an amazing school library. Our library days are:

Room 5 - Friday  
Room 6 - Thursday  
Room 9 - Thursday  
Room 10 - Thursday  
Room 11 - Tuesday  
Room 12 - Thursday



## SWIMMING DAYS

We are so lucky to have a fantastic pool to practise our water confidence. Each class has different swimming days:

Room 5 - Monday and Thursday  
Room 6 - Monday and Thursday  
Room 9 - Wednesday and Friday  
Room 10 - Thursday and Friday  
Room 11 - Monday and Thursday  
Room 12 - Thursday and Friday

## LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Learning Through Play is an activity-based programme which provides students opportunities to explore, create and problem solve, in a fun, student-directed, authentic context. Learning Through Play is another way children can also develop their oral language skills by practising their conversation and negotiation skills as well as our school CREST values. Ngaru will have Learning Through Play sessions on Wednesdays.

## HOME LEARNING

In Ngaru Syndicate we have weekly home learning which will begin in Week 4 (week starting 22nd February).

Home learning books will come home on a Monday and be returned to school on a Friday.

There are three parts to our home learning programme: reading, spelling and maths.

We encourage your young learner to read every day, either with a book provided by the teacher, a library book or another book from home.

Children will have spelling words to learn over the week. They will then have a spelling quiz.

Maths will be online using IXL. Passwords will be in the front of your child's home learning book.



## PBS VALUES

Our values at PBS are the foundations to positive behaviour and developing life skills.

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Curiosity  
Respect  
Excellence  
Self-management  
Teamwork

We have defined what these values mean to us at PBS.

<b>C</b> uriosity Pātaitai	<b>R</b> espect Manākitanga	<b>E</b> xcellence Hiranga	<b>S</b> elf-management Rangatira	<b>T</b> eamwork Mahi Tahi
We are curious, innovative and active learners. We are engaged in the world around us and reflect honestly on our work, actions and decisions.	We show respect for ourselves, others and the environment. As kaitiaki of our world we are caring, tolerant and kind.	We show excellence by doing our best and achieving goals. We aim high, persevere and are learning to be resilient.	We are self-managing citizens. We take responsibility for our learning, behaviour and well-being.	We work together through positive relationships. We participate, contribute and communicate as collaborative, co-operative team members.

Throughout the year we will be exploring what our school values mean in our classroom and with our peers. This will be part of developing a positive learning environment, 'being the best me I can be' and becoming a great citizen in our world.

# OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR TERM ONE

## MATHEMATICS

**Number Knowledge:** Know the forward and backward counting sequences with whole numbers to at least 1000. Know how many ones, tens, and hundreds are in whole numbers to at least 1000.

**Measurement - Length and Weight:** Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure length and weight.



## ENGLISH

Speaking, Writing and Presenting

Purposes and Audiences:

Show some understanding of how to shape texts for different purposes and audiences.

Class Reading Programmes

Class Oral Language Programmes

## SCHOOLWIDE INQUIRY TOPIC - CHANGES

How and why do things change?

Links to Science, Health & PE, Social Sciences, Technology and English.

The students will be working through the inquiry process of:

- Tuning in
- Finding out
- Sorting
- Reflecting
- Taking action



## THE ARTS

Music - Singing

Visual Art - Painting and Drawing



## LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI

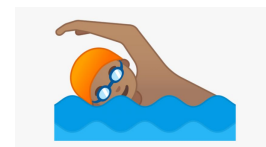
*Greetings, days of the week, personal introductions.*



*Ko Au—All about Me—Whānau and Whakapapa*

## PE AND HEALTH

Aquatics: Swimming



Playground Games

Fitness