

# YEAR 3 & 4

## NGARU SYNDICATE TERM 3 UPDATE

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



### FROM THE SYNDICATE

Kia ora whānau - Welcome to Term 3. A big welcome to new families to PBS and Ngaru Syndicate. We also welcome Mrs Busing and Mrs Gilman back to Ngaru. They will be teaching in Room 12 for the rest of the year.

Below are our teacher email contacts. If you have any feedback or concerns please get in touch with your classroom teacher in the first instance or Vicki Howarth, Ngaru Team Leader. We are a friendly and approachable team so if you have any queries or feedback please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our aim is to keep you informed with what's happening through the school newsletter, website, Facebook page, SeeSaw or via e-mails and phone calls.



Ngaru Syndicate class contacts:

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Room 12 Mrs Busing and Mrs Gilman [room12teachers@pbs.school.nz](mailto:room12teachers@pbs.school.nz)

In this update are details of the programmes we will be running in Ngaru Syndicate this term.

### TERM DATES

Term 3 - Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct (10 weeks)

Term 4 - Mon 18 Oct - Wed 15 Dec (9 weeks)



Special days this term:

Week 2 - Parent Conferences (Wed, 4 August)

Week 3 - NZ Maths Week (starting 9 August)

Week 8 - Māori Language Week/PBS Book Week  
(starting 13 September)

### CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

As we are now in the middle of winter months please ensure that your child is clothed appropriately. We encourage students to play outside during winter, therefore, they will need a warm coat or jacket at school everyday. It is also good for students to have footwear that they can run and play sports in. They can bring slippers to wear inside if they wish.

Please make sure your child always has a change of clothes in their bag 'just in case.' Whether they be playing in the sand/water in our newly transformed sandpit, or if they have a slip on the field. This will make it easy for them to get changed quickly if they have spare clothes tucked away.



## SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

We love to celebrate student achievements and share our learning at our Syndicate Assemblies. Assemblies are held every second Friday afternoon and you are very welcome to join us.



### Term 3 Syndicate Assembly dates:

Friday 6 August 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 20 August 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 3 September 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 17 September 2:10-2:45pm in the hall  
Friday 1 October 2:10-2:45pm in the hall

Please note assemblies may be altered or cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances, please watch out for notices.

## 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 school meetings are held at 3:15 pm on Monday & Wednesday.

## HOME LEARNING

Each week we continue with home learning. Students' books will come home on Monday and need to be returned to school each Friday.

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

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

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

## 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 - Wednesday  
Room 12 - Thursday



## 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

## 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 fortnightly on a Friday afternoon.

# OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR TERM THREE

## MATHEMATICS

**Number Knowledge:** Know, recall and use basic facts/multiplication/division. Know simple fractions in everyday use. Communicate and interpret simple strategies, using words, diagrams (pictures), and symbols to solve problems.

**Geometry: Shape** - Sort objects by their spatial features with justification. Identify and describe the plane shapes found in objects.



## ENGLISH

Speaking, Writing and Presenting

Reading and writing for a purpose and audience.

Students will show some understanding of how to shape texts for different purposes and audiences.

Class Reading Programmes

Class Phonics and Oral Language Programmes

## SCHOOLWIDE INQUIRY TOPIC

### *What is Your Superpower?*

This term our inquiry focuses on what we can do to make a difference in the world we live in.

We will discover how we can live in sustainable ways.

This could incorporate the following:

- The impact of how we behave
- Saving our planet
- Cultural sustainability

The students will be working through our PBS inquiry process which is:

- Tuning in
- Finding out
- Sorting out
- Going Further
- Reflection and Action



## THE ARTS

Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Art



## LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI



*Kapa Haka  
Te Reo used in everyday life.  
Pepeha  
Maori Language Week*

## PE AND HEALTH

Movement – Pathways and Flight  
Body and spatial awareness, springing and safe landing, moving.

Skipping