

YEAR 3 & 4

NGARU SYNDICATE TERM 4 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 - Wow - can you believe it is Term 4 already? The students of Ngaru have had a great start back to school.

All our teachers are ready to go! We welcome you to get in touch anytime. Below are our 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 endeavour to keep you connected with what's happening in and around Ngaru Syndicate through the school newsletter and website, class SeeSaw or via emails or phone calls.



Ngaru Syndicate class contacts:

Room 5 Mrs Purdie & Mrs Jackson room5teachers@pbs.school.nz

Room 6 Mrs Siversen ksiversen@pbs.school.nz

Room 9 Mr McCormick jmccormick@pbs.school.nz

Room 10 Mrs Howarth vhowarth@pbs.school.nz (Team Leader)

Room 11 Mrs Robertson trobertson@pbs.school.nz

Room 12 Mrs Busing and Mrs Gilman room12teachers@pbs.school.nz

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

TERM DATES

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



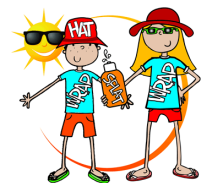
Special days this term:

- Monday, 25th October - Labour Day
- Thursday, 11 November - Beach and Estuary Clean Up (PPD 18 November)

SUNHATS

As it is now Term 4 and we are heading into the summer months and we want our kids to be sunsmart, hats with a full brim are compulsory. Bucket hats or full brimmed hats offer best protection for your child and are compliant with our school sun safety policy. Please ensure your child's hat is named.

Children without a hat must remain in shaded areas. This is an important part of learning 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.



THE GREAT BIG BEACH AND ESTUARY CLEAN UP

On Thursday, 11 November Ngaru Syndicate are undertaking a big beach and estuary clean up.

Rooms 5, 6, 9 and 10 are heading to the beach.

Rooms 11 and 12 are heading to Waikanae Estuary.

For both these trips we need your help. Please watch for the newsletter soon, and mark your diary.

If the weather is foul, our postponement date is Thursday 18th November.

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.

END OF YEAR ART CELEBRATION



During Term 4, Ngaru Syndicate are preparing fabulous art to share at the end of the term.

A date is yet to be set, so watch out for this news shortly.

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 FOUR

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, because of the Term 3 lockdown, we are extending our inquiry into Term 4. Students will continue to learn about how they can make a difference in the world we live in.

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

This term we are having a Ngaru Visual Arts Extravaganza! Over the term each class will create amazing art pieces to share with whanau at the end of the term.

LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI



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

PE AND HEALTH

Athletics - Students will practise their athletic skills, covering running, jumping and throwing.

Fitness