

Te Motu Term 4 Update 2021

From the Syndicate

Hold on tight people, this is going to be a whirlwind of a term! The next 8 and a half weeks are packed full of activities and events for the students to get involved in, not to mention the amount of learning we need to squeeze in. Hopefully this will give you all a bit of a heads up and help you keep on track of what is going on.

It will be an especially big term for our Year 8s who will have mixed feelings about heading off to college next year. Often Year 8s come to school in Term 4 with the attitude that they are already at college. We hope that you will support us by reminding your Year 8 that they are still at PBS and there is still lots to learn and do before their college days start. There is of course the Year 8 Leavers Dinner for them to look forward to as well. More details below.

Please remind all students that this is a summer term. They all need to wear brimmed hats and please ensure they apply sunscreen in the mornings and preferably have a supply they can use to reapply again at school.

Dates for your Diary

NB - More details about specific events will be sent out closer to the time to students/families involved

Week 1: 18-22 Oct

Mon 18 Oct - Term 4 starts

Week 2: 25-29 Oct

Mon 25 Oct - Labour Day

Wed 27 Oct- Mayor Gurunathan speaking to Years 5-8 10am

Thurs 28 Oct - NZ Shakeout

Week 3: 1-5 Nov

Tuesday Nov 2nd - Te Motu Golf at PBGC

Wed 3 Nov - Te Motu Athletics Day

Wed 3 Nov - Kapiti College Open Day for students attending KC 2022

Fri 5 Nov - Tabloid Sports at Paraparaumu College 10-12pm (only if Level 1)

Week 4: 8-12 Nov

Tues 9th - Postponement Te Motu Athletics on the field all day

Wed 10 Nov- Possible guest speaker- Founder of Huha 10am

Week 5: 15-19 Nov

Wed 17th Nov - Walking to Mazengarb park (Tsunami Practice)

Wed 17th November - Interschool Athletics

Week 6: 22-26 Nov

Thurs 25th Nov - PC Amazing Race 12.45 - 2.45pm

Week 7: 29 Nov-3 Dec

Thursday 2nd Dec - Takiri o te ata Kapa Haka Hui - All day

Week 8: 6-10 Dec

Tuesday 7th December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner 6pm

Week 9: 13-15 Dec

Mon 13th Dec - Te Motu Fun Day

Wed 15 Dec - Prize Giving & Last day of school year Finish at 12.30pm

Literacy Programme

All classes will run daily reading, spelling, grammar, creative and expressive writing, and oral language programmes, continuing to develop skills learnt in previous years but with the focus on developing student's independence in literacy.

This term the syndicate will focus on persuasive language where we will look at how to get people to look at our points of view and will lead into learning the skills of debating. We do apologise for encouraging your young preteen to argue and hope that you are not exposed to too much practice! We will be holding an interclass debating competition which will lead into our Debate Cup Final.

Maths

This term we will cover - (Classroom Planning to cover all objectives – timing varies according to student need.)

NUMBER KNOWLEDGE & STRATEGIES: Know the relative size & place value structure of positive & negative integers & decimals to three places

GEOMETRY: Shape - Identify classes of two & three dimensional shapes by their geometric properties. Relate three-dimensional models to two-dimensional representations, vice versa.

Position & Location - Communicate & interpret locations & directions, using compass directions, distance, & grid references.

Most classes will also be continuing their Personalised Learning Programmes and will spend a lot of time revising maths concepts learnt throughout the year.

Inquiry - Term 3's school wide focus is "What is your Superpower?"
This will continue through Term 4 as we were unable to complete this due to Lockdown

After creating our own Super heroes with special super powers each student will take a more serious look at what their actual super power is. If they could make a difference to anything they wanted to, what would they do, how could they do this and what difference they could make?

Through this Inquiry, we hope the students will realise that what they do has impact and that they CAN make a difference to something they are passionate about.

Physical Education

Fitness programmes developed in Term 1 will continue throughout this term encouraging students to strive towards their own goals and targets and make adjustments to these targets and activities to ensure students are continuously improving their fitness .

This term we will focus on athletics in preparation for our own syndicate Athletics Day from which we will select representatives to compete at Interschool Athletics. Our Syndicate Athletics Day will be on Wednesday 3rd November with events starting just after 9am till Lunchtime. The afternoon will be Class relay events. You are more than welcome to pop along and cheer on your favourite athlete.

We will also use summer sports to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship and inclusiveness, and hopefully some fun in the sunshine!

The Arts and Languages

Te Reo - Turangawaewae Projects and the online Toku Reo and Education Perfect programmes will continue throughout the year with a big focus on using everyday phrases and instructions as much as possible.

Visual Art , Dance and Music - Will all be linked into our Inquiries.

Students have all been invited to put together a portfolio of art or writing for the Writer's and Art Cups so please encourage your child to do this if they have particular strengths in either of these areas. They will need to submit 3 unnamed pieces of different genres for each Cup by November 6th.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

This is a special occasion that we hold every year to thank our Year 8 students for bringing so much to PBS and wish them well on their journey ahead. Students are asked to wear tidy

dress for this occasion. It is important that they wear something smart but sensible. A wee reminder to the girls especially, it is not a College Ball or for that matter, a wedding - please dress sensibly!

If you have any problems with finding something to wear, please get in touch with your classroom teacher as we will most likely be able to help.

More details about times etc will be sent home closer to the time but it is definitely on Tuesday 7th December and will start promptly at 6pm. There is no charge for students to attend this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any queries about your child or things that are happening around the school.

Before you know it, it will be Christmas and time for a well-deserved break.

Here's to a great term.

Nga mihi nui from the Te Motu Team, Cath, Alice, Colin, Larisa, Gill and Caty

