

NGARU SYNDICATE YEAR 3 & 4 Term 1, 2022

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 5 Year 3 & 4 composite classrooms. A big welcome to Mrs Jalah Davis to our teaching team. We are very lucky to have Jalah joining us this year in Room 11. She has been teaching at PBS for a number of years, most recently in Tātahi Syndicate.



2022 Ngaru Syndicate class contacts:

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Room 10 Mrs Howarth vhowarth@pbs.school.nz (Team Leader)
Room 11 Mrs Davis jdavis@pbs.school.nz

This year starts differently to any other that we have experienced because of the red alert level setting. We will do our best to keep everyone safe and things as normal as possible for all our learners. Despite this Ngaru has some exciting learning planned for the year. We aim to keep you informed with what's happening through our termly updates, the school newsletter, school website and Facebook page, SeeSaw or via e-mails and phone calls. Remember you can contact us via email.

TERM DATES

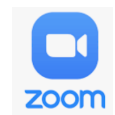
2022 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 1 - Wed 2 Feb - Fri 15 April (11 weeks)
Term 2 - Mon 2 May - Fri 8 July (11 weeks)
Term 3 - Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept (10 weeks)
Term 4 - Mon 17 Oct - Thurs 15 Dec (10 weeks)



MEET THE TEACHER PARENT INTERVIEWS

This term 'parent interviews' will not be held face to face. Instead, we will email you during the next three weeks to set up another form of interview.



SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

As we are currently at Red Setting, Syndicate Assemblies will not occur this term until the alert level changes.

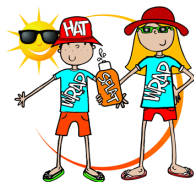


LUNCHES

Please make sure your child comes to school with a healthy lunch to sustain them throughout the day. We stop for a 'fruit-break' each day at 10.00am. Please leave treats such as sweets, chocolate and jelly for home. PBS is a water only school. We are also an Enviroschool, therefore we ask that children come to school with as few wrappers as possible. Thanks for your support with this.

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 practises. 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.



CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

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

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



SWIMMING DAYS

Our school pool is open for classes to use. During our sessions students work on improving their water confidence. Class swimming days are as follows:

- Room 5 - Monday and Thursday
- Room 6 - Monday and Thursday
- Room 9 - Wednesday and Friday
- Room 10 - Thursday and Friday
- Room 11 - 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 classes will have Learning Through Play sessions within their own class bubbles until the covid alert level changes.

HOME LEARNING

In Ngaru Syndicate we have weekly home learning which will begin in Week 3 (week starting 15th February).

Home learning notebooks 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 you to read with your young learner 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 and have a quiz at the end of the week.

Studyladder is an online platform that children can use to help develop their maths knowledge and skills.

Children's passwords will be in the front of your child's home learning notebook book.



PBS VALUES

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

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

C uriosity Pātaitai	R espect Manākitanga	E xcellence Hiranga	S elf-management Rangatira	T 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.

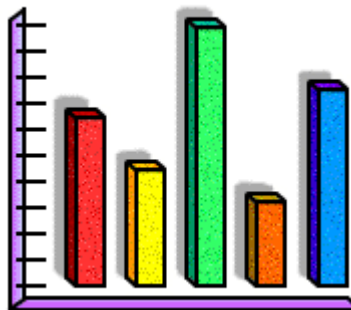
OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR TERM ONE

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.

Statistics - Ask questions, collect data and create graphs.

Measurement - Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure area, volume and capacity.



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 - RESPONSIBILITIES

What are responsibilities?
How can we be responsible for ourselves?

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

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