

Te Motu Term 3 Update 2022

From the Syndicate

One day it's bitterly cold, the next day it's raining and then the next day the sun is trying to peek out from behind the grey clouds! Welcome to Term 3! We have a busy term ahead with lots of cool stuff to do and learn. All of our students are doing really well with wearing their masks indoors which is definitely making a huge difference to the number of students away with illness. We are also encouraging and reminding students to sanitise or wash their hands regularly. Fingers crossed for a safe and healthy term.

Dates for your Diary

Week 3

NZ Maths Week: 8-12 August

Mon 8 August - Year 7 Boostrix Immunisations

Wednesday 10 August - Paraparaumu College Language teachers working with Te Motu students 1.30 -3pm. All students will be introduced to French, Spanish, Te Reo and Japanese which are all languages offered at Paraparaumu College.

Friday - Waiata Māori with Matenga

Week 4

Term 3 Monday 15 August, Tues 16, Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 August School Photos

Friday - Waiata Māori with Matenga

Week 5

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Week 8

Māori Language Week: 12-18 Sept

Week 9

Wednesday 21 Sept - Winter Tournament

Friday 25 September - Te Motu Speech Cup Final (time TBC)

Week 10

PBS Book Week

Friday 30 September- Whole School Assembly - plus Book Week Parade

Later in the year

1st Dec Thursday - Te Takiri o te Ata - Kapiti School's Kapa Haka Hui

6th Dec - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

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. All class Literacy programmes will be supported by Education Perfect which is a NZ based online educational provider that Te Motu syndicate use throughout our programme.

This term we will also be holding our annual Speech Cup. At PBS we feel it is very important for everyone to have the ability to speak confidently in front of others so we provide a lot of opportunities for all students to give this a go and what better place to do this with your peers and people you know. Please encourage your child to practice their speech to help them be prepared to deliver their speech to their class. The Speech Cup Final will be held on Friday 25th September in the school hall. We will confirm a time closer to this date.

Maths

Through mathematical inquiry, students develop the ability to think creatively, critically, strategically and logically. They learn to structure and to organise, to carry out procedures flexibly and accurately, to process and communicate information, and to enjoy the intellectual challenge.

This term we will cover -

Number Knowledge

Expressions: Form & solve simple linear equations.

Patterns & Relationships: Generalise properties of multiplication & division with whole numbers. Use graphs tables & rules to describe linear relationships found in number & spatial patterns.

GEOMETRY: Transformation: Use the invariant properties of figures & objects under transformations (reflection, rotation, translation or enlargement).

STATISTICS: Probability: Use simple fractions & percentages to describe probabilities.

Investigate situations that involve elements of chance by comparing experimental distributions with expectations from models of the possible outcomes, acknowledging variation & independence

Problem Solving and Logic: Otago Problem Solving Challenges, Number Talks and other rich learning tasks

Physical Education

The annual Interschool Winter Tournament is on in Week 9 so this will dominate our PE programmes this term. All students have selected a Winter Sport to play in the tournament and each week we will gather together in our teams to practice skills and drills, and build our teammanship. All students will be involved in the tournament, some teams will be playing at a competitive level against other schools whilst others will join in and play other schools for the fun of it. Your child will know what sport and team they are in, and equipment/gear they will need. There will be no need to purchase any gear as we will ask around and borrow what we can off others, however, if your child is playing hockey or rugby, they will need a mouthguard to use for training and when playing the games.

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 greetings and instructions as much as possible.

Visual Art - Each class will have their own genre for Calendar Art, and Photography which will focus on learning some tips and tricks for taking good photos and having some fun with forced perspective.

Dance and Music - Movement and Dance will be taught through SWAT.

Health

As per the email sent out last week, this term we will be working on the Health unit – Changes in Puberty. This unit of work will provide students with the knowledge, understandings and skills to develop positive attitudes towards the changes that they will experience during puberty, or perhaps are already experiencing. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Growth Mindset

This year we are encouraging our students to focus on how they are learning and to recognise when they are working in their comfort zone rather than pushing themselves into their performance zone by raising the bar of achievement. By doing this, they are being active learners.

Inquiry

This term's school wide focus Technology. We will look at how our lives are impacted by inventions, and how inventions and technology effect the way we live. We will spend some time looking at how things have changed over time and why these changes have been made, whether the changes have been beneficial and whether more changes would make things better. We will work towards making our own innovations for something that we feel passionate about.

SWAT TIME

In Te Motu we will be running SWAT Time from week 5 of this term. This is where students will Study With Another Teacher! We operate on the college model, with classes moving from teacher to teacher to be introduced to and taught different subjects. This is an important introduction to what students will meet in college, and also allows the teachers in the syndicate to utilise their own individual strengths, resulting in intensive but very rewarding programmes. This term SWAT topics are Science, Dance, Photography, Coding, Problem Solving, and French.

Nga mihi

From the Te Motu Team - Cath, Colin, Teresa, Alice, Caty and Larisa.