

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. We hope you have had a chance to see our amazing signs of welcome on the Gray Avenue entrance.



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, 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 Davis jdavis@pbs.school.nz

TERM DATES

Term 4 - Mon 17 Oct - Thurs 15 Dec (9 weeks)



Special days this term:

- Monday, 24 Oct - Labour Day
- Thursday, 27 Oct - The Great NZ Shake Out
- Tues, 15 Nov - Innovation Day
- Thursday, 24 Nov - Ngaru Athletics
- Friday, 2 Dec - Year 3/4 Lunchtime Disco

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. 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.



SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

We love to celebrate student achievements and share our learning at our Syndicate Assemblies. You are very welcome to join us.



Assemblies are held every fortnight. This term assembly days may vary. We will confirm dates closer to the time.

Term 4 Syndicate Assembly dates:

- Friday, 21st October
- Friday, 4 November
- Tuesday, 15 November TBC
- Friday, 2 December
- Wednesday, 14 December TBC

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. If you are able to help, please make this known to your child's teacher. 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.

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' notebooks will come home on Monday and need to be returned to school each Friday.

There are two parts to our home learning programme: reading and spelling.

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



OUR LIBRARY DAYS

Everyone loves going to our library. PBS has an amazing library with books to 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 - Friday



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.

Number/Algebra: Patterns, continuing patterns and finding rules.

Statistics: Probability - Investigate simple situations that involve elements of chance, recognizing equal and different likelihoods.



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, Structured Literacy and Oral Language Programmes

Class Spelling Programmes



SCHOOLWIDE INQUIRY TOPIC THE POWER OF INVENTION

This term our inquiry focus continues around the concept of technology and inventions. Students will explore what leads people to become 'inventors' and how our lives are impacted by invention. Curiosity is the driving force behind invention and that anyone can be an inventor!

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

- Tuning in
- Finding out
- Sorting out
- Going Further



THE ARTS

Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Art



LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI



*Waiata Maori
Te Reo used in everyday life.*

PE AND HEALTH

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

Fitness