

NGARU SYNDICATE YEAR 3 & 4

TERM 1, 2023

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 all our 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 five Year 3 & 4 composite classrooms.

We have a new teacher in our syndicate - A big welcome to Miss Rebekah (Bek) Sutherland (Mrs Winter has gone back to her maiden name). We are very lucky to have Bek joining us this year in Room 12. She has been teaching at PBS for a number of years, most recently in Te Moana Syndicate.



2022 Ngaru Syndicate class contacts:

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Room 10 Mrs Howarth yhowarth@pbs.school.nz (Team Leader)
Room 11 Mrs Davis jdavis@pbs.school.nz
Room 12 Miss Sutherland rsutherland@pbs.school.nz

Our syndicate has exciting learning planned for the year. We can't wait to get started. One of our goals is to keep all our whanau informed with what's happening in Ngaru Syndicate. At the beginning of each term we will send home our syndicate newsletter to give you an overview of what is coming up in the term ahead. This will also be available on our school website. Teachers will also use Seesaw, Spotlight Blog, emails or phones calls to keep you up to date with any other classroom events.

TERM DATES

2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 1 - Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April = 10 weeks

Term 2 - Wed 26 April - Fri 30 June = 10 weeks

Term 3 - Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept = 10 weeks

Term 4 - Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec = 10 weeks



SUNHATS

It is summer! All children need to have their hats on. Hats with 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.



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.. 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. School lunches are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders can be made online via your kindo account.

NGARU SYNDICATE ASSEMBLY

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.



Term 1 Syndicate Assembly dates:

Week 2 - Friday 11 Feb Host: Room 6

Week 4 - Friday 24 February Host: Room 10

Week 6 - Friday 10 March Host: Rm 11

Week 8 - Friday 24 March Host: Room 12

Please note assemblies may be altered or cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances, please watch out for notices.



We are so fortunate at PBS to have an amazing school library. Each student is allowed to issue two books each week. Super exciting!
Ngaru library days are:

Room 5 - Thursday

Room 6 - Thursday

Room 10 - Thursday

Room 11 - Friday

Room 12 - 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 - Tuesday and Friday

Room 6 - Tuesday and Friday

Room 10 - Wednesday and Thursday

Room 11 - Monday and Wednesday

Room 12 - Monday and Thursday

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 every fortnight on a Friday afternoon..

HOME LEARNING

In Ngaru Syndicate we have weekly home learning which will begin in Week 3 (week starting 13th February).

Home learning notebooks will come home on a Monday. These notebooks can go back and forth between home and school each day in children's book bags.

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

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. These words will either come from your child's writing, or from our spelling programme. On a Friday each class has a spelling quiz so notebooks need to be at school every Friday please. Your help with this is very much appreciated.



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 Tahī
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. 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. Children are encouraged to display these values and can earn a CREST card - something they can be very proud of. Each CREST card earns points for the whanau house.

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. Using simple additive strategies using whole numbers.



Measurement - Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure length.

Geometry - All different shapes and sizes - 2D and 3D shapes.

ENGLISH

Classroom Reading Programmes including Structured Literacy aimed at your child's needs and knowledge

Reading is for Everyone!



Oral Language Experiences and News to expand knowledge of words

Writing Programmes - daily writing experiences to share ideas, stories, lists, letters and facts. Handwriting to practise letter formation

Classroom Spelling Programmes

SCHOOLWIDE INQUIRY TOPIC -

All About Me!

Links to Health & PE, Social Sciences, Technology and English.

Our students will be working through the inquiry process of:

- *Tuning in*
- *Finding out*
- *Sorting*
- *Reflecting*
- *Taking action*



THE ARTS

Visual Art - Painting and Drawing



Singing and Kapa Haka

LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI

Greetings, days of the week, personal introductions.

Kapa Haka



*Ko Au — All about Me —
Whānau and Whakapapa*

PE AND HEALTH

Swimming



Playground Games and Fitness