

YEAR 3 & 4 NGARU SYNDICATE

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2023

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 - Welcome to Term 2. We hope you had a great holiday and are ready for another great term at PBS.



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In this update are details of the programmes we will be running in Ngaru Syndicate during Term 2. We are a friendly and approachable team so if you have any queries or feedback please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our aim is to keep you informed with what's happening through the school newsletter, Facebook page, SeeSaw or via e-mails and phone calls.

TERM DATES

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



Thursday, 4 May - Parent Evening - Kids Online

Fri 5 May 9.15am Welcome back Assembly

Thursday, 25 May - Junior Cross Country (Y1-4)
(postponement day Monday, 29 May)

Monday, 5 June - King's Birthday Monday

Wednesday, 21 June - Student Learning
Conferences

Tuesday, 27 June - PBS Matariki Celebration

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

As we enter the winter months please ensure that your child is clothed appropriately. We encourage students to play outside during winter, therefore, they will need a warm coat or jacket at school everyday. Children need to wear footwear that they can run and play sport in. They can bring slippers to wear inside if they wish.



Please make sure your child always has a change of clothes in their bag 'just in case,' whether they play in the sandpit, or if they have a slip on the field. This will make it easy for them to get changed quickly if they have spare clothes tucked away.

SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are a part of our programme where students celebrate their achievements and share work they are proud of. We are also teaching the children how to be a positive member of an audience, how to be an effective presenter and participant in an assembly. Assemblies will be held every second Friday afternoon and you are very welcome to join us.



Term 2 Syndicate Assembly dates

- Friday 5 May 2:10-2:45pm in the hall
- Friday 19 May 2:10-2:45pm in the hall
- Friday 2 June 2:10-2:45pm in the hall
- Friday 16 June 2:10-2:45pm in the hall
- Friday 30 June 2:10-2:45pm in the hall

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

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.



This term home learning is changing to be consistent with the rest of our school. The learning focus at home is reading. Spelling will continue in class. We encourage your young learner to read every day at home, either with a book provided by the teacher, a library book or another book from home. Book titles can be written in your child's reading log and initialed, by a parent, once read. Children's home learning notebooks will come home on a Monday and need to be returned to school each day in their book bag.

CELEBRATING MATARIKI



Matariki

Later in Term 2 we will begin working towards NZ's own special celebration of Matariki. Ngaru will explore myths and legends, language, as well as participate in the arts - Kapa Haka, waiata, and visual art.

This term our Matariki celebration will be held on Tuesday, 27 June.

OUR LIBRARY DAYS

We all love to visit our amazing library. Ngaru class library days are:

- Room 5 - Thursday
- Room 6 - Thursday
- Room 10- Thursday
- Room 11 - Friday
- Room 12 - 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.

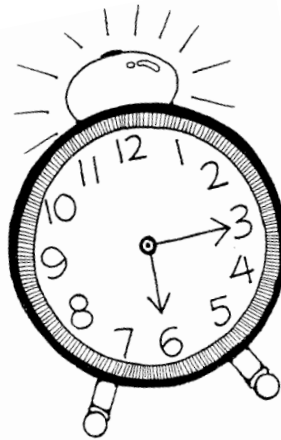
Ngaru will have Learning Through Play sessions fortnightly on a Friday afternoon.

OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR TERM TWO

MATHEMATICS

Number Knowledge: Know, recall and use **basic facts**. Know simple **fractions** in everyday use. Communicate and interpret simple strategies, using words, diagrams (pictures), and symbols to solve problems.

Measurement - Time and Temperature: Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure time and temperature.



ENGLISH

Our literacy focus over the term is reading, speaking, writing for a purpose and audience, as well as different ways to present ideas.

Students will show some understanding of how to shape texts for different purposes and audiences.

Class Reading Programmes, including structured literacy and developing a love of reading and enjoyment of books.

Class Spelling, and Oral Language Programmes

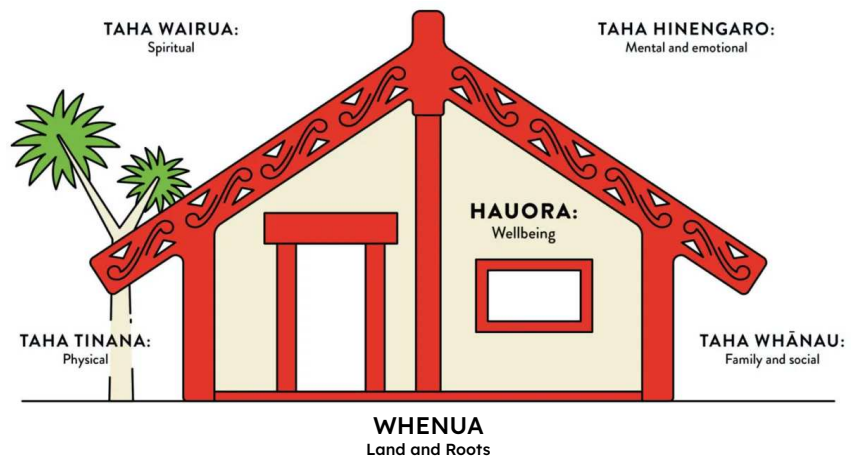
SCHOOLWIDE INQUIRY TOPIC - LIVING OUR BEST LIFE WELLNESS

This term our inquiry focus continues, on Living our Best Life and learning about how to support personal wellness, using the Te Whare Tapa Whā model.

The students will be working through the inquiry process of:

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

TE WHARE TAPA WHA MODEL



Te whare tapa whā is a model of the 4 dimensions of wellbeing. With 4 walls, the whareniui (meeting house) is a symbol of these 4 dimensions. The whareniui's connection with the whenua (land) forms the foundation for the other 4 dimensions. By nurturing and strengthening all 5 dimensions, you support your health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of your whānau.

THE ARTS

Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Art



LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI



*Kapa Haka
Pepeha
Te Reo used in everyday life
Matariki
Legends*

PE AND HEALTH

Endurance: Cross Country



Fitness