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Te Motu Term 3 Update 2023

Kia ora koutou

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 gray clouds! Welcome to Term 3! We have a busy term ahead with lots of cool stuff to do and learn.

Dates for your Diary

TERM 3

DENTAL VAN is here for Term 3

Week 2:

Tue 25 - Girl's Football Day

Wed 26 - SWAT

Thursday 27 - Winter Tournament Training

Fri 28 July - Hot dog Friday

Fri 28 July - Little Heart Day

- Tech instead of Thursday this week

Week 3

Tues 1 Aug - Winter Tournament Training 1.30-3pm

Wed 2nd - SWAT

Week 4:

Tues 8 - Winter Tournament Training 1.30-3pm

Wed 9 - SWAT

Week 5:

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th August - Class Photos & Portraits (Year 1-2, Rm 16) & Sports Teams

Tues 15 - Winter Tournament Training 1.30-3pm

Wed 16 - SWAT

Week 6:

Tues 22 - Winter Tournament Training 1.30-3pm

Wed 23 - SWAT

Week 7:

Tues 29 - Senior Winter Tournament 9am -3pm

- Dance NZ Made for Year 7 & 8 Dance Group

Wed 30 - pp Senior Winter Tournament 9am -3pm

Thurs - Friday - Year 7 & 8 Epro8 Internal Event

Week 8:

Tues 5 Sept - Te Motu Diagnostic Swim Testing 11am -1pm

Week 9:

Mon 11 - Te Motu Targeted Swim Group 11-12.30

Tues 12 - Te Motu Targeted Swim Group 11-12.30

- Kapiti College Options Day for Year 8s going to KC in 2024

Week 10:

PBS Book and Library Week

Mon 18 - Whole school assembly- Te Moana hosting

- Te Motu Targeted Swim Group 11-12.30

Tues 19 - Te Motu Targeted Swim Group 11-12.30

Literacy Programme

Although much of our Literacy is done through our Inquiry Units, classes will still be working on regular writing, reading and spelling programmes. This term will also see a focus on oral language with most classes working on speeches, storytelling and public speaking skills.

We will be holding our annual Speech Cup, with the final being held on Wednesday 20th September at 9.15am in the school hall. 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.

Maths

Much of our maths will cover Problem Solving and Logic, and the use of Rich Tasks to bring maths into everyday situations and problems. Please note that maths is not always a stand alone subject and will often be incorporated into other subjects such as PE, Inquiry etc.

This term we will look to cover -

- Simple linear equations.

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

Physical Education

Fitness programmes will be developed and will continue throughout the year encouraging students to set their own goals and targets.

One of our S.W.A.T. (Study With Another Teacher) subjects this term will be a focus on traditional backyard games played around the world, which will include learning the stories behind the games and the reasons why they were played, as well as having lots of physical fun!

Winter sports will be a huge focus for us across the syndicate with everyone preparing for the Inter School Winter Tournament which will be held in Week 7 at venues across the district.

Our annual swimming programme will commence in week 8. We take all students to the Aquatic Centre to test their swimming skills and water confidence. From this we select the students who we feel need a boost to their water skills and confidence, then over 2 weeks we take this group to the Aquatic Centre where they will be taught in small groups by qualified swimming instructors. This is an awesome opportunity for these students to gain confidence in the water. We would love to hear from you prior to this if you feel your child would benefit from this opportunity and you would like them to be considered for this specialised programme.

S.W.A.T

As mentioned above, this term brings the introduction of S.W.A.T, an acronym for Study With Another Teacher. This is where the students move around in class groups to each teacher in the syndicate one day of the week. This is an excellent way for the students to practice their self management in being prepared for each class with what they need, to experience a variety of teaching styles as they will have at college, and to expose them to a variety of topics and activities they may not usually choose to try out. This is an excellent way to prepare our students for college and cover a lot of new learning. This term's S.W.A.T topics will include Spanish, Coding, PE - Backyard Games from other Countries, Classics, and Printmaking. This term we will have our Tournament of Minds teams working throughout our SWAT time so they can be truly prepared for their tournament later in the term.

Growth Mindset

We will continue to focus on ourselves as learners and looking at how we learn and think, and how to be an active learner. Te Motu students will be taught about different zones of learning and how they can become active and engaged learners working well above their comfort zone. Students will be encouraged to keep raising the bar.

Inquiry

Over the next two terms, PBS will be exploring New Zealand's History, and how we can tell stories of New Zealand's past through the Arts. In Te Motu, we will all be involved in putting together a Major Production which will be presented in Week 3 of Term 4. We will be bringing together many events in New Zealand's past, and telling the stories through a twisted series of events which will not only educate the audience but entertain and amuse them. We hope you will all get a chance to come along and watch.

General Information

The Technology programme continues and is held weekly on Thursdays at the Raumati Technology Centre. Covered footwear and long hair tied back is essential for safety at technology.

We are all looking forward to another exciting term with your tamariki.

Ngā mihi

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