

Te Motu Term 4 Update 2023

Kia ora koutou

For many of our students, this is their final term at primary school, and for many families this will be the last term to have a child at PBS. Exciting times for some and apprehensive times for others. No matter what, we plan to make it a great term to finish off the year.

We have a very busy term ahead with lots of cool stuff to do and learn. Just this week alone we have already had "Te Motu Elections" which gave our students a taster of what it is like to vote in the real Elections, a fun half day at Tabloid Sports run by Paraparaumu College Year 11 Sports students, a Golf Tournament at Kapiti Golf Course which 36 of our students attended, Technology and many Production practices. BUSY!

Here is a list of dates and events so you can keep up with what is going on. (Please remember, these dates/times may change so please keep an eye on Skool loop and emails)

Dates for your Diary

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Week 2:

Lots of Production practices and prop making throughout the week

Week 3

Mon 23 Oct - Labour Day

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Week 4: - Production Week

Mon 30 Oct - Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

Tues 31 Oct - Technology (Catch up Sessions)

Wed 1 Nov - Matinee Performance 1.30 pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend this performance.

Thurs 2 Nov - Technology as usual

- Evening Production Performance in the school hall 7pm

Week 5:

Wed 8 Nov - Syndicate Athletics day

Week 6:

Thurs 16 Nov - Amazing Race for Year 8s at Paraparaumu College

- No Technology

Week 7:

Mon 20 Nov - Technology (Catch up sessions)

Tues 21 Nov - Immunisations for Year 8 and Year 7 catch ups.

Wed 22 Nov - Interschool Athletics

Thurs 23 Nov - Technology (as usual)

Fri 24 Nov - Interschool Athletics postponement day

Week 8:

Mon 27 Nov - Debate Cup Round 1, 11am

Tues 28 Nov - Paddertennis skills sessions

- Debate Cup Round 2, 1.15pm

Wed 29 Nov - Final of the Te Motu Debate Cup, 11am

Fri 1 Dec - Takiri o te ata - Kapiti District school's Kapa Haka Hui

Week 9:

Tues 5 Dec - Year 8 Leaver's Dinner 6pm -9pm in the school hall

Thurs 7 Dec - Final Technology for 2023

- Regional Athletics

Week 10:

Tues 12 Dec - Te Motu Syndicate Fun Day

Prize Giving, Final School Assembly, Final Te Motu Assembly will also be held during this week. Dates TBC

Fri 15 Dec - Final day of school. School closes at 12.30pm.

Literacy Programme

Our major focus this term is learning the skills of Debating and the powers of persuasive language. Apologies in advance for any improvements in your child's ability to argue their point against yours!

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 at Statistics, Locations, Geometry and lots of general revision.

Physical Education

The main focus for us will be athletics for the first half of the term, finishing with our own Syndicate Athletics day in Week 5, results of this will help us select our team to go through to Interschool

Athletics the following week. We will also hopefully be able to make the most of some good weather to promote summer sports and skills throughout the term. We also have a couple of outside instructors coming in to take sessions on Paddertennis and Football.

Production and Inquiry

Over last term and this term, PBS have been exploring New Zealand's History, and how we can tell stories of New Zealand's past through the Arts. In Te Motu, we have put together a Major Production which will be presented on 3 occasions in Week 4 (days and times are listed above). 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

Term 4 is always a busy term which usually involves lots of outdoor activities. We insist that students wear their hats while they are outdoors and encourage them to apply sunblock, however we only have a limited supply of sunblock so we would appreciate it if you could provide your child with a small bottle of sunblock to keep in their bags for their personal use.

The Year 8 Lever's Dinner is one of big events of a PBS Student's time at school. Year 8s will receive an invitation with detailed information for this event soon. Parents will also receive information but - in the meantime, please lock in the 5th of December 6pm for this event. Remember it is not a Ball or a Wedding, we do ask the students to come along in neat and tidy attire but please do not go over board with their outfits etc.

There will be many other events that have not yet been confirmed that will crop up throughout the term. We will keep you informed and hopefully will get to see most of you at one or two of these events. In the mean time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries. 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, Alice