

# YEAR 3 & 4

## NGARU SYNDICATE TERM 1 UPDATE 2024

School Vision: PBS Learners will be collaborative, creative and critical thinkers capable of engaging confidently and respectfully in their community.



### FROM THE SYNDICATE

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome to all our new and returning students and families. We trust you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, and are ready for 2024! This year Ngaru syndicate consists of five Year 3 & 4 composite classrooms. We have a new teacher in our syndicate - A big welcome to Whaea Jessie Webb. We are very lucky to have Whaea Jessie joining us this year in Room 11.



2024 Ngaru Syndicate class contacts:

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Room 10 Mrs Howarth	<a href="mailto:yhowarth@pbs.school.nz">yhowarth@pbs.school.nz</a> (Team Leader)
Room 11 Whaea Jessie	<a href="mailto:jwebb@pbs.school.nz">jwebb@pbs.school.nz</a>
Room 12 Bek Sutherland	<a href="mailto:rsutherland@pbs.school.nz">rsutherland@pbs.school.nz</a>

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 the @School app Blog, emails or phone calls to keep you up to date with any other classroom events. In Ngaru we are no longer using Seesaw.

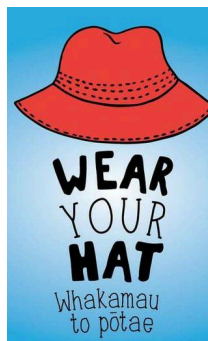
### TERM DATES

#### 2024 SCHOOL YEAR DATES



Term 1 - Thurs 1 Feb - Friday 12 Apr = 11 weeks  
Term 2 - Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 July = 10 weeks  
*King's Birthday Monday 3 June*  
*Matariki Friday 28 June*  
Term 3 - Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept = 10 weeks  
Term 4 - Mon 14 Oct - Tues 17 Dec = 10 weeks  
*Labour Day Mon 28 Oct*

### SUNHATS



It is summer! All children need to have their hats on. Hats with a full brim are compulsory throughout Term 1. Bucket hats or full brimmed hats offer best protection for your child. Please ensure that hats are named. We are committed to promoting sun safe 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.

### 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 (see page 4 for the @school app information)

## 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 fortnightly on Friday afternoon from 2.10pm.



### Term 1 Syndicate Assembly dates:

Week 2 - Friday 9 Feb Host: Room 10

Week 4 - Friday 23 February Host: Room 5

Week 6 - Friday 8 March Host: Rm 6

Week 8 - Friday 22 March Host: Room 11

Week 10 - Friday 5 April 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 - Monday

## 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 READING

One way in which you can help your child get better at reading is through lots of practice. By hearing your child read aloud at home each day, you can help them improve. Your child could ask someone to listen to them read, it could be a brother, sister, parent, grandparent or even the cat!

Reading is an invaluable life skill and we encourage whānau to hear their child read regularly (15-20 minutes daily) to supplement what we do in school as it makes a real difference. Little and often is far better than one long extended reading session. It is the teachers' responsibility to teach reading, but your assistance will mean that we can work together to help your child become a better reader.



## 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.

<b>C</b> uriosity Pātaitai	<b>R</b> espect Manaakitanga	<b>E</b> xcellence Hiranga	<b>S</b> elf-management Rangatira	<b>T</b> eamwork Mahi Tahi
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.

# NGARU 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 adding strategies using whole numbers. Follow, find, and create number and shape patterns, following a rule.*



*Measurement - Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure area, volume and capacity.*

*Statistics - Ask a question about everyday situations, survey and collect data, record and sort information, create a simple graph and make statements about findings.*

## 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 - SCIENCE SCIENCE SCIENCE *I Am A Scientist*

*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*

# Paraparaumu Beach School Parent App

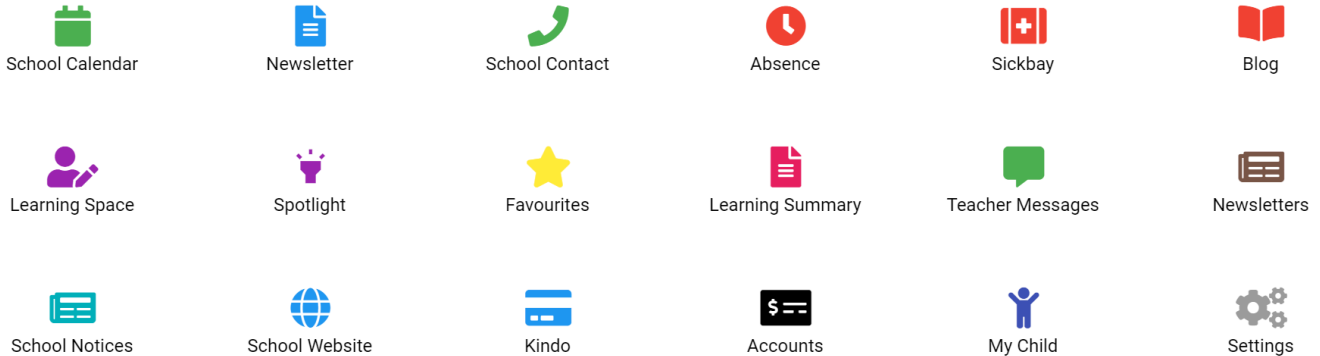
Please download our school app – @school Mobile – to your phone. This app can keep you updated on your child's progress, and all that is happening at school.

It can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store – search for @school Mobile



The icon for the app looks like this →

On this app you will find:



- *Our school calendar*
- *School Newsletters*
- *Absence - You can log your child's absence from school*
- *Blog - what is happening in class*
- *Learning Space - Learning goals and your child's progress*
- *Spotlight (the torch symbol) - Information about what your child is learning*
- *Learning Summary - Your child's mid year and end of year school report*
- *Teacher Messages from your classroom teacher*
- *School notices and links to our school website*
- *Kindo as well as your school account.*
- *My Child - You can update your child's information, eg. your contact details - phone number, address changes*

If you haven't logged in before - we can email you with information about the app. The **first email** you receive about the app will contain your **USERNAME**.

It will look something like this: 2874/1234/5678 (this is just an example, your number will be different)

In the email will be a long link in **blue text** – these are the terms and conditions. Once you **click the link and agree to the terms and conditions**, another email will be sent to you.

The **second email** you receive will contain your **PASSWORD**. You can change the password to something else when you log in the first time.

Copy your USERNAME and PASSWORD into the app.

If you have any issues with your USERNAME or PASSWORD, please contact your class teacher or [vwilson@pbs.school.nz](mailto:vwilson@pbs.school.nz) who can resend the information to you.

