# **YEAR 3 & 4**

# **NGARU SYNDICATE TERM 2 UPDATE**

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 2024! We hope that all of you enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another great term at PBS.



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In this update are details of programmes we will be running in Ngaru Syndicate this term. We are a friendly and approachable team so if you have any queries or feedback please don't hesitate to get in touch. We aim to keep you up-to-date about what's happening through the school newsletter, website, Facebook page, class blogs or via e-mails and phone calls.

# **TERM DATES**

Term 2 - Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 July = 10 weeks Term 3 - Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept = 10 weeks Term 4 - Mon 14 Oct - Tues 17 Dec = 10 weeks



### Here are some dates for your calendar:

Thursday, 30 May - Junior School Cross Country Friday, 31 May - Teacher Only Day Monday, 3 June - King's Birthday Monday Tuesday 25 June - Schoolwide Matariki evening event - PPD Wed 26/6 Friday 28 June - Matariki Public Holiday Wednesday, 3 July - Mid-year Learner Conferences all day.

Friday 5 July - Last day of Term 2

# **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**

As we enter the winter months please ensure your child is clothed appropriately. We encourage students to play outside during winter, therefore, they will need a warm coat or jacket at school every day. They need

appropriate footwear so that they can run and play sports. This term we have Cross-country and Kiwisports. 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 be playing in the sand/water in our newly transformed 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

Syndicate Assemblies enable our students to share their work and celebrate the achievements they are proud of. We are also teaching the children how to be positive members of an audience, effective presenters and

participants in an assembly. Ngaru assemblies will be held every second Friday afternoon.

# Term 2 Syndicate Assembly dates

10 May (Room 12 Host) Week 2

24 May (Room 5 Host) Week 4

7 June (Room 6 Host) Week 6 20 June (Room 10 Host) Week 8

5 July (Room 11 Host) Week 10

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 can 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.

#### HOME LEARNING

Each week we continue with home learning. Most days students will come home with a reading book. 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.

Please ensure your child's reading books are returned back to school each day and that poem books are returned on a Monday.

#### SCHOOL TRIPS

When we go on a trip or if an event is happening at school, your child will bring home a note. Permission or any costs for trips can be paid for through our online Kindo programme. Another way is by placing all money and/or permission slips in an envelope with your child's name, room number and what it is for, then it can be placed in the money box outside the staffroom before 9.00 am on the day before the trip/event at the latest.

#### **OUR LIBRARY DAYS**

We are so fortunate at PBS to have an amazing school library. Our library days are:

Room 5 - Thursday

Room 6 - Thursday

Room 10- Thursday Room 11 - Friday

Room 12 - Monday



#### **PBS VALUES**

Our values at PBS are the foundations to positive behaviour and developing life skills.





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Curiosity Excellence Self-management

### **LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**

Learning Through Play allows students opportunities to explore, create and problem-solve, in a fun, student-directed way. Learning Through Play is another way children can develop their oral language skills by practising their conversation and negotiation skills as well as our school CREST values. Ngaru will have fortnightly Learning Through Play sessions together on a Friday afternoon.

# **OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR TERM TWO 2024**

### **MATHEMATICS**

Number Knowledge: Addition and Subtraction Strategies.
Know, recall and use basic facts.
Know simple fractions in everyday use.

Geometry - Position and Orientation: Create and use simple maps to show position and direction. Describe different views and pathways from locations on a map



#### **ENGLISH**

Speaking, Writing and Presenting - Opinion Writing for a purpose and Audience.

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

Class Reading Programmes

Class Phonics and Oral Language Programmes

Spelling



# SCHOOLWIDE SCIENCE INQUIRY

This term our inquiry focus continues to be 'I am a Scientist.' We aim for students to better understand the world around them and practice how to undertake science investigations.

The students will be working through the inquiry process of:

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



#### **THE ARTS**



# LANGUAGES - TE REO MĀORI



Te Huarere (Weather) Waiata Maori Pepeha Te Reo used in everyday life.

### PE AND HEALTH

Endurance: Cross Country



Fitness and Jump Jam Kiwisports with Paraparaumu College