

Ngaru Syndicate

Year 3 & 4

Term 1 2018



From the Syndicate

A warm welcome to new and returning students and families. We trust you have all enjoyed the lovely summer sunshine, and are ready for a busy term ahead. A challenge that we all face this year is the redevelopment of rooms 5-8. Three of our syndicate classes are temporarily displaced due to the construction process. Please be patient and tolerant to likely programme changes as a result of this. Once completed, these rooms will be fantastic modern learning environments that the students and teachers are sure to enjoy!

Room and year level allocation have been organised as follows:

Year 3 classes

Room 5 Mrs Purdie & Mrs Jackson (temporarily based in Rm 25)

Room 7 Miss Smith (temporarily based in Rm 27)

Room 11 Mrs Chambers

Room 12 Mrs Staples

Year 4 classes

Room 6 Mrs Davidson (temporarily based in the hall)

Room 9 Mr McCormick

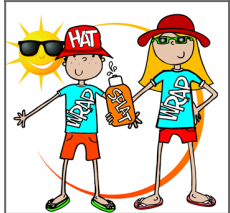
Room 10 Mrs Siversen



We have some exciting things planned for the year. We aim to keep you informed with what's happening through termly programme updates, in the students' home learning books, through the school newsletter, website, Facebook page or via e-mails and phone calls.

The units of learning for Term 1 can be found on the reverse side of this notice. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to see your child's classroom teacher.

Hats and Sunblock



Hats with a **full brim** are compulsory throughout Term 1. Bucket hats or full brimmed hats offer best protection for your child and are compliant with our school sun safety policy. Please

ensure that hats are named.

Children without a hat must remain in shaded areas. This is an important part of learning during Term 1 and we want to encourage and promote correct sun safety 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.

Teacher email Addresses

Mrs Chambers schambers@pbs.school.nz

Mrs Davidson pdavidson@pbs.school.nz

Mrs Jackson rjackson@pbs.school.nz

Mr McCormick jmccormick@pbs.school.nz

Mrs Purdie tpurdie@pbs.school.nz

Miss Smith ssmith@pbs.school.nz

Mrs Siversen ksiversen@pbs.school.nz

Mrs Staples bstaples@pbs.school.nz

From Mrs Chambers

Kia ora,

It is great to be back in the classroom after a restful holiday period. My name is Sarah and I have been teaching for approximately 18 years. I studied for my degree in education at Massey University and last year I graduated with my Masters in Education. I am a PBS parent too, with a son in Year 6 and a daughter in Year 4. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child as the year progresses. There will be opportunities to touch base at the meet the teacher evening and also the school picnic. However, feel free to pop into the classroom whenever the need arises.

Every second Tuesday afternoon, Teresa Robertson will be teaching in Room 11 as part of my Team Leader release time.

Here are some dates for your calendar:

Term 1 runs from Wednesday 31 January- Friday 13 April, 11 weeks.

- Meet the teacher- Wednesday 21 February
- School picnic- Wednesday 28 February
- Easter is from Friday 30 March—Tuesday April 3.

Parent Help

Thank you to the many 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.

TERM ONE 2018

ENGLISH: *Integrated unit*

Speaking, Writing and Presenting

Purposes and Audiences:

Show some understanding of how to shape texts for different purposes and audiences.

Class Reading Programmes

Class Oral Language Programmes

MATHS:

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.

Measurement: Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure area, volume/capacity.

INQUIRY TOPIC: SOCIAL SCIENCES 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES & WINTER OLYMPICS

- Appreciate that events such as Commonwealth Games and Winter Olympics change over time due to world events, technology, culture etc.
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of at least one other culture which varies from their own and recognise similarities and differences.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

*Aquatics:
Swimming.*



THE ARTS:

Dance Traditional dances from Aotearoa's bicultural heritage.
Visual Arts Drawing, portraits, sketching.

LANGUAGES: TE REO MĀORI

Greetings, Farewells, days of the week, months of the year.



PRINCIPLES: *Treaty of Waitangi, Inclusion and Cultural Diversity*

VALUES: *Respect and Self Management*

KEY COMPETENCIES: *Relating to Others*