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Te Motu Term 4 Update 2024

From the Syndicate

Hold on tight people, this is going to be a whirlwind of a term! The next 9 and a half weeks are packed full of activities and events for the students to get involved in, not to mention the amount of learning we need to squeeze in. Hopefully, this will give you all a bit of a heads up and help you keep on track of what is going on.

It will be an especially big term for our Year 8s who will have mixed feelings about heading off to college next year. Often Year 8s come to school in Term 4 with the attitude that they are already at college. We hope that you will support us by reminding your Year 8 that they are still at PBS and there is still lots to learn and do before their college days start. There is of course the Year 8 Leavers Dinner for them to look forward to as well. More details below.

Please remind all students that this is a summer term. They all need to wear brimmed hats and please ensure they apply sunscreen in the mornings and preferably have a supply they can use to reapply again at school.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that events/ times may change, be removed, or added so keep a close eye on the school newsletter and Skool Loop messages for updates.

TERM 4: Mon 14 Oct - Tues 17 Dec

Week 1:

Epro8 Internal Events all week

Wed and Fri - Te Motu Athletics training

Week 2:

Tues 22 Oct- Olympic Ambassador visit (tbc)

Wed and Fri - Te Motu Athletics training

Thurs 24 Oct - Great NZ Shakeout

Week 3:

Mon 28 Oct - Labour Day

Wed - Te Motu Athletics training

Fri 1 Nov - Kapa Haka hui at Southwards

Week 4:

Mon 4 Nov - Te Motu Athletics Day on the field all day

Nov 5-6 - Epro8 in the Hall

Wed 6 Nov - PPD Te Motu Athletics on the field all day

Week 5:

Wed 13 Nov - Senior Interschool Athletics

Fri 15 Nov - PPD Senior Interschool Athletics

Week 6:

Mon Nov 18 Te Motu Debate Round 1 - 11 am

Tues Nov 19 - Te Motu Debate Round 2 - 11 am

Wed Nov 20 - Te Motu Debate Final 11 am

Week 7:

Tues 26 Nov - Year 7 Immunisations

Tues 26 Nov - Regional Athletics Yrs 7 - 8

Thur 28 Nov - PPD Regional Athletics

Week 8:**Week 9:**

Tues 10 Dec - Year 8 Leaver's Dinner

Wed 11 Dec - End of year School Assembly

Thursday 12 Dec - Te Motu Fun Day

Week 10:

Tues 17 Dec- Prizegiving.

- School closes at 12.30 pm

Literacy Programme

All classes will run daily reading, spelling, grammar, creative and expressive writing, and oral language programmes, continuing to develop skills learnt in previous years but with a focus on developing student's independence in literacy.

This term the syndicate will focus on persuasive language where we will look at how to get people to look at our points of view which will lead to learning the skills of debating. We do apologise for encouraging your young preteen to argue and hope that you are not exposed to too much practice! We will be holding an interclass debating competition which will lead into our Debate Cup Final.

Maths

This term we will cover - (Classroom Planning to cover all objectives – timing varies according to student needs.)

NUMBER KNOWLEDGE & STRATEGIES: Know the relative size & place value structure of positive & negative integers & decimals to three places

GEOMETRY: Shape - Identify classes of two & three-dimensional shapes by their geometric properties. Relate three-dimensional models to two-dimensional representations, and vice versa.

Position & Location - Communicate & interpret locations & directions, using compass directions, distance, & grid references.

Most classes will also be continuing their Personalised Learning Programmes and will spend a lot of time revising maths concepts learnt throughout the year.

Physical Education

Fitness programmes developed in Term 1 will continue throughout this term encouraging students to strive towards their own goals and targets and make adjustments to these targets and activities to ensure students are continuously improving their fitness.

This term we will focus on athletics in preparation for our syndicate Athletics Day from which we will select representatives to compete at Interschool Athletics. Our Syndicate Athletics Day will be on Monday 4th November with events starting just after 9 am till Lunchtime. The afternoon will be Class relay events. You are more than welcome to pop along and cheer on your favourite athlete.

We have booked 6 sessions with Wellington Football who will send coaches in to work for 30 minutes each week with each class. This will be a fun activity to end the year with.

We will also use summer sports to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and inclusiveness, and hopefully some fun in the sunshine!

The Arts and Languages

Te Reo - Turangawaewae Projects and the online Toku Reo and Education Perfect programmes will continue throughout the year with a big focus on using everyday phrases and instructions as much as possible.

Students have all been invited to put together a portfolio of art or writing for the Writer's and Art Cups so please encourage your child to do this if they have particular strengths in either of these areas. They will need to submit 3 unnamed pieces of different genres for each Cup by November 15th.

2025 Camp

Planning is well underway for Camps in March 2025 for our current Year 6 and 7 students. Detailed information and requests for parent helpers on camp will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

This is a special occasion that we hold every year to thank our Year 8 students for bringing so much to PBS and wish them well on their journey ahead. Students are asked to wear tidy dress for this occasion. It is important that they wear something smart but sensible. A wee reminder to the girls especially, it is not a College Ball or for that matter, a wedding - please dress sensibly!

If you have any problems with finding something to wear, please get in touch with your classroom teacher as we will most likely be able to help.

More details about times etc will be sent home closer to the time but it is definitely on Tuesday 10th December and will start promptly at 6 pm. We will be asking for a \$5 koha to help with the expense of holding this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any queries about your child or things that are happening around the school.

Before you know it, it will be Christmas and time for a well-deserved break.

Here's to a great term.

Nga mihi nui from the Te Motu Team,

Cath, Alice, Colin, Teresa, Caty and David

