

# Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 1 8 February 2010

*Greetings, Tena Koutou e hoa ma, hello parents and friends of the school, talofa lava, malo e lelei, fakalofa lahi atu.....*

## Our focus of study for Term 1 is:

# RESPONSIBILITY

This concept will be Social Studies and Health based. The understandings are that:

- Responsibility affects choices and decisions.
- Values underpin responsibilities

Our students will look at what responsibility is and what could happen without responsibility.

Peninsula Primary School aims to provide a well-rounded education for its students. This means that as well as working hard to help our students achieve the best they can in core subjects, (reading, writing, mathematics) staff also deliver programmes in the arts, and health and P.E. and so on.

**The Arts – 2010** will see the art room being used for music lessons as well as for visual art work, as Room 4 is needed as a teaching space. After a lull of several months during 2009's refurbishment programme, the arts will be back in full swing.

**Education for sustainability** – the NZCurriculum has ecological sustainability as one of the values to be encouraged. Peninsula Primary School will be continuing to work as an 'Enviroschool'. Students and Teachers developed a vision plan in 2009 and very soon we will decide priorities, along with BOT plans and schemes in the same area.

### Refurbished classroom blocks and new classroom –

All classrooms are back in use and many are a 'work of art' thanks to the time and effort put in by teachers during their holiday. Hopefully there will be enough money left over from this contract to allow us to concrete the path across the field, near the pool, very soon.

**2010 Professional Development** – we have been fortunate in securing Team Solutions personnel to help us continue to develop skills in teaching students how to write and reach the levels expected in the new National Standards. This will be our major focus for professional development in 2010.

Other planned professional development:

- National Standards and reporting
- First Aid for teachers
- Visual Arts
- Numeracy (maintenance activities)
- Assessment using asttle

We will also start work in a project called 'Garden to Table'. More information about this will be available soon.

Sport opportunities - Peninsula Primary is fortunate enough to have a great group of parents who support teachers in providing a wide range of sporting opportunities. The terms sport outline is on the term calendar, which came out last week. This year's outline is on [www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz](http://www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz)  
The focus for sports / activities this term is swimming.

### National Standards and Reporting....

This set of expectations for students at regular stages in their schooling is being introduced across N.Z. this year. Schools will be using a range of assessments to determine whether or not a student has reached the standard at set points. A second, major P.D. direction will be ensuring all teachers have a common understanding of the standards, and of using appropriate, accurate data to make professional judgements.

### Reporting to parents...

Reporting to parents will look different and I will be seeking feedback on some possible formats when the time comes.

*Return slip*

*I have received and read Newsletter No. 1 Childs Name.....Room.....*

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

### SNACK SHACK.....

Our school lunchroom run by Carol resumes service on Wednesday 10 February. The menu will remain similar, and will be displayed around the school.

### SCHOOL DONATION / STATIONERY....

Thank you to those parents who have purchased the stationery packs through the school. The packs provided are of a very good quality and we endeavour to keep the prices as low as possible. If you purchased the stationery outside the school you will still need to pay the compulsory items e.g. coloured pencils, crayons etc.

School Donation \$85.00 per child for a year or \$65 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March. \$130.00 for a family or \$110.00 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### SCHOOL BANK A/C ASB TE ATATU

12-3038-0262923-00 if you wish to pay fees in installments.

### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL UPDATE.....

The first FOS meeting for the year will be held next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February in the staffroom at 6.30pm. We had a few long-standing members leave at the end of last year and are now looking for some new people to step in. FOS help to organize fundraising events and also assist with any school community activities. FOS fulfil an important role in the school helping to raise money so the school can provide those extra learning resources for our children that the Ministry of Education doesn't fund. Please come along and find out more about us on Monday night. Or if you would like to contact someone before the meeting you could call: Kathy Hohepa 8343712 or Anita Martens 8348584. See you there!

**ASB SCHOOL BANKING will commence this week. Deposit envelopes available from office.**

*Like to see a Walking School Bus for Peninsula Primary?  
It's fun, easy and your child would love to be on one!*



A Walking School Bus is a group of children that walk to school together with adult support; they arrive at school safe, happy and ready to learn. The group walks along a set route and children can join along the way. If you are interested in a Walking School Bus for Peninsula Primary please leave your details with the office. A meeting will be held in the staffroom at 9.00am on Wednesday 10 February.

### STAFFING 2010

Grant Hope-Ede  
Owen Robyns  
Leonie Blackburn

Principal  
Deputy Principal  
Deputy Principal

### Senior Team

Dianna Meyler  
Pops Huri  
Kahu Kuchel  
Katie Grace  
Tiepa Tahana

Team Leader Y5/6 Room 1  
Y 5/6 Room 2  
Y5/6 Room 4  
Y5/6 Room 5  
Y5/6 Room 6

### Middle Team

Barbara Kellerman  
Tina Vea  
Julia Velvin  
Robyn Ross  
Violet Muller  
Oloa Fa'amamafa

Team Leader Y3/4 Room 10  
Y3/4 Room 3  
Y3/4 Room 8  
Y3/4 Room 9  
Y3/4 Room 11  
Y3/4 Room 12

### Junior Team

Susan Burborough  
Ruth Fa'afuata  
Helen Dobbie  
Linda Sanderson  
Lyn France  
Sylvia Rooke  
Melanie Sargent  
Kirsten Robertson

Team Leader N.E. Room 19  
Year 1/2 Room 13  
Year 1/2 Room 14  
Year 1/2 Room 15  
Year 1/2 Room 16  
Year 1/2 Room 17  
N.E. Room 20  
Year 1 Room 21

### Support Teachers

Amanda Lake  
Ruth Scott  
Joanne Hewlett

I.C.T. Room 7  
Support Teacher  
Support Teacher

### Administration

Maree Williams  
Heather Mills  
Carolyn Litten  
Malcolm Whittaker  
Gabrielle Maxwell  
Faa Sisnett  
Rose Ramage  
Cheryl Fraser  
Kim Ah Tani

Executive Officer  
Receptionist  
Learning Centre Manager  
Property Manager  
Teacher Aide Manager  
Teacher Aide  
Teacher Aide  
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### Community Notices.....

Te Atatu Soccer Registrations for 2010 season are at Neil Ave clubrooms on 11 Feb 4-6pm, 14 Feb 10am-12pm, 18 Feb 4-6pm and 21 Feb 10am-12pm.

New players welcome so please bring a friend.

For further information see website:

[www.teatatusoccer.org.nz](http://www.teatatusoccer.org.nz) or contact Kathy Hohepa (8343712).

Te Atatu Roosters Rugby League registrations at club every Wednesday through February and March from 5.30-7.30pm. Open day at the club Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-3pm, bouncy castles, food, stalls, league drills and games and more....

### Blue Turtle after school art classes....

Begin Term 1 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> February for 7 weeks Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30-5.00pm at Te Atatu Intermediate School. Mosaics – painting – sculpture. Phone Rowena 8345297.