

Peninsula Primary

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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 3 is:

CHALLENGE

Enduring Understandings:

1. We all face personal challenges.
2. Challenges can have positive outcomes which help us to develop.

Essential Questions:

1. What do we mean by challenge?
2. How can we learn from our challenge?

Peninsula Primary School has once again taken first place in a local cluster contest. Congratulations to Elijah Manu who won the cluster speech contest with the 'Power of Words'. Elijah worked tremendously hard to perfect his speech. His win was truly deserved. Our second place speaker, Alex Lake-Smith, represented our school ably also. His excellent speech maintained the high expectations we have for any activity we enter into.

Pasifika Group – a winning performance.....

Our Pasifika Group was asked to perform at the launch of 'Pacific Beatz – Pate Pate', a music and play group initiative brought to the west by Plunket Waitemata Pearlz Team. The group, led by Mrs Vea and supported by Ms Muller, performed wonderfully well. A number of the VIP's at the ceremony, members of Parliament, police officers, and Ministry of Health officials, took the time to compliment the students on their artistic skills and excellent behavior. The Peninsula Primary School group enjoyed a very nice lunch provided by the Pearlz Team, just reward for their excellent work.



ALEX, ELIJAH AND TRUTH SPEECH WINNERS

RESPONSIBLE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES.....

Peninsula Primary Board of Trustees encourages responsible use of its facilities. However, some young people are abusing the privilege of being allowed to play on our fields and courts after hours. They have climbed on the roof of classroom blocks, broken louvres and wall panels, climbed on to the junior shade cloth and climbed into the pool enclosure and switched off heating equipment causing the pool to be closed to students the next day. Trespass orders have been served on those caught misbehaving and the police will enforce them. If you would like to assist by becoming part of a school watch group, please contact our office.

Return slip

I have received and read Newsletter No. 4 Childs Name.....Room.....

SignedParent/Guardian

SURVEYS ON OUR WEBSITE.....

Please take a few minutes to fill out the surveys about Peninsula Primary School on our website.

The topics of the surveys are:

1. Reports
2. Behaviour Management

We would value your opinions, as always, and would like as many responses as possible. If you prefer, our office can provide you with a paper survey, or help you go on line.

GARDEN TO TABLE.....

We were lucky that even when the weather was not perfect, the ANZ Bank volunteers still came out to Peninsula Primary School determined to make great progress on our garden behind the junior block. The ANZ Bank workers worked tremendously hard, from early morning to late afternoon, barrowing material, laying edging blocks, mixing concrete, digging footings, cutting timber and so on. This really was a magnificent effort leaving one more days work to finish the project. A huge thank you must go to Hannah Ho and her team. Our students will soon have another great resource to support their learning.



SOME OF THE GARDEN BUILT BY THE ANZ BANK VOLUNTEERS

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT.....

On 16 November two review Officers from the education review Office will come to our school to give 'a fresh perspective on our school's teaching and students' learning'. The reviewers will affirm the things our school is doing well and help identify areas for improvement.

**Ko te Tamaiti te Putake o te Kaupapa
The Child – the Heart of the Matter**

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

September 26-30 Senior School Camp
October 7 Last day Term 3. School finishes at 3pm
October 25 First day Term 4

GIRLS' QUIKHIT CRICKET DAY

On Wednesday, 14 September the cold and rainy weather did not dampen the excitement and enthusiasm of the two Girls' Cricket teams that took part in the Western Zone Quikhit Cricket Day organised by Auckland Cricket Association. With the help of four parents of the girls, the teams were transported to the Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club's Indoor Cricket Centre at Ken Maunder Park. The day started with all participants enjoying the benefit of some skills' training and coaching about the basics of cricket. The next session gave all the teams a chance to test their skills in a limited overs match against another school. Our B Team played against, and narrowly beat, Rosebank Primary. The girls batted, bowled and fielded like seasoned cricketers. A solid team effort contributed to an exciting, nail-biting victory.

Whilst the B Team was focused on its game, the A Team was doing battle against New Lynn Primary. The New Lynn team was losing wickets at regular intervals due to some outstanding bowling and fielding by our girls. Our A Team batted with confidence and lost very few wickets. Some solid hitting by most of our batters ensured we had a lead of over a hundred runs, resulting in a convincing victory over New Lynn Primary. The skills displayed by this team emphasised the importance of training and practice that they put in during lunch time.

During the cricket-related "fun activities" our girls featured amongst the prize winners. Gabrielle Pafalani won third prize in the Y5 ball throwing competition, whilst Telekia Motufoua won second prize in the Y6 section. In the team catching challenge our A Team was the winner by holding on to the most catches.

In the final session of continuous cricket our teams were undefeated in the games they played. This was another opportunity for our girls to excel by playing as "teams", each member committed and focused to do her best for the team.

The parents and I agreed that the skills displayed by our girls were of a very high standard, and the girls had a fun-filled, exciting and rewarding day of indoor cricket.

Finally, thank you to the parents for all their support and help, especially for transporting the teams.

SCHOOL FEES / DONATION.....

Our school fees are \$21.00 per child term or \$30.00 for a family a term. This is a voluntary donation which enables our school to provide educational experiences over and above a basic programme. The fees provide a little more funding to enable spending not possible with the Ministry of Education budget.

JOIN TE ATATU ATHLETICS CLUB!

Ramlea Park, Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula

Children who learn fundamental running, jumping and throwing movement skills acquire a strong foundation for participation in other sports and physical activities. Te Atatu Athletics Club provides run, jump, throw activities and games that make it fun while building good athletics skills. AGES 4yrs - 16+ Club nights are held each Tuesday evening, from 6.00-7.30pm. Season starts 1st November.

COME AND GIVE IT A GO.