

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 4 is:

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Enduring Understandings:

1. Everything we do has an effect on someone or something.
2. To keep balance we must think about causes and effects.

Essential Questions:

1. What do we mean by cause and effect?
2. How can we reach and keep a balance by thinking about cause?

Achievement data.....

As we work towards the end of 2011 school year, data is being prepared to inform the school community about achievement and progress in relation to the National Standards. The piece of information shown here is part of a large amount of data I am working into an accessible format. When final data gathering is completed, a full report will be available to you all.

ALL STUDENTS READING SUMMARY BY YEAR LEVEL Benchmark Achievement Template

Table 5 summarises the number of students by achievement band at the start (Time 1) and after (Time 2) support from the literacy advisers by year level.

Table 5: Summary of regional reading (writing) achievement by year level using [data source¹]

	N ¹ =	At risk		Of concern		Expected		Above expected	
		Time 1	2	3	4	1	2	T 1	2
Y 1	34	15	1 1	2	10	15	4	2 1	9
Y 2	54	14	8	12	5	6	7	22	34
Y 3	62	15	1 6	6	9	10	11	31	26
Y 4	59	11	3	9	6	15	21	24	29
Y 5	78	6	2	24	11	41	52	7	13
Y 6	55	7	3	6	5	25	18	17	29

GRANDPARENTS DAY PROGRAMME

- 9.00am Assembly and welcome in the hall
 9.15am-10.30am Grandparents and visitors to the classrooms.
 10.30-11.00am Morning Tea in the hall
 11.00-12.00pm Grandparents and visitors back in the classrooms.
 12.00-12.30pm Farewell in the hall

MURAL UNVEILING.....

Last Wednesday a mural painted and constructed by Penny Howard was unveiled. The artwork is fixed to the pool fence looking down our large field. It is an acknowledgement of the Tangata Whenua as well as an impressive piece of work. The mural was blessed by the Reverend Tahu Williams, and we hope it will remain undamaged for all to enjoy.



Last year our Kapa Haka was invited to perform at the mural unveiling at Village Kindergarten. It was our privilege this time to invite the kindly staff and students to join us in return.

SAFE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

Students from Y4 and above may ride bikes to school provided they have a 'licence' obtainable from the office. Younger students can ride only if their guardian signs a licence form and agrees to travel right beside them. Scooters come under the same

Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

NETBALL

Celebration of a successful season

At the weekend players, coaches, managers and parents gathered at our school to celebrate another enjoyable season of netball. I thank all coaches, managers, officials and parents who worked hard to help students enjoy involvement in a healthy, fun, challenging sport.

Yr 1/2 Peninsula Rugrats:

MOST VALUED - Maddilyn Jury

MOST IMPROVED - Alice O'Brien

SPORTSMANSHIP - Alba Ashby-Bigham

Yr 1/2 Peninsula Silver Babes:

MOST VALUED - Sana Brown

MOST IMPROVED - Samantha Vye

SPORTSMANSHIP - Holly McGrath

Yr 3 Peninsula Rising Stars:

MOST VALUED - Mary-Elizabeth Hewett-Roff

MOST IMPROVED - Helena Kernot

SPORTSMANSHIP - Taylor-Lee Day

Yr 4 Peninsula Almighty's:

MOST VALUED - Alyssa Pulesea

MOST IMPROVED - Brenna Gaskin

SPORTSMANSHIP - Alice Pope

Yr 4 Peninsula Angels:

MOST VALUED - Deahna McGonagle

MOST IMPROVED - Gisselle Palmer

SPORTSMANSHIP - Caitlin Magasiva

Yr 5 Peninsula Ferns:

MOST VALUED - Letitia Pafalani

MOST IMPROVED - Monalisa Sitivi

SPORTSMANSHIP - Mary-Anne Murphy

Yr 5 Peninsula Blues:

MOST VALUED - Odessa Lawson

MOST IMPROVED - Kelsi Ward

SPORTSMANSHIP - Talitha Cant

Yr 5/6 Peninsula All Stars:

MOST VALUED - Kalea Tairi

MOST IMPROVED - Serenity Kahi

SPORTSMANSHIP - Likupaongo Maka

Yr 6 Peninsula Mystics:

MOST VALUED - Sheryl Chand

MOST IMPROVED - Telekia Motufoua

SPORTSMANSHIP - Caitlin Oram

Thanks very much to Dee Brown and Karen Close who were this year's coordinators, who worked so hard in the service of Peninsula Primary School and its students. Next season, netball will be run under the auspices of our Sports Committee led by Dianna Meyler. The committee is made up of staff members, our Kiwisport Activator, a Board of Trustees member, and netball coordinators. Parents are welcome to attend meetings, or apply to be members of this team.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

November 1 Cross Country

November 2 Grandparents Day

November 3 Cross Country Saving Day

November 9 & 10 & 11 Junior school visit to Farm

November 10 B.O.T. Meeting

November 11 Multi-cultural Festival

November 14-18 Christmas Bookfair

Junior Marathon Runners

Encouraged by teachers and key organiser Helen Dobbie, a number of students ran the Auckland Junior Marathon.

All our runners performed well and met the challenges thrown up by this event. Congratulations to every runner on this fine achievement.



End of Year Awards.....

In the last newsletter I gave information about the class awards – Effort, Citizenship, Sport and Academic.

Special trophies awarded annually are:

Reading Support Trophy donated by Sharon Young is awarded by reading support parents for the hardest working, most improved reader they have.

Pemberton Trophy donated by past teacher Gay Pemberton is awarded to the most skilled and highest achieving sports person.

Apisaloma Cultural Bowl donated by the Apisaloma family is awarded to the person best representing their culture, through leadership, academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

Mavis Young Speech Cup donated by Mavis Young is awarded to the winner of the senior school speech finals.

Middle and Junior School Speech Cups donated by the Clever Kiwi Company awarded to the winners of the Junior and Middle Speech finals.

Homer Citizenship Cup awarded to the pupil who has demonstrated knowledge of things Maori along with setting a great example in school activities.

Vernon Family Cup donated by the Vernon family awarded for excellence in academic achievement in the junior school.

ASB Cup donated by Te Atatu ASB awarded for excellence in academic achievement in the middle school.