

Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 2 14 November 2011

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?

Thank you to all our visitors who came to Peninsula Primary School on Grandparents Day. Our students greatly enjoyed the time you spent with them. They certainly honour their Grandparents and acknowledge the wisdom they have and the guidance they can provide. A group of students, having a follow-up discussion with me, said.....

"My Grandma said the way you do maths now is cool".

"I liked my Grandparents meeting my friends and seeing where I go during the day".

"My Grandparents have all passed away back in Thailand and I was thinking during Grandparents Day that they would be glad I don't have things as hard as they did when they were young".

"It was interesting hearing what Grandparents knew about".

PENINSULA CHRISTMAS PARADE....

Peninsula Primary School are working on a float for this year's Christmas Parade. If you have any old decorations they would welcome the donation of these.

REMINDER THE XMAS BOOK FAIR IS ON IN THE LEARNING CENTRE FROM 14 NOVEMBER UNTIL 18 DECEMBER. GREAT XMAS GIFTS.

EARLY CLOSE FOR EVENING ATHLETICS....

On Wednesday 23 November school will close at 2pm and open again for a 4pm start to our evening athletics. This allows time for staff to set up for the athletic events and have a meal break. Also, students have time to rest before returning to their starting place at 3.45pm.

For the Athletics Evening the Friends of the School are asking for the loan of barbeques. They need three more and can arrange pick-up, cleaning and return. Please contact Kathy Hohepa on 8343712. The raffle prize of Athletics Night Christmas Hamper is building up. Please keep sending any donation along to the box in your children's classroom. Thank you for your support.

MOVEMENT FUNDAMENTALS....

A group of 30 junior students were lucky to be invited to the national launch at the Trust Stadium of Get Set Go! This is Athletics New Zealand's first educational programme designed to get our children enjoying sport and play every day. Our students had an afternoon of fun activity and it was great to see the six selected schools enjoy the non-stop, quality action. This programme is being given a trial run by Te Atatu Athletics Club which I'm sure will have spin-offs for our students.

Most classes have completed their Mosaic classroom number and they will all be in place very soon.



Return slip

I have received and read Newsletter No. 2 Childs Name.....Room.....

SignedParent/Guardian

ACHIEVEMENT DATA.....

As I said in the last newsletter I would present some end of year data in accessible form. Here are some summaries of the sort of information we are gathering for analysis. It is important to know we are using this information to try to have every student, no matter what their place in comparison to the National Standards, make the best progress they possibly can. The data we collect is not just statistics, our systems enable us to know exactly which students 'make up the numbers'.

Year 1 Benchmarking results for test early in 2011

15	2	15	2	
At risk	Of concern	Expected	Above expected	

Year 1 Benchmarking results for test November in 2011

11	10	4	9	
At risk	Of concern	Expected	Above expected	

Our student management system enables us to see the names that match these numbers, so we know that in the second test there are more students at the of concern level because they have moved from being at risk. Congratulations teachers and parents for getting this improvement.

Year 2 Benchmarking results for test early in 2011

14	12	6	22	
At risk	Of concern	Expected	Above expected	

Year 2 Benchmarking results for test November 2011

11	12	7	34
At risk	Of concern	Expected	Above expected

This table shows a definite move to better achievement in regard to National Standards. Year 3-6 results will be in future newsletters.

Nature Crusader update...

We will be adding another 'No Waste Day' to our week at school on Tuesdays. This means that the rubbish bins will not be put out on Tuesdays. We now have 3 days each week where we take our rubbish home.

What is a 'No Waste Day?'

'No Waste Day' means that you take your rubbish home and only leave compost behind.

What is a 'Litterless Lunch Day?'

'Litterless Lunches' are the same as the 'No Waste Days' except...

On 'Litterless Lunch Days' you can help your class to win the trophy.

You can do this by bringing no rubbish to school.

We want to reduce our rubbish at school to make our school a tidier place. What can you do to help reduce rubbish around the school?

Important dates to remember.....

November 14 Xmas Bookfair

November 15 Year 6 testing at Intermediate

November 23 Evening Athletics. School closes at 2pm.

CAROLS SNACK SHACK.....

Will close for this year on Friday 16th December.

May you have a great Christmas and thank you for your support.

Carol

Community Notice.....

Touch / Tag will be running on Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm until 14th December for children aged between 9-12 years old at Jack Colvin Park Titoki St. Those interested in a run, come down. Its free (no charge).