

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 and effect?

Some of the learning contexts to begin this study:

- An assembly presentation of cause and effect, by Room 2. For example showing a device which switches on when noise is heard.
- Using our immediate surroundings to find examples of cause and effect e.g. nesting birds sitting on eggs.

Term 4 is well underway with a full schedule of study and events planned. As you can see from the Term Four calendar sent home day one of this term, there are interesting and important events ahead of us.

However, Camp an important event, right at the end of Term Three, must be mentioned. Firstly, thank you to all the parents who were able to help. Without skilled supervisors camp cannot go ahead. So, thank you to each and every adult who was able to give their time and energy to our students.

Parent contribution was an integral part of offering students a rich context in which to learn about key concepts from the NZCurriculum:

- Become skilled and active participants.
- Develop personal and social skills.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the need to protect and care for the environment.
- Develop safe practices in the outdoors.

Once again, a very successful enjoyable learning experience took place lead by Dianna Meyler, Owen Robyns, Pops Huri, Taranga Kent, Tiepa Tahana and supportive parents and caregivers.

CRICKET – GIRL'S TEAM WINS AT PARRS PARK

On Tuesday, 15 September 2009 a team of nine senior school girls took part in the Western Region Girls Cricket Quikhit Invitational Tournament which took place at Parris Park, Glen Eden. This tournament was organized by Auckland Cricket Association to promote cricket amongst primary and intermediate school girls.

On a glorious spring day, ideal for cricket, our girls played three matches against three different teams from Western Heights Primary. The first two games were won convincingly by our team but the final game was a nail-biter. It was our team's superb bowling, batting and fielding that gave us a victory by a narrow 2 run margin. Our team's fielding was by far the best in the primary school section.

It was a brilliant team effort, with every player making a valuable contribution to the team's success. The Player of the Day was undoubtedly Chloe Paki-Newport for her excellent all-round play. The school's congratulations go to Chloe, Kyla, Elizabeth, Denise, Seraiah, Erehana, Florence, Terua and Lydia. A word of thanks to Mrs Salepea and Mrs Olive for their support and help with transport.

Kids Art Works

Have your child's own piece of art made into superb calendars and greeting cards. Perfect Christmas presents for family and friends. Order forms went home last week. Calendars and card packs \$10 each. Calendars now include a voucher page with special offers for the family.

Orders close this Friday 23 October.

Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

Turn on the Tap.....

What a great achievement by the pupils of Peninsula Primary and the Te Atatu Community!! As a result of the donations from all sources \$2500 was raised to ensure that the children of O'andong School in Cambodia are able to drink fresh water. The water system has been installed at the school and is in use. In real terms, this means that the children will be able to concentrate on their schooling rather than to suffer the consequences of water born diseases in their community. Thank you to all the pupils who participated by bringing their donations to school each week. What a tremendous effort. Thank you also to the staff as they supported the project in their classrooms.

Finally, well done to Joshua and Sarah Scott for suggesting the project in the first instance. The staff and pupils of Peninsula Primary can be proud that they have had a significant hand in helping change the lives of over 500 children in Cambodia.

Craig Scott N.Z. Manager Samaritan's Purse.

SPRING FESTIVAL.....

Thanks for the wonderful adult support on Friday evening, in the town centre. Our students demonstrated great talent in a range of acts – singing, dancing, playing instruments, Kapa Haka and more. Even though we had students at camp and no space at school to rehearse (because of classroom renovations), our talented students were keen to take part.

The encouragement of all performers, by our parents and supporters is a key element in developing 'confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners', as the NZCurriculum puts it. Thank you all.

Special thanks to Chris Larking, Dr Music, for the great support of Peninsula Primary School once again. The sound gear and expertise were given free of charge. For all your sound and instrument needs go to www.doctormusic.co.nz.

School Security.....

Thanks for the responses from my notice about the mindless vandalism we suffered on Friday night. We now have a list of people willing to look over our buildings over the weekends, and we have information which will definitely help police in their continuing inquiries.

REMINDER A.S.B. SCHOOL BANKING DEPOSIT ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE. BANKING DAY FRIDAYS.

Dates to Remember.....

October 21 Soccer Promotion Day
October 23 Disco Junior School
October 26 Labour Day holiday. School closed.
October 27-30 Bandanna Week

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL (FOS) update....

Regrettably, our hardworking FOS group is postponing their Trivia Night to 2010. Market research has told them that people's calendars are very full from now to the end of the year, leaving no good space for the Trivia Night.

This term is really busy with plenty to do until the terms end and they welcome offers of help. Watch for notices about souvenir tea towels and evening athletics help.

Music Education Centre.....

Music is great for the whole family. Peninsula Primary provides the wonderful opportunity for guitar, violin, and keyboard/piano lessons at school. For further information contact the Music Centre on 0800893939.

Congratulations to Joshua Larking who received the 'Star Musician Award' for Term 3 from the Music Centre. Joshua shows great enthusiasm in playing his guitar and is making excellent progress through his regular practice at home.

Year 6 testing at Te Atatu Intermediate.....

Enrolled students will be tested for 2010 on Tuesday 3rd November. If you have not done so already enrol your Year 6 children as soon as possible to allow testing to be done. Forms need to be taken directly to the Intermediate.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PARTNERS NEW ZEALAND...

FREE Social English Conversation Group for new English speakers. Come along to meet new people and practise speaking English at Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre Cnr Te Atatu Rd and Harbourview Rd Thursday 1.00pm – 2.30pm.

SPRING FESTIVAL KAPA HAKA GROUP

