

# 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?

As we get further into Term Four, I can report that our students are behaving well and working hard on various learning areas. Very few students make inappropriate behaviour choices. The high expectations we hold for our students must be upheld until year's end. For nearly all of our students, that is easily achieved. All students should be aware of this expectation. Class end-of-year awards could be decided on the last weeks of the terms work and behaviour. In a recent 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. Awarded by reading support parents for the hardest working, most improved reader they have.**

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

**Apisaloma Cultural Bowl donated by the Apisaloma Family. Awarded to the person best representing their culture, through leadership, academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.**

**Mavis Young Speech Cup donated by Mavis Young. Awarded to the winner of our school speech finals.**

**Homer Citizenship Cup donated by the Homer family. Awarded to a year 6 student best showing all round citizenship, academic excellence and leadership.**

**Tikanga Maori 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.**

**A.S.B. Cup donated by Te Atatu A.S.B. Awarded for excellence in academic achievement in the Middle School.**

Talking with your children now could be an important motivation towards achieving the highest standards possible for them.

### **Schools and Families work together.....**

Schools teach children more than the curriculum subjects. Together, schools and families can help children to be:

- Confident, with a positive sense of identity, motivated and reliable, entrepreneurial, enterprising and resilient.
- Connected – able to relate well to others, and able to use communication tools.
- Lifelong learners who have literacy and maths skills, are critical and creative thinkers, and informed decision-makers.
- Actively involved in life, able to participate in and contribute to our country's growth.

*Return slip*

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

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

### **PARENT READING PROGRAMME.....**

We have 2 vacancies on a Tuesday for any parents who are able to take part in this programme. It involves being at school on a Tuesday morning from 9.00 to 10.15am and listening to children read. If you would like to do this and have the time, please contact the school office. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

[www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz](http://www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz)

Our website has been updated. The main aim of the change was to improve communication for parents and caregivers. The ease with which material can now be placed on

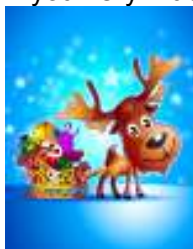
[www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz](http://www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz) means we can more readily post notices and newsletters and all other material. Students contributions will appear and change regularly, another welcome advance.

### **KIDS MARATHON.....**

On Sunday 44 Peninsula Primary School students ran in the Kids Auckland Marathon. These athletes had been training for many weeks, so they were well-prepared for this run. They were wearing sports singlets kindly provided by Vernon Logistics, a very generous supporter of our school over many years. This is the same company which has made many generous gifts to the school, for example, two drum kits and transport for our Christmas floats. More about the marathon next newsletter.

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE.....**

This year our float will carry on the theme of 'Trash to Fashion'. The float designers ask if you have any bottle tops, ribbon, lace, old CD'S, broken umbrellas (colourful if possible) or plastic bags could they be placed in the box by the 'childrens door' of the office area. Thank you very much in anticipation.



### **GRANDPARENTS DAY 11 NOVEMBER**

This is a special day when Grandparents and other friends of our students join us for the morning. It is a day when we hope to honour grandparents and special friends. We aim also to help students become aware of the strengths, information and guidance older people can offer them. More information regarding times will be sent home with students later this week.

### **Date; to Remember.....**

**November 9 F.O.S. Meeting 7pm**

**November 10 Cross; Country Field Day**

**November 10 Lopdell House Y3 / 4 ;students**

**November 11 Grandparent; Day**

**November 12 B.O.T. Meeting 7pm**

**November 12 Bike Safety**

**Waitakere Libraries** are running a free reading programme over the summer break. More information and application forms for this year's programme are available from all Waitakere Library branches and online at [www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz](http://www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz) from October 27<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Protecting our school.....**

A team of parents has been watching over our school after hours. Thanks to them no further damage to our school has occurred since the mindless vandalism of two weekends ago. The police welcome any calls regarding groups or individuals without good reason, in school grounds. Again, any information about the broken windows we suffered, is still welcome. The police are working on information already to hand. Thank you very much to our security team.

**A.S.B. SCHOOL BANKING DAY EVERY FRIDAY.  
DEPOSIT SLIPS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE**



The above children took part in the Kids Marathon which was held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.