

# Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 3 16 November 2009

*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?

Wednesday 11 November saw Grandparents Day take place at Peninsula Primary School. Thank you to all those grandparents and special guests who came along. Our students learned a lot and also had a great time hosting their visitors.

Several adults, in our classrooms that day, gave glowing accounts of teacher and student interaction and so on. There is no doubt that the input of grandparents is an integral part of producing the wonderful students we have at Peninsula Primary.

*A recount of Grandparents Day by Renee of Rm 1 "Grandparents Day started with a warm welcome in the hall. The Kapa Haka group was wonderful and so were the stories by children on grandparents. We eventually reached Room 1 my room. We were calling the roll and my granny came in she was here for me and Matthew. We taught them some sign language and after that we did some fantastic handwriting. After morning tea we had grandparents in our room telling us stories about when they were young. Akasha's granddad was funny he kept letting his teeth fall out. At the farewell assembly the juniors sang a song and then the middle and seniors. Some children said goodbye in different languages."*

## **EVENING ATHLETICS WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.....**

Our annual evening athletics is being held this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If the weather is bad a postponement will be made to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

If necessary, a postponement notice will be issued to all pupils on Tuesday 17 November. An early notification will hopefully allow caregivers enough time to change plans. School will close at 3pm if an early postponement is made.

If the athletics goes ahead the school closes at 2pm. All students are expected to return to school to start athletics at 4.00pm.

The programme will be completed at approximately 7.00pm.

The Friends of the School will be selling sausages, drinks and raffle tickets on the night so come along and have a fun family evening.

Barnados after school care will be available from 2.00pm on Athletics Evening for enrolled students.

### **CANTEEN BANDANNA CHALLENGE.....**

This year from your support and the purchase of bandannas during the bandanna challenge, a cheque for \$380.00 has been forwarded to Canteen in support of children living with cancer.

**Thank you**

### **CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR.....**

Our annual Christmas Book Fair will begin during the week of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Books will be available for viewing and purchase during the hours of

8.30am – 3.30pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase those Christmas gifts!

If anyone is available to help during lunchtime or before school, please see Carolyn Litten in the Learning Centre.



*Return slip*

*I have received and read Newsletter No.3 Childs Name.....Room.....*

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

## F.O.S. UPDATE.....

We are hoping for good weather on Wednesday night so we can have another great athletics night for our children. FOS would really appreciate you donating half an hour of your time to help on the BBQ'S – the more volunteers we have the quicker the service will be.

Thanks to all those who took the time to help provide morning tea for grandparents. You helped to make a special morning even better for our guests.

Sadly at the end of this year FOS will be losing 2 of our hard working members as their children move on to intermediate, so we are now looking for some new committee members. We meet one Monday per month for an hour and help to organize and run the school fundraising events. Committee members put in as much time as they are able. Fundraising is an important part of school life these days and the money that is raised helps to provide for those extra resources that help to enrich our children's time at school. This is a great way that parents can give back to our wonderful school community at Peninsula Primary.

If you would like to find out more about the FOS you can contact Kathy Hohepa 8343712 or Anita Martens 8348585.

## WAITAKERE SCHOOLS MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL.....

Our Kapa Haka group gave a wonderful performance on Tuesday 10 November, at the Multi-Cultural Festival held at Corbans Art Centre. From the smallest year 1 to the largest year 6 student, everyone gave of their best, and the groups powerful singing and vigorous movement brought the house down. Tutor Liz Ngata-Aerengamate and parents can be rightly proud of our students.

## Building progress....

All students are in their classrooms now and only finishing work remains on the new classroom and Block 1,2,3 refurbishment.

The Board of Trustees is now prioritizing work (and trying to find funds for) :

- Completing the path from Wharf Rd across our fields.
- Developing the area beside Room 20.
- Security fencing.
- Upgrading Gwendolyn Ave and Wharf Rd entrances.
- Alarm upgrade.

## Date; to Remember.....

November 18 Evening Athletics. School closes at 2pm  
November 26 Saving Day Athletics  
November 23 Christmas Bookfair all week  
November 24 Cricket Field Day  
December 1 Helpers Morning Tea  
December 7 Friends of School Meeting  
December 9 Year 6 end of year social  
December 10 Prizegiving Assembly 11am  
December 10 Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 14 Talent Quest 7pm  
December 15 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2009

## PROTECTING OUR SCHOOL....

Thanks to the team of parents, led by Craig Whitehouse, that is patrolling our school after hours. We must be watchful at all times as criminals can cause damage at any moment. Anyone in our school grounds without obvious purpose must be reported to Henderson Police on 8390600. If damage is imminent 111 may be called.

## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS.....

Our Cross Country runners have been training for some weeks now and on Friday 13 November their preparation was put to the test. All our runners gave of their best and some outstanding individual results were achieved:

Jaden Kendall 1<sup>st</sup> in senior boys event

Lydia Quedley-Taurua and Chloe Paki-Newport 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively, in senior girls event.

Thanks to the teachers and parents who organized and encouraged our runners.

Chloe Paki-Newport, Lydia Quedley-Taurua and Jaden Kendall



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