Peninsula Primary School

Whānau Newsletter Term 4, Week 4

Week 5:

- Tuesday 10th November, 9-11am: Whole School Cross-Country
- Thursday 12th November: Grow, Cook, Share (Rm 4)

Week 6:

- Friday 20th November: Cultural Day

Wednesday 16th December: Last day of term, Year 6 graduation 11:00-11:30, whole school prizegiving at 11:45, finish at 1pm.

Principal Pānui - Week 4 Term 4

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, enā he toa takitini. *My strength is not that of an individual, but that of many.*

Our Year 6 students recently attended Te Atatū Intermediate for an orientation visit, and we are very proud of how well they represented our school.

The Grow, Cook, Share team is doing an awesome job with the garden and cooking! We would love to continue this program next year, but we do need some parent/whānau volunteers to help make that happen. Please reach out if you are able to lend a hand with helping in the garden or kitchen once a week (even if it is not your child's class attending).

Our Kapa Haka rōpū have finished up their practices, they have worked so hard. We are looking forward to seeing their performance at Matipo Primary tomorrow at 11.50am - come along and support our amazing group!

As we head into the final weeks of the year, our focus across the school is on respecting everyone. We remind our students that while we don't all have to be best friends with everyone, we do always need to be kind. Encouraging respectful interactions, empathy, and positive behaviour helps ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming space for all our tamariki right up to the last day of term.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Ngā mihi nui

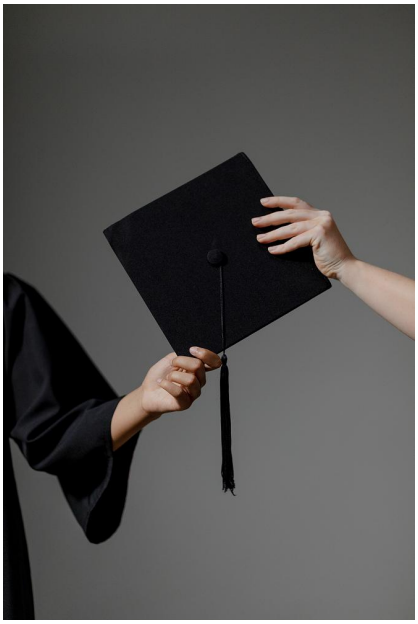
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Important Dates For Term 4

Put these in your calendar

- **Tuesday 10th November**- Whole School Cross Country 9am start
- **Monday 16th November-** Thursday 19th November- In class parent workshops
- **Friday 20th November**- Cultural Day - dress up and bring a dish.
- **Wednesday 9th December**- Yr 6 leavers trip
- **Friday 11th December**- End of year concert - 1:30pm start
- **Monday 14th December**- Reports and 2027 class placements on Hero
- **Tuesday 15th December**- Talent Show 9:15am
- **Wednesday 16th December**- Last day of school - finish at 1pm.
- Yr 6 Formal graduation will be a part of Prizegiving 11:00-11:30am.
- Prizegiving 11:45am start
- **Tuesday 2nd February**- First day back for 2027



Year 6 leavers

Mark the dates in your calendar

We are excited to announce two special events to mark the end of primary school for our Year 6 students and celebrate their primary journey:

Year 6 Day Trip Parakai Pools

- **Date:** Wednesday, 9th December
- **Location:** Parakai Pools
- **Cost:** $10 (donations payable via Kindo)

Formal Presentation

- **Date:** Wednesday, 16th December
- **Time:** 11:00 AM
- **Dress Code:** Formal attire

We can't wait to celebrate our Year 6s as they prepare to take their next big step into intermediate! Donations can be made via Kindo for the day trip ahead of time.

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Te Kahu o te Rēhia

Senior Kapa Haka Performance

Join us on Saturday, 7 November 2026, at Matipo Primary School to support our Senior Kapa Haka group as they take the stage for a powerful performance from 11:50 am to 12:20 pm!

Our students have put in hours of hard work and dedication, and they can't wait to share their passion and talent with our community.

Door sales are available for $5 on the day. Bring your whānau, show your support, and enjoy a fantastic showcase of our ākonga!



In memory of Benjamin "Ben" Hewett

The family and friends of former pupil Benjamin "Ben" Hewett are mourning his recent passing at the age of 48 (Born Aug 1978 - Passed Oct 2026).

Ben attended what was then known as Te Atatu North Primary School during the 1980s (1985-1989) and grew up nearby in the local community. Friends who knew him from those years remember him as intelligent, good-humoured, loyal, and caring.

The friendships Ben formed during his school years and childhood in Te Atatu have endured for decades. As an adult, he became known as a thoughtful listener, the peacemaker, and someone people could readily turn to for support.

Ben will be greatly missed by his family, lifelong friends, and many others whose lives he touched.



Year 6 Whanaungatanga Visit to Te Atatū Intermediate

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic morning at Te Atatū Intermediate, taking part in a whanaungatanga session led by TAI student leaders. Throughout the morning, students learned more about the many opportunities TAI has to offer, heard from the head prefects, and were taught the TAI haka. To finish the session, groups of students performed the haka in front of their peers. A special mention goes to Benny and Hendrix, who stepped outside their comfort zones and took on leadership roles during their performances. Both showed incredible courage and respect, leading their groups with pride. Their efforts were acknowledged with a powerful haka tautoko from the amazing TAI Kapa Haka representatives. It was a truly special and humbling moment, and a wonderful morning for our Year 6 students as they prepare for their next chapter!

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Diwali Rangoli patterns by Room 14

This week Room 14 have been learning about Diwali, the Indian festival of lights and we made beautiful Rangoli patterns using various maths equipment.

Diwali

Diwali is an Indian festival of light. On day number one people make rangoli patterns on the floor to welcome visitors, they also make yummy Indian sweets called barfi. On the second day they tell a story about good and evil. On the 3rd day is Diwali day, they light Diya lamps and fireworks. On the 4th day is new years day, they eat barfi and give presents to their brothers and sisters.

By Lexi

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Marathon Effort!

A huge congratulations from everyone at Peninsula Primary School to Mrs Barton for completing the Auckland Marathon on Sunday. What a great ambassador for our school value of Resilience! We are all so proud of you.



Boys swimwear donations needed

Do you have some spare boys togs at home? With swimming starting this term, we need lots of boys togs (bottoms only), all sizes. Please drop them to the school office at your convenience. Thank you!



Term 4 Cultural Inquiry

Celebrate Our Diversity: Cultural Day is Coming!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Cultural Day, a vibrant celebration of the rich traditions, languages, and backgrounds that make up our school community! This connects closely with our inquiry topic for this term, Manaakitanga showing care, hospitality, respect, and generosity toward others as we welcome and learn from one another.

We would love for parents to get involved by running a workshop in your child's classroom! Between Monday 16th-Thursday 19th November. Whether it's sharing a traditional craft, teaching a quick dance, telling a favorite folk tale, or demonstrating a unique musical instrument, your participation will make this day truly special for the kids.If you are interested please contact your child's teacher directly to book in a time that suits.

On Friday 20th November we are having a Cultural Day where students dress up in their cultural attire and bring a dish from their culture or a family favorite to share as we practice Manaakitanga together!

We can't wait to learn, connect, and celebrate together!

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Ice Block

Fundraiser



Bot Battles at Te Atatū Peninsula!

Last weekend was an action packed weekend of high octane engineering! New Zealand's top builders and robot fighting enthusiasts are heading to the Te Atatū Peninsula Community Centre for a premier two day battle arena event. From devastating combat robots to cutting edge STEAM tech showcases including our very own Walter (Rm 10) competing in the arena.

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Pizza Day!



Te Atatu Village Kindergarten spaces

Megan Gilbert — November 2nd, 2026



Flippa Ball Term 4

Kia ora,

Term 4 Flippa Ball opportunity for Years 4–6. Younger children are also welcome where they are confident, competent swimmers.

Flippa Ball is a fun, beginner-friendly introduction to water polo, played in a 1.2-metre-deep pool. It helps children build water confidence and safety, fitness, teamwork and ball skills—while giving their swimming greater purpose and keeping it enjoyable. No previous water-polo experience is required.

WWPC provides the coaching, equipment and refereeing. Children register individually, so families do not need to form a school team.

Term 4 sessions:
• Sundays, 11.00am–12.00pm
• 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November 2026
• West Wave, except 22 November, which is a dry-land session at the Recreation Centre
• $80 per child for the term

Register: https://www.waitakwaterpolo.co.nz/register

We would also welcome a teacher or parent who would like to be their school's Flippa Ball contact. They would not need to coach or referee; the role would simply involve sharing information and, if school teams are developed later, helping coordinate the children and substitutions.

Please contact me if you or your families have any questions.

Kind regards,

Ron Aratema
Waitākere Water Polo Club

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