Peninsula Primary School

Whānau Newsletter Term 4, Week 5

Week 6:

- Thursday 19th November: Grow, Cook, Share (Rm 5)
- 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

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had here at school! As we move through the heart of Term 4, the energy across our classrooms is buzzing with plenty to celebrate and a busy few weeks ahead.

Kapa Haka Success A massive mihi to our Kapa Haka rōpū who performed last weekend. You represented our kura with immense pride, mana, and passion it was truly amazing to watch your hard work pay off on stage. A huge thank you to our tutors, staff, and whānau who spent countless hours preparing our tamariki, helping with uniforms, and cheering loudly from the audience.

Cross Country It was wonderful to see such great determination and sportsmanship at our Cross Country. Whether our students were aiming for a podium finish or simply pushing themselves to cross the finish line, the encouragement they showed one another was a highlight. Thank you to the whānau who came along to support and to our staff for organising such a smooth event.

End-of-Year Assessments and Reports In the classrooms, our teachers and tamariki are currently wrapping up end of year testing and assessments. These give us valuable insight into the progress each student has made this year and help inform our next steps for their learning. Teachers are now busily collating this information as they begin writing end of year reports, which will be shared with you later in the term.

Looking Ahead to 2027 Behind the scenes, our leadership team is deep into planning for the 2027 school year. We are currently finalising our staffing structure and carefully working through class lists. Putting classes together is a thoughtful process where we consider academic needs, social dynamics, and individual learning styles to ensure every child is set up for a successful year ahead.

Staffing Update – Room 12 Today marks a very special milestone as we farewell Mrs Carter for her final day before she heads off on maternity leave. We wish her and her whānau all the very best for this exciting new chapter and look forward to meeting the newest addition to the school family soon! We are thrilled to welcome Mr Gilbert, who will be stepping into Room 12 to teach the class through to the end of the year, ensuring a smooth and supportive transition for our tamariki.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership as we head into the final stretch of the year.



All you need to know

Friday 20th November

Here is what you need to know about next week for Cultural Day on Friday 20th November:

Food Drop-off (From 8:15 am)

- Please drop your plates of food off in the hall from 8:15 am. A fridge is available for any food that needs to be chilled.
- Tables will be labelled by continent—please place your dish on the matching table.
- **Labelling & Utensils:** Every container must be clearly labelled with:
    - Your child's name and room number
    - The name of the dish and its country of origin
    - Any special serving instructions
- Please also provide serving utensils if your dish requires them.

Schedule of Events

- **Normal School Start:** All children arrive at school wearing their cultural attire. All students need to bring an empty container to use at the shared food time.
- **9:15 am – Cultural Parade:** Held on the covered courts. Whānau and families are warmly invited to come along, watch the parade, and celebrate our students.
- **Morning Tea:** Students will have a brain break in class followed by morning tea at the normal time.
- **10:30 am – Cultural Performances:** Everyone is invited back to the covered courts for performances from:
    - Junior Pasifika
    - Senior Pasifika
    - Kapa Haka
    - Bollywood

- **11:40 am – Lunch Set-Up:** Food tables will be moved out to the covered courts. If you are available to help set up, we would love to see you back at this time.
- **12:30 pm – Shared Kai & Celebration:** Students will be invited to sample food from around the world as we gather outside together to celebrate the diverse cultures of PPS.

Thank you for all your support to make this celebration magical and memorable.



Important Dates For Term 4

Put these in your calendar

- **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



Book Club Issue 8, 2026

As we wrap up another year of Book Club, we want to say a heartfelt thank you for supporting reading at home and school. This is the final issue for 2026, a convenient way to shop for birthday or Christmas gifts.

The **deadline** for all orders is **Friday 20th November 2026.**

Peek inside Issue 8 HERE!



Year 0-2 'Get Firewise' firetruck visit!

On Thursday of this week the Year 0-2 classes were very lucky to have a visit from Laura, Stefan, Adrian, Grayson and Rob from our local Te Atatū Fire Station. They came as part of our learning for our recent 'Get Firewise' learning programme that we began at the beginning of

this term.

The children got to hear a smoke alarm in action so they were familiar with the noise they make, see Stefan in his full firefighting safety and breathing equipment, see some of the special tools the firefighters use when attending an emergency situation, have a turn with the firefighting hose and sit in the fire engine. We also asked lots of questions!

Near the end of the visit the firefighters got called away to a real life emergency so we quickly moved away from the engine while they put on their safety equipment and waved them goodbye as they left with the fire engine lights on. What an amazing visit we had!

To support your child's learning, please test your your home's smoke alarms are working (the recommendation is to test them every month), and plan and talk about your family's safe meeting space in case you have to 'Get down, get out and stay out' in an emergency, and mark it with the special sticker that came home in your child's 'Get Firewise' learning pack.

Thank you Laura, Stefan, Adrian, Grayson and Rob for taking time out of your busy day to visit us!

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Cross Country

What a fantastic effort from everyone out on the course today. It was awesome to see so many smiling faces, muddy shoes, and determined runners giving it their all. Whether you were sprinting for a top spot or pushing yourself to cross that finish line, we are so proud of the resilience, sportsmanship, and positivity you all showed.

It was also wonderful to see such a huge whānau turnout on the sidelines! The cheering, encouragement, and support really lifted the tamariki and created an amazing atmosphere. A massive ngā mihi to all the parents, caregivers, and staff who came along to support, marshal the course, and help make the day run so smoothly.

Ka rawe, everyone!

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Author Kath Bee visit

Our Year 0 to 3 tamariki had a wonderful time with Kath Bee on Monday morning. They loved singing along and joining in with her catchy songs. We were also lucky to receive a signed copy of one of Kath's books for our school, and one lucky student who took part in the session received a copy of their own!



Te Kahu o te Rēhia

Ka rawe to our amazing Kapa Haka rōpū, who represented our school with immense pride, passion, and energy at the recent Kapa Haka competition last weekend at Matipo Primary!

Every performer left their heart on the stage from the power and precision of the haka and poi to the beauty of the waiata. The weeks of breaktimes, dedication, and hard work truly shone through in every single movement.

A massive ngā mihi nui to our Whaea Layaka, Whaea Sharnie, whānau, and supporters who helped make this possible, and an extra special congratulations to our tamariki for doing us all so proud.

Tūmeke!

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PPS Has Talent! – Sign-Ups Open Monday!

Get ready to shine! Our annual talent show, PPS Has Talent, is happening this term, and we want to see what our amazing students can do. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic tricks, comedy, gymnastics, or playing an instrument, all acts are welcome!

- **Sign-Ups Open:** This Monday outside Rm 12
- **Who Can Enter:** All students (solo acts or groups)

Start practicing those routines this weekend and be ready to put your name down on Monday. We can't wait to see the incredible talent across our school!

Once I have sign ups I will organise audtions. Any questions please see Mrs Mackay

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Rm 21

Room 21 learnt to write their names in Korean.

Notification of road works

Please see attached notice regarding nighttime road works between 23-30 November on Wharf and Waipani Roads.

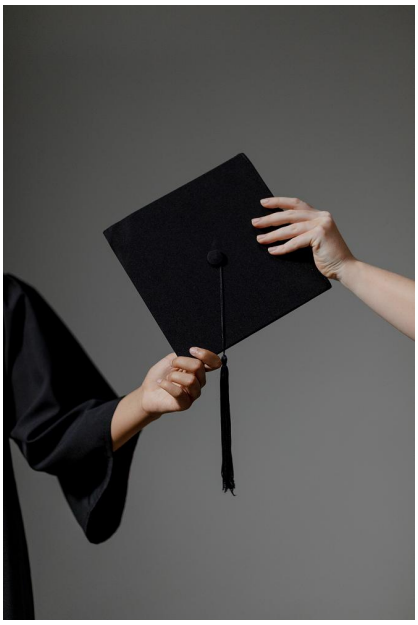
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We are still pushing to get a raised crossing on Wharf road. Next week we are meeting the local board to try and harness their support. If you would also like to support, please sign and share this petition: https://www.change.org/p/protect-our-kids-call-for-a-safe-crossing-on-wharf-road

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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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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!



Ice Block



Save the Date



Pizza Day!



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