

# 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 1 is:

# RESPONSIBILITY

This concept will be Social Studies and Health based. The understandings are that:

- Responsibility affects choices and decisions.
- Values underpin responsibilities.

Our students will look at what responsibility is and what could happen without responsibility.

There has been a lot of publicity about National Standards and reporting in New Zealand schools. Regardless of this, Peninsula Primary School always aims to give its students the best possible learning opportunities. A major focus for professional development this year will be literacy – writing. Exhaustive analysis of work samples has led us to believe we can improve students' writing considerably and to that end we will be working with an excellent facilitator from Team Solutions.

Staff Meetings for Term One will cover:

- Testing for diagnostic purposes.
- 'Unpacking' the writing matrix and setting a process for marking.
- Taking samples for moderation of achievement.
- Moderation of samples taken
- Comprehensive ideas for teaching.

Peninsula Primary School teachers are already skilled in these academic areas, but we aim to strive for even better support for our students. In Term Two we will continue this work which I will outline nearer to the time.

## ROAD SAFETY.....

There was a wonderful response to the opportunity to set up 'Walking Bus' routes. Thank you to all those who attended the meetings and called to offer support.

*Join the Peninsula Primary Walking School Bus  
Its fun, easy and your child would love to be on one!*



Thanks to the support of some wonderful parents we are trialing a number of Walking School Bus routes to school. Information on the routes is available at the school office.

To join the WSB parents must complete a consent form at the school office. We are also looking for more parent volunteers to join the routes. More parent walkers mean the routes can operate more often and allows more rest days for volunteers.

*A Walking School Bus is a group of children that walk to school together with adult support; they arrive at school safe, happy and ready to learn. The group walks along a set route and children can join along the way. By walking regularly on the bus students and parents can qualify for great rewards.*

Ko te Walking School Bus he rōpū tamariki e hīkoi ana ki te kura me ngā pākeke hei kaitautoko; ka tae pai atu rātau ki te kura, e hari ana, e reri ana hoki mō ngā akoranga. Ka whai te rōpū i tētahi ara kua whakaritea, ā ka āhei ngā tamariki te uru mai i runga i te huarahi.

‘O le Pasi Savali i le Ā’oga ‘o se fa’alāpotopotoga a tamaiti e sāvavali i le ā’oga fa’atasi ai ma le lagolago a mātua; e taunu’u ma le saogālēmu i le ā’oga, fiafia ma sāuni e a’oa’oina. E sāvavali le kulupu i le ala ‘ua fa’atonuina ma e mafai ai e tamaiti ona ‘auai i vāega o le ‘auala ‘a’o sāvavali i latou.

*Return slip*

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

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

Another important aspect of road safety is the Board of Trustees 'Cycle Safety Policy'. The policy is on view in our office foyer. The key points are: Students in Year 4,5 and 6 are permitted to ride bikes to school. A permission slip (obtainable from the office) is to be signed by parents/guardians and must be completed before a student is able to ride a bike to school.

Any student riding a bike, under Year 4, must be accompanied, at all times, by a parent/guardian.



**Setting a good road safety example....**

Some parents don't understand the power of imitation in learning of young children. Here are some of the dangerous behaviours some parents/guardians model daily:

- Calling children across the road
- Crossing away from the areas teachers want students to use
- Walking through the carpark
- Driving into the carpark when asked to leave their car on the road.

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING.....**

I have made the decision to move 'Meet the Teacher/information evening' to 3 March, 7pm in our school hall. On the night I will present information about the important issue of National Standards and Reporting.

I regret any inconvenience caused by this decision.

**DYLAN ELISE MOTIVATIONAL DRUM SHOW.....  
MARCH 9TH**

As part of the music programme of Peninsula Primary Dylan Elise will present a musical show of technical excellence combined with positive messages about learning and work habits and so on. We ask that all students attend as this is part of our learning programme.

The cost is \$2.00 per head. Please send your child's \$2.00 along to their class teacher before the performance. This is a chance to learn from one of New Zealand's best musicians at the same time as enjoying an excellent musical performance.

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....**

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| February 26 | Water Fun Day Junior School             |
| March 3     | Meet the Teacher Evening 7pm            |
| March 5     | Big Foot Adventures Year 6 students     |
| March 5     | Beach Education Piha Year 5 students    |
| March 9     | Motivational Drummer show all students. |
| March 9     | Softball Field Day                      |
| March 11    | B.O.T. Meeting 7pm                      |
| March 12    | Saving day Water Fun Day                |

**SCHOOL DONATION / FEES.....**

The school receives Government funding to run the day to day activities of the school. Often this does not allow for the provision of much needed resources. The school fees help to provide for these things.

**Fees are: \$85.00 a year for one student or if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March \$65.00**

**\$130.00 a year for a family or if paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> March \$110.00**

If you wish to pay fees by installment direct into the school bank account the a/c no. is:

A.S.B. Te Atatu 12-3038-0262923-00

**Open Day First Steps 633-635 Te Atatu Rd**

**Saturday 27 February 10 am to 12.30pm**

**Meet the teachers and check out newly renovated and well resourced center. Free coffee and cake.**

**Face painting, bubbles and fun.**

**Phone 8343749**

**EDUCATION ASSESSMENT TESTS.....**

The school is giving Year 5 & 6 students the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales educational assessment tests. These tests provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their achievement in the following areas:

Computer skills, science, maths, spelling, reading and writing. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for N.Z. The student report is also useful in highlighting student strengths and areas for development.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of exam</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Computer skills	25 May	\$9.50
Science	9 June	\$9.50
Spelling	22 June	\$10.50
Writing	22 June	\$16.50
English	3 August	\$9.50
Maths	17 August	\$9.50

If you wish your child to take part in the tests could you please fill in the following form and return it to the office by 14 March.

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Name of child.....  
wishes to take part in the tests marked above.

I have enclosed \$.....for payment.

Signed.....  
Parent / Guardian