

*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 2 is:**

# Transformation

**Enduring Understandings:**

1. Transformation follows a sequence of actions or words.
2. Transformation occurs when conditions change.

**Essential Questions:**

1. What is transformation?
2. What are the effects of transformation?

National Standards for schools and the final implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum are big issues at the moment, and at Peninsula Primary School it's business as usual.

In the first three weeks of term, the Public Library children's librarian has visited to enthuse readers, parent reading has begun, lead teachers of mathematics and literacy have had professional development regarding national standards, a Garden to Table information evening has been held, school photos have been taken, individual education plan meetings have been completed, Gloss testing in Mathematics has begun, one hundred percent attendance for term one has been celebrated, a new board of trustees has been formed, and much more.

Teachers have continued with professional development begun last term, that is working on the teaching of writing. This direction was always set in our strategy for continuous improvement and it is also very timely given the importance placed on National Standards in writing as part of Literacy.

Each teacher has been observed taking a writing lesson with their class and this lesson has been critiqued by our facilitators, discussion has taken place about making the most of our language resources.

On another front, teachers continue to work hard on mathematics in the new curriculum. Apart from obvious changes, like the name of the learning area from ~~Mathematics~~ to ~~Mathematics and Statistics~~ the main difference is a pedagogical change. While problem solving was one of the processes in the old curriculum it was often treated as a topic in maths and taught for a period of a few weeks a year.

Problem solving is now at the very heart of the Mathematics and Statistics curriculum. It is a way of teaching which engages students in posing questions and seeking solutions.

Thinking is central to the whole of the new curriculum. It is a key competency. This is extended into the types of thinking that the study of mathematics should develop, creative, critical, strategic and logical thinking.

To meet the requirements of the new curriculum the teaching of any mathematics programme must engage students in thinking mathematically and statistically while solving problems or modeling situations that are real to students.

*Return slip*

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

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

May 18-21	OAC Ministries after school programme
May 20	Storyline – Jungle Bungle
May 24 -28	Bookfair
May 25	Cluster school soccer field day
May 26	Lindy Fisher – Illustrator visit
May 28	Sausage Sizzle
May 28	Character Parade

## BOOK FESTIVAL – THE WORLD OF TRANSFORMATION.....

Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> . Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2010.

By the end of this study students will have an understanding that Transformation can be portrayed through Text, Visual Images, Pictures and Art works.

Some of the events happening

May 17<sup>th</sup> . Christine will be reading to all the classes in the hall.

May 20<sup>th</sup> . Jungle Bungle in the hall for all students

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Lindy Fisher an Illustrator will be visiting.

Monday . Friday lunchtime activities in the hall and learning centre, Mystery Readers, Book Mark making, Buddy Reading.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> . Character Parade and prizegiving from 9.30am.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> . Art competition prizegiving from 1.45pm

### BOOKFAIR.....

The Bookfair will be held in the Learning Centre from 2pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> until 9am Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Check with your child's teacher for a full timetable of opening hours.

### “JUNGLE BUNGLE”.....

As part of the Book Festival in association with Storylines Festival 2010, a musical celebrating Reading and Literacy Jungle Bungle will be performing on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the performance will be \$4.50 per child. All students will be attending this performance.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE.....

LUNCHTIME FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

**\$1.50 FOR A SAUSAGE AND BREAD. ORDER FORMS WILL GO HOME IN WEEK 5. ALL ORDERS TO BE MADE THROUGH CLASSROOM TEACHERS.**

**THIS IS PART OF THE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE SENIOR CAMP.**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

ON MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 1.30PM SO THAT TEACHERS MAY ATTEND A PAID UNION MEETING. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AT THAT TIME. THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 1.30PM FOR ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS.

### CAROLS SNACKSHACK

PLEASE NOTE CAROLS SNACK SHACK WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

SORRY FOR INCONVENIENCE.

Carol

### FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT.....

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> May 7.30pm in the school hall

Tickets \$10 per adult. Teams of 6-8 per table. Tickets are limited so get in quick!!!!

Nibbles provided – refreshments (all sorts available).

Tickets from the school office (no door sales)

Available now until Wednesday 26 May.

A fun filled night with friends, games, prizes and lots of laughs.

### SCHOOL BANKING.....

ASB School banking is done every Friday. Don't forget to drop your deposit envelope in the elephant in the office. New account forms and deposit envelopes are available from the office.

### GARDEN TO TABLE.....

A public meeting, about Garden to Table was held in our school hall. Some enthusiastic parents attended as did representatives from the Green Party, Te Atatu Lions, and the local business association. The chairperson of Garden to Table Catherine Bell, gave her view of how the system should work, and she was supported by Nicole Curin-Birch her project facilitator.

Our next steps are:

- To build a list of volunteers and supporters of Peninsula Primary School and Garden to Table.
- To prepare the art room for Garden to Table work as well as art.
- To extend our garden to enable the growing of more produce.

For more information see:

[www.gardentotable.co.nz](http://www.gardentotable.co.nz)

If you are able to assist with work in the garden or kitchen, please contact the school to have your name added to the list.