

# Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 5 20 September 2010

*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 3 is:**

## **Communication**

**Enduring Understandings:**

1. Effective communication leads to deeper understanding.
2. Communication is necessary to link all living things.

**Essential Questions:**

1. What is communication?
2. Why do living things communicate?

**A STRING OF SUCCESSES.....**

At Peninsula Primary we strive to deliver holistic education. Recent successes underline the nature of this education.

- second and third in the cluster speech contest
- many awards in the Trash 2 Fashion Show
- second in both divisions of the local rugby field day.
- two students awarded **Star Musician** by the Music Education Centre.
- first in the boys netball, and second in the girls netball at the cluster field day.

Our most recent success was at the Te Atatu Primary Schools Netball Field Day. Our players showed excellent netball skills and also, as expected, demonstrated outstanding discipline.

Thanks to all the parents for this support . coaching, managing and transporting teams. Thanks to the parents who assisted with the netball and soccer exchange for our younger players. Again our teams were great to work with, and their enthusiastic efforts were wonderful to see.

**THANK YOU**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT TERM.....**

Term break might provide time to have a discussion with your children regarding opportunities and responsibilities for Term 4.

Soon teachers will be making decisions about end of year awards. The class awards are:

- **Effort** – for the hardest worker in each class.
- **Citizenship** – for the student who has contributed most to their school and class.
- **Sport** – for the most skilled student, including attitudes to fair play.
- **Academic** – for the class member with the best overall achievement.

**SCHOOL CONCERT.....**

A variety concert will be held in our school hall starting at 7.00pm on this Tuesday evening. Doors will open at 6.30pm. It will be a great way to close off our work around the concept **Communication** and will be an event in place of the cluster schools music festival which will not be held this year.

Tickets are a gold coin and are on sale at the school office. We have limited tickets so don't be disappointed. Get your ticket before Tuesday evening. Children under 5 free.

**Music Centre Awards.....**

Congratulations to **Chloe Paki-Newport** and **Aaliyah Brown-Young** who have received the Term 3 'Star Musician Awards' from the Music Education Centre for their consistent effort as budding musicians. **Peninsula Primary** has piano/keyboard; guitar and violin specialist instrumental tutors available during school hours. Enrol now for Term 4. For further information, contact the **Music Education 0800893939**.

Te Atatu Sea Scouts presents: Te Radar Eating the Dog: The History of New Zealand October 7th @ 7pm

Te Atatu Intermediate Hall

Tickets: \$30-single / \$50-Double

Call Rachael: 8343461 / 027-44-666-40

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*Return slip*

*I have received and read Newsletter No. 5 Childs Name.....Room.....*

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

# Enviroschool News

Peninsula Primary has won our Bronze Enviroschool Award. To be awarded this the students were asked to discuss some difficult points and our brains were stretched to answer some of the questions! But... the Nature Crusaders passed with flying colours, so will be receiving this reward some time next Term. Well done to all.

In other news, every year Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust arranges for Waitakere residents to clear rubbish from streets, parks, beaches and reserves this is called Operation Spring Clean. We have participated in this clean up at our school for the past few years. This year for the first time we took our Operation Spring Clean outside the school to the local community. We picked up heaps of rubbish and the students were surprised to find as much rubbish as we did! We are all happy that the litter we collected will not end up polluting the sea and waterways. A big thank you to all the parent helpers, we could not have done this without you!



Children from Peninsula Primary making a difference in our community. Look at all the rubbish we collected!

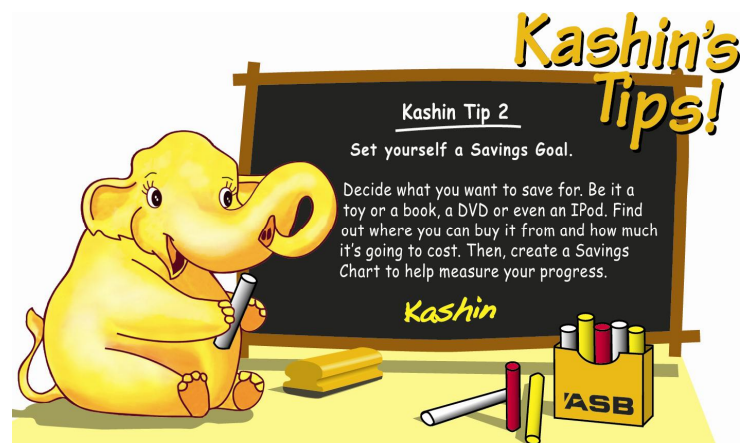
## Dates to remember.....

- September 21 – School Concert 7pm school hall
- September 24 - Last day Term 3. School finishes at 3pm.
- October 11 - First day Term 4
- October 11 - Friends of School Meeting 6.30pm
- October 14 - B.O.T. Meeting 7pm

Our students have also been supporting Korel, a young girl in our community who has cancer. The children have been asked to donate a gold coin and make a heart symbolizing love and support, to place on the fence of Village Kindergarten.

## ASB

School Banking Day is Wednesday. Encourage a good savings habit from a young age, making small and regular deposits is the best way to go even 50c or 10c a week is a great start to regular savings and creates a good savings habit. If you would like to register your child, applications are available from the school office. The children receive a Kashin banking bag which includes a savings diary, calculator and certificate.



## Our focus for study in Term 4 is

### SAFETY.....

Enduring Understandings:

1. We need to take responsibility for our safety.
2. There are people and places we can go to for help.

Essential Questions:

1. How can we keep ourselves safe?
2. Who can help us and where can we go if we need help?

Te Atatu Athletics Club, Ramlea Park, Taikata Rd, are holding 2 registration nights on Tues 12 & Tues 19 Oct from 5pm-6.30pm on both nights at the park. The 2010-2011 season which starts on Tues 2 Nov. Children between ages 4-14 yrs are welcome to join. Club website: [www.sportsground.co.nz/teatatuathletics](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/teatatuathletics), & Club email: [teatatuathletics@gmail.com](mailto:teatatuathletics@gmail.com)