

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 2 is:

Enduring Understandings

- 1. What we imagine does not have to be real.**
- 2. Opportunities are created by what we imagine.**

WEEK TWO OF PENINSULA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK FESTIVAL.....

The second week of activities relating to books, reading and imagination, culminates in a closing assembly at 2.00pm Friday 27 May 2011.

The school has been buzzing with activity during the first book festival week. There have been sessions with the Peninsula Public Library's children's librarian, performances from 'Jump to it', mystery readers, mask making, bookmark making, teachers reading stories at lunchtime and more. The usual array of activities we offer as part of our holistic approach to education has continued to run: gymnastics club, swimming competition, writers' club, 'Ukelele with attitude', recorder group and so on.

Some highlights to note for this week are the character parade set down for Friday, the reading related art competitions (different for each level of the school), and the finishing off assembly on Friday afternoon.

WHANAU GROUP MEETING.

The second meeting of this group took place on Wednesday evening. We appreciate the contributions made by committed parents. Planning began for activities to run during Maori Language Week 4-8 July. The activities will run in lunchtimes mainly and will feature mystery readers much like Book Week. You don't need to have come to meetings to take part. All offers of help will be welcomed. Please contact myself, Tiepa Tahana or Karin Tautuhi from the Board of Trustees.

PENINSULA PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARTER

The school charter, submitted by our board of trustees, has been checked by Ministry of Education technical officers and passed with flying colours. From Monday next week, 30 May, the charter will be displayed in the office foyer. There will be forms available to give a vehicle for your comments. At the same time there will be a comment facility made available on our website.

The M.O.E officer had this to say:

"A particular strength of your charter is the clear focus on data to identify individual student needs and to plan learning programmes around these".

Trustees have also been working hard on review of all school policies. When final drafts are ready, these too will be made available for comment.

Enviroschool News

Welcome to Term 2! This term the Nature Crusaders have lots of plans to improve the school and make it more sustainable. Our first project is to start Litterless Lunches again. Litterless lunches show us how much rubbish we send to landfills every day that we don't need to! It also gives us an opportunity to practice, reducing, reusing and recycling. Every Wednesday morning before school we will be checking the children's lunchboxes and awarding a point for each child who has no rubbish. Ideally this means all food is in reusable containers or ziplock bags. If things need to be wrapped up then paper wrap is better as it is compostable, so we can put paper wrap in our compost bins. There will be no rubbish bins put out for the Wednesday playtimes and lunchtimes so all non-compostable rubbish will be sent back home on that day. A trophy will go to the class that got the most litterless lunches for that week. Thank you in advance for your support!

Nature Crusaders

Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

REPORTS AND REPORT INTERVIEWS

Like many schools in New Zealand, Peninsula Primary School has been reviewing reports and reporting to parents in the light of new requirements added to National Administration Guidelines, that is National Standards and Reporting to parents. Our Student Management System provider, eTap, is working hard to complete the forms needed for mid-year reports. As soon as possible I will post the report on www.peninsulaprimarieschool.nz for your perusal. The report completion demands huge effort on behalf of teachers and if e-tap does not meet deadlines we will work with the current interim report.

An assessment tool that has emerged recently is 'teacher overall judgement' (OTJ). An overall teacher judgement involves gathering up several items of assessment in order to make an overall assessment of a student's progress and achievement. Such a judgement is based on valid data not guesswork.

Two assessment tools recently used or being used right now are Gloss and Reading Benchmarking.

Gloss:

This tool is completed individually to provide identification of the global stage students have reached in number strategies. Strategies are the mental processes students use to estimate numbers and solve operational problems with numbers.

Benchmarking:

Benchmarking aims at giving an assessment of student reading accuracy, fluency, behaviour and comprehension using unseen texts. This procedure measures instructional or independent reading level to level 14, reading and reading age levels thereafter to level 30.

MATHS INFORMATION MEETING

Another Maths evening is planned for 8 June. Linda Cheeseman, a Maths Facilitator from TEAM Solutions, will talk about the Numeracy Project and how parents can add to the success of this work. Following this, teachers will have activities set up for you to try, with the aim of understanding more about how students learn Maths. There will be a chance for you to ask questions.

The evening will begin at 7pm

JUNIOR DISCO FRIDAY 10TH JUNE 6PM-7PM
THEME "OUTRAGEIOUS HAIR DO"
\$2 ENTRY. POPCORN/DRINKS/GLOW STICKS.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

May 23-27 Book Fair
May 24 Cluster Soccer Field Day
May 26 Soccer rain day
May 27-29 40 hour famine
June 6 Queens Birthday school closed
June 8 Maths Evening

Swimming Field Day.....

The Peninsula Primary School swimming team had some fantastic results at the annual Te Atatu Cluster Swimming Competition, held at Westwave. There were six competing schools in total, all vying for maximum points for the overall standings.

With the competition running high, and lanes to fill for the finals, a great number of children from the swimming team were successfully able to fill those spaces. There were some great individual achievements, as well as team efforts in the relay events. The Peninsula Primary Swimming team can be very proud of their result, not only by showcasing their skills in the pool, but also for showing great representation of the school.

Finals results were as follows:

Year 5 Girls – Freestyle

Aaliyah Brown Young – 3rd

Erina Logan – 4th

Year 6 Girls – Freestyle

Natalie Yan – 6th

Year 5 Girls – Backstroke

Aaliyah Brown Young – 1st

Erina Logan – 2nd

Year 5 Girls – Breaststroke

Abby Woodward – 1st

Juana Pita – 2nd

Erina Logan – 3rd

Year 5 Girls Relay Team – 1st

Year 5 Boys Relay Team – 1st

Year 6 Girls Relay Team – 4th

Year 6 Boys Relay Team – 3rd

Grand Relay team – 3rd

Overall School Results

1st – Freyberg, 2nd – Peninsula, 3rd – Tirimoana, 4th – Edmonton, 5th – Flanshaw, 6th – Rutherford.

Year 5 Boys – Freestyle

Matthew Darrah – 3rd

Young Viviani – 5th

Year 6 Boys – Freestyle

Daniel Mitchell – 3rd

Year 5 Boys – Backstroke

Woodrow Maaka McCrea – 3rd

Year 5 Boys – Breaststroke

Anthony Fox – 3rd

Matthew Darrah – 5th

"The Team"

