

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:

IMAGINING

Enduring Understandings:

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

Essential Questions:

- 1. What is imagining?**
- 2. Why do we imagine?**

Friday 27th May saw the culmination of our two week Book Festival. The assembly to complete the character parade was a wonderful occasion with many parents and friends of our school joining with students to enjoy the sight of many colourful, imaginative and carefully created costumes. Clearly a lot of time and effort, from students, parents, grandparents and other supporters had gone into these get-ups and all efforts were appreciated by the enthusiastic audience. We, at Peninsula Primary School, are fortunate to have great support from caregivers. It makes a big difference in the way our students engage with school and learning.

Thanks especially to Mrs Litten, our Learning Centre Manager, who is the driving force behind the Book Festival, for her meticulous organization. Thanks also to teaching and other staff who contributed in all sorts of ways to a successful study.

The assembly to finish over two weeks of celebrating reading and books was held on the Friday afternoon at 2.00pm. Prizes were awarded and guests like our judges Lynley, Children's Librarian from Peninsula Public Library and Graeme Smith from "Off the Shelf Books", were thanked for their great contributions.

At Peninsula Primary we have many vehicles for enhancing learning opportunities for our students. I have written before about Elaine Le Sueur, Education Consultant from Gifted Education Services, working in our school. In an initial report, she cites opportunities Gifted and Talented students can become involved in:

- Speech Contest
- Lopdell House Workshops
- I.C.A.S. Tests
- Extension Groups
- Krypton Factor
- Sports Leadership
- Instrumental groups
- Auckland Junior Music Contest
- Jump Jam Leadership
- Drum kit lessons
- Itinerant Music Teacher lessons
- Mentoring by Deputy Principals and others
- Trash to Fashion
- Writers Club

In a future newsletter I will give further information about our attempts to meet the needs of our Gifted and Talented students.

MATHS FUN NIGHT.....

A maths fun night will be held in our school hall this Wednesday 8th June from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. This is an opportunity to hear from our Team Solutions Facilitator, Linda Cheeseman, how our numeracy programme operates and for you to learn some games and activities that you can play at home with your children, to reinforce their learning. Your children are welcome and there will be a DVD for them to watch while the meeting is on.

Our Kapa Haka group will open the evening so the timetable will be something like:

- 7.00 – 7.15 Kapa Haka Group
- 7.15 – 7.45 Linda talking and taking questions
- 7.45 – 8.15 Teacher demonstrations

Return slip

I have received and read Newsletter No.3 Childs Name.....Room.....

SignedParent/Guardian

Enviroschool News

Our litterless lunches are off to a great start this year, Mr Whittaker has noticed a real difference in the amount of rubbish we are needing to dispose of on a Wednesday. Because there are no bins out there has been an increase in the rubbish in classrooms and in interesting other places around the school so we are continuing to educate our students as much as possible about taking their rubbish home on a Wednesday! A few parents have asked for some more information about what is, and what is not, a litterless lunch. Litterless lunches essentially are lunches that have no rubbish that needs to go in the rubbish bins, hopefully reducing the impact our school has on the environment. If the children are bringing their lunch in reusable containers or gladbags, and any rubbish they will be left with is compostable (this includes paper) they have a litterless lunch and need to show this to either the nature crusaders in their class or their teacher. At this time due to the time we are checking the litterless lunches, if the children are getting their lunch from the snack shack this is not counted as a litterless lunch. We will continue to check the litterless lunches before school so that we are not taking up class learning time.

WINNERS OF TRAVELWISE WEEK AWARD.....

Today we were notified about our success in the travelwise week awards. Our walking bus parents and students won \$200 worth of books for the school learning centre on the strength of the network of 'bus' routes they have begun building up. This is a very timely win as our wonderful parents in charge are trying to extend bus routes and increase passengers. **Well done.**

If you are willing to help supervise a bus route, or wish to join a bus, or simply to get more information, please contact Susan on 834 8081.

THE LATEST SPORTS RESULTS.....

Our soccer players put the expected great effort into their field day play and were rewarded with third placing. The next newsletter will feature a full report.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

June 8	Maths Evening
June 9	Basketball Field Day
June 9	Kids for Drama
June 10	Junior school group to Lopdell House
June 14	Middle school group to Lopdell House.
June 16	Kids for Drama

Kiwisport Activator.....

Our Kiwisport Activator is completing his contract and moving on. Matt Wogan has been a great worker for our students. His knowledge in this subject area and his enthusiastic approach have been part of why the first Activator appointed for our cluster has been a roaring success. We regret Matt's leaving, and wish him and all his family the best in the future.



KIDS MARATHON.....

Please remember all entries plus entry fee of \$25 must be returned to the school office by Monday 13th June.

Te Atatu Intermediate School Students and Staff invite the Year 6 students and their parents from Peninsula Primary School to look around our school, meet the teachers and participate in an interesting and informative session in one of the Technology rooms.

Date: Tuesday 14 June 2011

Time: 10.50am – 12.10am

We look forward to seeing you. For further details contact the School Office on 834 5371