

# 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?**

### **REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS MEETINGS**

Next week's meetings with teachers, to discuss student progress, are very important. So far bookings for interview times are variable. As of today, one class has 18 bookings, and at the other end of the scale, one has 4. If you cannot book online please contact Maree Williams in the office and a booking will be made for you.

Interviews are now fifteen minutes long but good preparation is still essential to make the most of this time. You will receive a written report before the interview days so jot down any questions you have and put them in order of importance. Ask your child if there is anything they want you to ask about. Please arrive in good time for your meeting with the teacher. One late arrival can impact on all other interviews.



Lilian Ve'a and Luke Pope won a competition with excellent work presentation. Their prize is tickets to "Walking with the Dinosaurs"

### **MID-YEAR INTERVIEWS TUESDAY 12 JULY FROM 1.30PM UNTIL 8.00PM AND WEDNESDAY 13 JULY FROM 3.30PM UNTIL 6.00PM**

Parent Interviews will take place on the above days. On Tuesday 12 July the school will close at 12.30 pm and all children will be dismissed at this time. The After School Programme will commence at 12.30pm for all enrolled students. On Wednesday 13 July the school will close at the normal time of 3.00 pm.

We are using the BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS ONLINE programme again this year for parents to book interviews with the teachers online.

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3

1. Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter our schools code E5Q4D. Enter your name, your child/childrens name and your email address.
2. On the next page pick the teacher/teachers you want to meet.
3. On the next page click the time that suits you.

When you have finished your interview timetable will be emailed to you, and if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interview.

If you do not have access to the internet please phone Maree Williams in the office and she will go online and make appointments for you. Interviews are by appointment only.

### **FURTHER PROGRESS IN TRASH TO FASHION**

Last Friday we received word that five student entries are through to finals of Trash to Fashion.

Congratulations to those students and all the best for the finals.

Congratulations to every entrant on the great fashion examples you made. To my mind every one was a winner. The garments were extremely imaginative, well constructed and involved a lot of hard work.

There was also tremendous parent assistance and when the final event is over I would like to acknowledge all that wonderful help.

*Return slip*

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

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

## MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK: 4 – 8 JULY 2011

This week is New Zealand's official Maori Language Week. The theme for the week, chosen by the Maori Language Commission, is Manaakitanga.

In class, teachers will continue to try to weave Maori vocabulary into everyday lessons.

Parents and caregivers from Peninsula Primary School whanau support group will read stories and model correct pronunciation of appropriate Maori words. There will also be some lunchtime workshops on Maori arts and craft.

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (The Māori Language Commission) have chosen "Manaakitanga" as the theme for Māori Language Week 2011 because it is a very important tenet of Māori custom and identity, that has, positively influenced notions of good old 'Kiwi' hospitality. "At its core manaakitanga is about how we make people feel welcome when they are in our company, and how we give regard to and care for others when hosting visitors", says Chief Executive, Glenis Philip-Barbara.

"Perhaps the most recognised or common place where people see this custom practised and experienced is on marae across the country. Certainly though for those iwi, hapū, whānau and wider communities for whom the language is an everyday enterprise, manaakitanga is a more habitual convention, evident in all interactions however great or small", says Glenis Philip-Barbara.

"Our key message is about promoting Māori language use in communities and homes. In keeping with our recent choices for Māori language week themes we've selected another activity-based concept to further emphasise this message", says Glenis Philip-Barbara. "Here is a golden opportunity to think of all the ways you can act positively in your community and utilize the language and practice of manaakitanga to do so".

This years theme also links nicely to the tremendous event that is the Rugby World Cup 2011. "The Rugby World Cup 2011 is an excellent opportunity to use Māori language to host our visitors", says Glenis Philip-Barbara "from cities to rural towns, hotels to homes, all modes of public transport and on our streets. Everyone who has Māori language knowledge, great or small, is encouraged to use it as often as they can during this exciting time as New Zealand showcases itself on the world stage".

## DATES TO REMEMBER.....

<b>July 6</b>	<b>Senior group to Corbans</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Mid year interviews 1.30 – 8.00pm</b>
	<b>School closes at 12.30pm</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Mid year interviews.</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>B.O.T. Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Last day Term 2. School closes at 3pm</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>First day Term 3</b>

## GARDEN TO TABLE.....

On Tuesdays from 11:00am to 12:30pm the year 5 and 6 students participate in Garden to Table.

The class is split in half, one half go to the garden to dig, weed, sow seeds, fertilise and many other things in our schools organic garden. The other half go to the kitchen to cook simple recipes using mainly the vegetables harvested from our garden. They learn to read a recipe, measure ingredients and many skills such as chopping, blending and stir frying.

To continue this program next term we need more volunteers to work in the kitchen. You don't have to be a Master Chef, just be willing to come weekly or fortnightly and have some fun - and you get to eat some fresh organic vegetables.

If interested please phone Michelle Barton on 8343844

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE.....

Peninsula Primary School will be having a sausage sizzle Term 3 on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. This is an opportunity for us to fundraise for our Senior Camp. Sausages will be \$1.50. Notices will be sent out Week 1 of Term 3.

## ASB

School Banking Day is Friday. 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.

## Kids School Holiday Music Camp

Te Atatu Peninsula. For 6-7 year olds.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. 9 - 12 pm daily  
\$ 75.00 per child for the course. Piano, kit drumming, ukulele, percussion Kids need to have been learning one of these instruments for at least one year unless choosing Ukulele, which will be taught at beginner level. Kids will try all of the others during the camp at an introductory level. Focus on fun, includes other activities.

Please email if interested including child's main instrument, name and age to, [heidi@jambalaya.co.nz](mailto:heidi@jambalaya.co.nz)

Course will only run if we have five kids for each instrument  
Held at: Te Atatu Union Church, corner of Te Atatu and Taikata Road