

Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 1 9 August 2011

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:

CHALLENGE

Enduring Understandings:

1. We all face personal challenges.
2. Challenges can have positive outcomes which help us to develop.

Essential Questions:

1. What do we mean by challenge?
2. How can we learn from our challenge?

Term Three has started with a rush with our students getting straight back to work with energy and enthusiasm. They have come back to school respectful of our rules and keen to look after one another.

Already at the first assembly of the term we have had excellent performances from Mara-Shell Slatter and Emily Smith, two of our violinists learning at school with the Music Education Centre. At the same time a group of gymnasts were awarded badges they earned during lunchtime sessions at school, and Room 17 presented a wonderful song and dance act based on the story 'Aliens love underpants'.

Are you part of the problem?....

Some parents and caregivers are still using our carpark as a drop-off zone and coming into the carpark when it is closed. For the safety of our students our carpark is closed from 8.45 to 9.15 am, and 2.45 to 3.15 pm. At other times it is not a drop-off zone.

When spoken to, some drivers say they drove into the carpark because another driver did. Some disabled drivers and those on school business have permission to come in. Please do not try to justify a bad decision using this excuse.

O le auala ta'avale a le aoga e tapunia i le 8:45-9:15 ma le 2:45-3:15. E le tatau ona fa'aaogaina e molimoli mai ai o outou alo i totonu o le lotoa a le aoga. Fa'amolemole ia taofi ma tū tou ta'avale i le auala tele, ae savavali mai tamaiti i totonu o le lotoa

Koe paaka 'anga ka ko'eni 'oku 'ikai ke ngaue'aki ki he fakahifo uta. 'Oku tapuni 'i he vaha'a taimi 8.45 – 9.15 pongipongi mo e 2.45 – 3.15 efiafi. Katakī 'o tau ho'o ka 'i he hala pea fekau ho'o fanau ke nau luelue ki 'apiako.

REPORTS AND REPORT 'INTERVIEWS'....

A record turnout of parent and teacher meetings about student progress took place at the end of term two. There were more than 250 meetings. After the effort teachers put into interpreting data and filling out the report forms this is pleasing to note. Please go to our website to give us feedback on the reports. The survey will be on our website by Monday 15 August and will not take more than a few minutes to complete. Your opinion is valued and we need it to proceed with refinement for future reports.

EnviroSchool News

Hello all and welcome to Term 3.

You might have seen the advertising on TV and around the supermarkets for McCain School Veggie Patches. Our school has registered to be part of this programme this year. We need your help to collect any barcodes you can from the McCain Frozen Vegetables and McCain Purely Potato products and bring them into school. We can spend the points we receive from the barcodes on things we need for the school garden. Depending on how the many barcodes we get, there are lots of things available, from trowels and spades through to a new garden shed! So any barcodes you have can help, Mrs Reynolds has a box in her class (Room 8) for barcodes.

Return slip

I have received and read Newsletter No. 1 Childs Name.....Room.....

SignedParent/Guardian

PARENT READING.....

Thank you again to all our parents and friends who have helped with the Parent Reading Programme last term. We are now looking for more helpers to assist us on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00am until 10.15am. Please contact the office or Mrs Blackburn if you can help.

KIDS ART WORKS.....

Yesterday all students took home the order form for the 2012 calendars. This year you can order calendars for \$10.00, greeting cards for \$10.00, and diaries for \$15.00. Orders need to be returned to the school by 15 September. These are perfect Christmas presents for family and friends.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOS) NEWS....

The FOS is looking for volunteers to organize the 2011 Christmas Parade, and at the same time they need volunteers to join the FOS committee. They would like to thank the middle and senior disco volunteers, DJ Vetz, Craig Whitehouse on security, teachers and the brilliant rockstars who attended. The evening raised \$790 towards senior camp.

Pictured below are some of our walking bus students with their organizer Susan Paszcuk. This photo is going to be entered in the walking bus penguin walking day competition. There is still space on our walking buses and they are always looking for more parent help. Contact Susan through the school office if you need more information.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.....

August 10	Sausage sizzle
August 11	B.O.T. Meeting 7pm
August 11	NED show
August 22	Rugby Field Day
August 24	Rugby saving day
August 26	Daffodil Day
August 26	Year 5 / 6 speech semi-finals
August 30	Middle School group to Lopdell House

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING.....

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the newsletters for the year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited on (09) 8173867 or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz. This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

ELEV8 YEAR 4-6 STUDENTS....

KIDS CLUB

Starts on Friday 19th August after school at Te Atatu Tennis Club until 5.15pm. Bring your friends for some fun games, craft, stories and food. Enquiries to Ruth Scott on 8348551. Pick up forms from the school office to register.

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.



**TE ATATU INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENT NIGHT
TUESDAY AUGUST 9 FROM 6.30PM UNTIL 8.00PM
YOU CAN ENROL YOUR CHILD ON THIS NIGHT. PLEASE
BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND DETAILS OF
IMMUNIZATION. ENROLMENT FORMS CAN BE DOWN
LOADED FROM WEBSITE www.teatatu.school.nz or contact
the office 8345371**