

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 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?

Last week saw the culmination of several major activities. The students involved, their parents and supporters deserve the success which came their way.

Senior Speech Finals....

Well done to Elijah Manu and Alex Lake-Smith first and second place getters, who will represent Peninsula Primary School at the Cluster Final this coming Friday.

Congratulations Estella Cant and Trinity Peua first and second place getters in the junior school contest.

I think every student who met the challenge of delivering a successful speech must be congratulated. Fantastic work!

The judges of our speeches this year were secondary school English teachers and they will take back to their schools very favourable impressions. Ms Paulette Bullock, Head of English at Rutherford College, and Teresa Callaghan from Green Bay College both said the behavior of our students was excellent and they were respectful audiences encouraging the speakers.

Both judges said they thought the standard of speeches was amazingly high making their job of judging very difficult

The middle school speech finals will be held today. I will report on them in the next newsletter.

RUGBY SUCCESS –“ WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS”

First time champions! Congratulations to our boys under 45kg team and the girls team for a successful day at the cluster rugby competition.

All the children had trained hard throughout the end of last term, into the beginning of term three. The dedication and commitment they showed during practices was clearly shown in the games that they played. With the inclusion, and first ever, girls competition the Peninsula girls team showed the skills and courage to come out on top with great determination.

TRASH TO FASHION.....

Is an activity we enter to offer an opportunity for young artists to extend their creative skills. The work is guided by Mrs Kellerman ably assisted by other teachers and many hard-working parents. Miss Lake, for example is a driving force of creativity. Kate Anderson is our wonderful photographer and thanks to Pam Palmer, Penny Howard and P.J. McCrea for their help leading up to the competition.

This year we were given the honour of opening the show through our Kapa Haka group. A great performance took place. Thanks to Liz Ngata and our students for that advertisement for Peninsula Primary School. Thanks also to the teachers and parents involved in transporting and looking after our group. Congratulations to the 'Taniwha' for winning the team award.



Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP AT AUCKLAND JUNIOR MUSIC CONTEST.....

Our instrumental group endured a very long wait to take their turn playing in King's School Music Auditorium. The event is not strictly a contest. The main aims are for students to gain performance experience in front of a supportive audience, and for them to receive constructive criticism from experienced, professional musicians and to hear performances from other groups.

2011 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY.....

Our school has agreed to take part in a Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) survey in term 3 this year, and some of our students (potentially your child/children) will be asked to fill in a questionnaire about their sport and recreational activities.

Some parents of year 1 and 2 students will also be invited to participate.

SPARC wants young New Zealanders to develop a love of sport and recreation that leads to lifelong participation. To do this it is critical that SPARC understand their current experiences and future needs. It is ten years since SPARC collected comprehensive information about young people (5 to 18-year-olds), so an update is well overdue. SPARC also needs to know how to support schools and teachers better. They will be sharing the findings with their partners and other government agencies, to improve opportunities for young people to enjoy the many benefits of taking part in sport and recreation.

It is important to note that participation is voluntary, and students will be given the opportunity to ask questions before they decide whether or not to take part. All responses are confidential, and they will not be asked for any identifying information (e.g. they won't be asked for their name, date of birth etc). Information will be handled in a secure and safe way. The information from our school will be grouped together with students from other schools, this may be at a regional and/or national level. Some of the information will also be grouped together for our school.

As a "thank you" for our participation the school will receive a \$100 voucher for sports equipment and a prize draw for one of four visits to a school by a sports personality.

If you have any questions about this survey, you can contact Sarah Muir, SPARC's YPS Project Manager at yps@sparc.org.nz.

If you do not wish your child/children to participate in the instance they are selected please e-mail yps.info.newzealand@Synovate.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

September 6	Netball Field Day
September 8	B.O.T. Meeting 7pm
September 9	Junior group to Lopdell House
September 9	Cluster Speech Finals
September 14	Camp parent meeting
September 13/14	Cricket coaching

Jazz Grand Dance Fundraiser

17TH September Marine Parade Hobsonville. Fundraiser for Andrea Lisa (Piano Teacher) and her band to go to Sydney and perform. Tickets \$25 each. Snacks provided. BYO. Live music and D.J. contact Andrea 8353971 or 02102304666.

Police Seatbelt Checks!

Make sure you make it click.

Police in west Auckland have been checking outside schools to make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelts, and to make sure that children under 5 are all in the right child restraints.

Most adults are remembering to buckle up, but there are many children who have been found not wearing their seatbelt. This is a reminder to the driver, that they are responsible for all children under 15 in their car not wearing a seatbelt, or restrained in the correct restraint. Lots of children have also been spotted wearing their school backpacks in the car, please make sure your children take off their backpacks and put them on the floor before putting on the seat belt. The best place for children to be is in the back seat. Remind your children to keep their seatbelts on until the car is stopped before they un-click their seatbelt to get out of the car.

These checkpoints could happen anytime outside the school. The fine is \$150 per person not restrained correctly! So if you need advice about your child restraint the Plunket child restraint office is at 8a Woodford Ave, Henderson open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. You can get advice from trained car seat technicians there for free. Let's keep all our children safe in cars.

THE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP

