

Peninsula Primary

Newsletter No. 5 3 October 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?

YEAR 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP.....

On Friday afternoon Year 5/6 students and their teachers returned from 'another fantastic school camp', to quote one of the parent helpers. The very experienced camp manager rang to compliment the staff on a very well-organised and managed camp. Talking to some students before they went home tired but happy, the camp obviously met the aims of the exercise:

Enjoying the challenge and excitement of new experiences.

Having self-esteem and the confidence that goes with it.

Being sensitive to the strengths and weaknesses of self and others.

Having motivation to learn.

Being sensitive to and positive about issues for tangata whenua and other cultural groups.

Without teachers and parents willing to contribute to such events, they could not go ahead. A huge vote of thanks goes to Mrs Meyler, Mr Robyns, Ms Grace, Mrs Fa'amamafa, Mr Tahana and to 'camp parents'. Thanks also to parents getting behind the venture, and to Mr Huri for his full part in preparing our students for camp.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT TERM.....

Term break might provide time to have a discussion with your children regarding opportunities and responsibilities for Term 4.

Soon teachers will be making decisions about end of year awards. The class awards are:

- **Effort** – for the hardest worker in each class.
- **Citizenship** – for the student who has contributed most to their school and class.
- **Sport** – for the most skilled student, including attitudes to fair play.
- **Academic** – for the class member with the best overall achievement

TERM 4 FOCUS..... 'CAUSE AND EFFECT'

Enduring Understandings:

1. Everything we do has an effect on someone or something.
2. To keep balance we must think about causes and effects.

Essential Questions:

1. What do we mean by cause and effect?
2. How can we reach and keep a balance by thinking about cause and effect?

MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE STAR MUSICIAN AWARD.....

Another of our excellent young musicians has been awarded term three's Star Musician award. The Music Education gives this award to the most conscientious students in their intake of violinists, guitarists, keyboard players and pianists. Well done Joshua Larking. This could be seen as just reward for an excellent performance as lead guitarist, in our instrumental group at the Auckland Junior Music Contest.

Enrolment information: brochures available at the school office.

Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

Walking Week.....

As part of Push Play month, Sport Waitakere have declared this week (3rd to 7th October) to be "Walking Week". They are encouraging everyone to get more active and take part in some of the walking activities. Here at Peninsula Primary we will be recording the number of children who walk to school each day. We hope that the numbers will increase as the week goes by, with more children choosing to walk to school.

The children who walk to school will be asked to record the time it takes to walk from their house to school. The children can then mark this on to the Map in the Learning Centre. We hope to show the "time zones" around our school which show where you can walk to school from in 5minutes and in 10 minutes.

We will also be celebrating our Walking School Buses this week. There will be special recognition at Friday's syndicate assemblies and the Junior school will be doing some Walking School Bus activities.

We challenge everyone at Peninsula Primary to "Push Play" this week and walk around our lovely community.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EARLY TERM 4

For various reasons some events are placed in different to usual times on our calendar, and some changes to previously published dates have been made.

October 26	Unveiling of a mural created by artist Penny Howard
November 2	Grandparents Day
November 16	Visit by Education Review Officers
December 1	Cultural Concert
November 14-18	Christmas Book Fair
November 23	Evening Athletics



Hannah Donaldson, Lily Close, Makayla Meagher, Sila Dickson and Emily Smith are pictured with their Gold Certificates earned by hardwork and good achievement. Lily was this year's very first recipient.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

October 7th Last day Term 3
October 25th First day Term 4
December 20th Last day Term 4

TE ATATU INTERMEDIATE.....

Year 6 Testing date has changed:

Please note that the testing for Year 6 students coming to Te Atatu Intermediate School in 2012 will now be on

Tuesday 15 November starting at 9.30am and finishing by 12.00pm. All students will need to bring with them their pencil cases and morning tea. They will be sitting both a Reading and a Maths (Number) test with morning tea between both tests. Please note this date has changed from previous notices due to a primary school zonal clash which would affect a number of students. Catch up testing will be in the following week (school's to be notified closer to time). For more information call the School Office on 834 5371.

ASB SCHOOL BANKING.....

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.

LOPDELL HOUSE ART WORK.....

At a recent Lopdell House visit students from the Junior School made Forest Flags. These will be on display at the Titirangi Library until the end of the school holidays.

BLUE TURTLE AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES BEGINS TERM 4, for 8 weeks

Tuesday 25th October - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
Thursday 27th October - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
3:30pm - 5:00pm TE ATATU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE ROWENA 021 732 437
OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK "BLUE TURTLE DESIGN"

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC CAMP

FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS MONDAY 17TH – THURS 20TH OCTOBER. 9AM – 12PM DAILY
\$75.00 PER CHILD FOR THE COURSE
PIANO, UKULELE, PERCUSSION, HIPHOP DANCE
email: heidi@jambalaya.co.nz

REMINDER: LAST DAY FOR TERM 3 FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM