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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.....



The essential questions our students will be focusing work on are:

- What is imagining?
- Why do we imagine?

The enduring understandings we hope will come from this work are:

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

Te Kanawa and the Fairies by Ethan Challis
One treacherous night a chief called Te Kanawa and his men went to snare woodpigeons. He and his muscular men rested on top of a rocky mountain. It was very dark but the smoldering fire gave them light. They slept under a lush rimu tree. The mountain was a jagged piece of rock blocking the rising moon. It looked fierce and sharp. It was towering over the trees below. It was crumbling, slowly, but not getting any smaller. It looked as if at any moment it would leap out and smother Te Kanawa's men.....

Te Kanawa and his men finally fell asleep. The fairies of the forest whispered to each other. They slithered down the trees like slimy snakes. They approached Te Kanawa and encircled him. Webs shot from their fingers and they rolled Te Kanawa in a cocoon. They kept on rolling until Te Kanawa could not be seen. He struggled, he wriggled, and he wept. Te Kanawa's men woke and wondered where he was. They wandered aimlessly deep into the bush.....

Teachers keep a strong focus on core curriculum work, while at the same time they use various contexts to base this work on. A new vehicle for authentic study is currently taking shape at Peninsula Primary School. A vegetable garden area is being built beside our Property Maintenance Officer's shed. In the same area we have sited worm farms and compost bins. This venture was funded by Ministry of Health Nutrition Fund and it is hoped that related work leads to sustainable knowledge and skills about healthy eating. Our garden sits well with our work as an EnviroSchool. Each class has elected members for an EnviroSchool committee which is led by Mr Huri, teacher of Room 2.

This committee is beginning to plan environmental education. Several parents have expressed interest in our garden and environmental activities, putting their name down to assist. If you feel you would be able to help work on our garden and environmental work, please contact the school.

Watch Out!

Book Fair and Book Week are here.
By Room 11 students: Nitro, Ivalyn and Keahney.

Come to the 12th annual Book Fair and Book Week at Peninsula Primary School. Get off your computer, stop watching TV and come on down to the Book Fair next week 18-22 May or read a book. Mrs Litten and volunteers will set up the Learning Centre and then our community can spend their money on books so our school can have more books to add to the over 4,000 books we have already. Book Week is the following week from the 25-29th May. Christine from our local library will read books to us on Monday. On Tuesday we have the musical 'Rev It Up' and on Wednesday there are syndicate competitions. Jennifer Beck, a well known author will visit on Thursday. It is a fun time to dress up for the Character Parade on Friday, so get making and preparing. Lunchtime activities will also be available for students to be creative. The final 2:00pm assembly on Friday where prizes will be given out will wrap up what we hope will be a great two weeks.

Return slip

I have received and read Newsletter No. 2 Childs Name.....Room.....

SignedParent/Guardian

Building to start soon.....

The groundwork for building a new classroom for Year 1 and 2 students, and remodeling the main classroom blocks, is almost finished. Before long work will begin, requiring considerable reorganization of the school. Teachers are working on plans to minimize disruption to learning programmes as they move to other spaces to enable contractors to get a good run at each block.

FORMER STUDENTS SUCCESS....

You may have read about Jerome and Dallas McGregor and their great achievements in the American Football scene. Both these young men are travelling to a major tournament in Ohio, at the end of June, Jerome as an important part of the coaching team, and Dallas as a player. Congratulations to them.

'REV IT UP' MUSICAL.....

During Book Week all students will attend the above musical performance on Tuesday 26th May as part of our Book Week celebrations. Not all schools get the opportunity to attend these musicals so we were fortunate to be selected. If your child has not already paid please send their \$4.50 along to school tomorrow.

PARENT READING PROGRAMME.....

For many years we have provided a Parent Reading Programme for students who need some extra help with reading. At the moment we have vacancies for helpers. The programme runs from 9am to 10.15am. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Blackburn.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.....

The recent Peninsula Primary School gala raised \$7186 for our school. This is a wonderful final result of much hard work by our hardworking team. Thanks again also to all those who supported us on that day. I will report, in detail, about the way FOS donations have helped the school, in a future newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

18-22 May	Bookfair
23-24 May	40 hour famine
25-29 May	Bookweek
26 May	'Rev it Up'
26 May	Soccer Field Day

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.....

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school newsletter printed. The newsletter will be used throughout the year to keep our families and the school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on all the newsletters for the next 12 months. This enables the school to receive the newsletter free of charge. If you are interested in advertising on the newsletter contact Kathryn Stevenson of Newsletters Unlimited Phone (09) 5308801 or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz

SWIMMING FIELD DAY.....

On Tuesday 12 May an awesome Peninsula Primary team headed off to West Wave Aquatic Centre to compete in the Te Atatu Cluster Swimming Sports.

They had knees shaking like jelly on a plate when they arrived and scanned the competition. Their coach said all into lane one and warm up. In they went like trained seals. They began to feel more comfortable after following their warm-up routine and really focus on their task. The parents and supporters were fantastic and made sure that they were well organised.

The team all achieved great personal results and achieved their own goals. Some of the team were fortunate to make finals in their events sometimes in more than one event.

Congratulations to these people:- Jaden Kendall, James Ogilvie, Antonio Bonkovich, Kale Lawson and Robert Woodward.

Two of our swimmers achieved fantastic results both personally and for our school. Jaden (Year 6 boys) and James (Year 5 boys) made it into the finals of all of the events they entered and then beat their competition down to achieve a first place in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and the Medley. Well done boys!

The team were a delight to train and to take to the event. They were dedicated to their training and showed great sports-personship on the day within their own team and with the other schools.

The Year 5's from the 2009 team now have their sights firmly set on 2010 Cluster Swimming Day. Their coach is proud and excited at the prospect of continuing with the improving performance of each team we take.

Robert Woodward, James Ogilvie, Jaden Kendall, Kale Lawson, Antonio Bonkovich, our outstanding swimmers on the day....

