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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

The understandings we hope our children will retain are:

- We all face personal challenges.
- Challenges can have positive outcomes which help us develop.

The essential questions for study will be:

- What do we mean by challenge?
- How can we learn by challenge?

Refurbishment of main classroom blocks, and the provision of a new classroom will begin today, 24 August. Miss Dobbie, Mrs Sanderson, Mrs France and Mr Kuchel have moved class to the Library, Room 4 (Music Room), the hall, and Art Room respectively, for the next three or four weeks. Various arrangements are being made to minimize disruption to school routines, and the teaching programmes of classes.

As always, exciting and interesting activities have taken place at our school, and many of our students have achieved excellence:

Trash to Fashion:

A talented group of students, under the guidance of Mrs Kellerman and parent helpers, completed entries into the Trash to Fashion competition. The rationale behind the event is to show children that things can be reused and recycled. Costumes are entered by a photograph of the maker wearing them, and then checked over, unworn, by judges. The contestants paraded their costumes at whole school assembly recently, demonstrating a dazzling array of artistic talent and creativity. Congratulations to Mrs Kellerman for guiding students to give of their best, and thank you to Sharon Darrah, Katherine Pether, Donna Ker, Birgit Voerking, Lesley Cooper and Trish Harvey for their unfailing support.

Digital Film Festival.....



Another aspect of our students talent was seen through our seven entries into the Te Atatu Schools Digital Film Festival. Mrs Lake and Mrs Fa'amamafa worked long and hard inspiring and assisting our students. The results were students work of high calibre, products which the producers should be very proud of. Congratulations to all concerned. Already plans are being made for next years effort.

Teachers in the I.C.T. team are wondering if anyone had old, surplus to requirements, video cameras they could donate to school. Demand for cameras to use is outstripping supply.

FIRST GOLD FOR 2009.....

Elijah Manu recently earned his fifth blue certificate and therefore was awarded the first gold certificate for 2009. Elijah had an impressive array of citations on his blues and is a very worthy student to be first to gain gold.



Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

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These well deserved achievements are a commendation of the great job teachers, parents and supporters of our school do coaching our teams. It is wonderful to see coaches and players working hard and having fun on our courts after school. Always impressive is the rapport our coaches have with their teams, and the positive example of fair play modeled by them. Peninsula Primary is fortunate to have such a resource.

MUSIC AWARD.....

Well done to Chloe Paki-Newport on being award student of the term, by the Music Education Centre. To win this award, open to all the many schools involved, is quite an achievement. Chloe is being taught to play the violin.



SKOOLSTARS EVENING.....

A great turnout filled our school hall for two screenings of Peninsula Primary School's Skoolstars D.V.D. Thanks to the skills and hard work of teachers and the talents of their students a high quality D.V.D. was produced. The energy and vibrancy put into each performance showed that our students are confident and competent in a wide range of activities.

If you would still like to order a D.V.D. orders are being taken through the school office. The cost is \$20 with \$5 from each D.V.D. going to the school. Orders will be taken until the end of this week.

LOST PROPERTY.....

A huge amount of lost property is finding its way to the lost property box in the hall side room. It would be of great help to school staff if clothing was named. Some brand new sweat tops and similar good quality articles could be quickly returned to their owners, if only they were named.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL CLOTHING.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL EVENT:

Senior School Speech Finals will be held in our school hall at 1.30pm Friday 28th August 2009. The winner and runner-up will represent our school at the Te Atatu SchoolsqCluster final.

Congratulations to Paratene Ngata-Aerengamate who was first equal in Rangeview Intermediate Speech contest 2009.

Dates to remember.....

August 28 Daffodil Day
August 28 School Speech Finals
August 29 Auckland Junior Music Contest
August 29 Netball Prizegiving
August 31 Camp raffle drawn
Sept 1 Junior Gymnastics trip
Sept 3 Middle School Gymnastics trip

TRIPS TO WAITAKERE GYMNASTICS.....

Further to our letters that went home on 10 August as part of our work on Challenge we have arranged for the children to visit Waitakere Gymnastics in New Lynn. We are also lucky to be able to combine this with a visit to the Eco house next door. The cost of the trip is \$6.50 which includes the bus fare. If you have not already done so please send your child's \$6.50 along to their teacher as soon as possible.

The Junior children will go on Tuesday 1st September and the Middle school children will go on Thursday 3rd September.

Community Noticesō ō

Hot Tips for Parents with Ian Grant. In this entertaining evening you will receive practical information and ideas for building great kids, along with insights into how to handle the difficult times.

Thursday 10 September 7.00pm until 9.45pm
Matipo Primary School Hall Matipo Rd Te Atatu
Cost: early bird special (expires 3 Sept) \$10 single
Full price: \$12 single. Phone Danette 09 8342297 or website www.westside.org.nz. Tickets available from our school office.

Milo have-a-go cricketō ..

Waitakere Cricket Club is having a free fun time have-a-go cricket day on Saturday 29th August. This is an opportunity for parents to give their children a chance to have a go at the game of cricket. Gear will be provided and boys, as well as girls, are invited to participate. Parents can choose from one of the following venues: Waitakere College, Massey High or Rutherford College. Meet inside the school gymnasium.
Years 1 to 5 9am to 10.30am
Years 6 to 8 10.30am to midday
For more information Mabel Todd 4169294

Events to be reported on next newsletter.....

Junior, Middle and Senior Speech Finals

Saturday Netball

Trash to Fashion Finals

Western Zone League