

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

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?

A number of children, as reported in our earlier newsletter, made wonderful entries into the 'Trash to Fashion' show. 22 students represented us in the final events, and the talents of Peninsula Primary School students were recognised in yet another setting. In the Junkyard 'Super Heroes' section Alex Lake Smith was placed first as "Money Man". In the 'Use of industrial materials' James Ogilvie as "Punk Rocker", and Hannah Pether as "Laundry Woman", received merit certificates. In the 'Colour my world' section Mollie Harvey as "Peacock Princess" received a merit certificate and Matthew Darrah in the 'Green Dreams for Sculpture' received a merit as "Turtle Boy".

Congratulations to these students, and all those who completed an entry. Special thanks to the parents who guided our students in making these designs, and supported their children through the 'marathon' rehearsals and other preparation.



Our focus of study for Term 4 is:

"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?

LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 4.....

Teachers will be making decisions about end of year awards soon.

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.

It would be very timely for parents / caregivers to have a discussion, with their children, about keeping up good choices in behaviour and work habits. Teachers always have great difficulty with their final decisions because we have so many students working to the highest standard. Only the very best achiever will be chosen.

There are also graded graduation certificates, and major trophies, like the Apisaloma Bowl for cultural excellence, to be awarded. More about this in the first newsletter term four.

SCHOOL FEES/DONATION.....

\$85.00 a year for one child or \$130.00 a year for a family . We are happy to accept fees in whatever installment you are able to pay. School bank a/c for direct credit payments:

ASB Te Atatu 12-3038-0262923-00

Return slip

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

SignedParent/Guardian

2010 Kids Artwork Calendars and Cards

Your child's own art!

Watch for information about these calendars and cards. Many children have completed the art for them, and they make great Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Look out for order forms which will come out early next term.



ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE.....

Next term senior students will have several sports events to prepare for. Our Te Atatu Schools' Cluster organizes a Cross Country race and a Cricket Field Day, and by invitation, Peninsula Primary School athletes will take part in the Henderson Zone Athletics.

Jump Jam takes place each Monday at lunchtime. Gymnastics takes place on Thursday at lunchtime. Pacific Island Culture Group takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Instrumental musicians have practice twice a week. Students at all levels of the school can get gear from the P.E. shed, for use during breaks.

Student Leaders will direct games and activities for Year 1,2,3 & 4 students, using skills learned from Waitakere Sport professional development facilitators. There will also be activities in classrooms, like art and craft.

Music Group Performance...

On 29 August Peninsula Primary's instrumental group (pictured) performed in the Auckland Junior Music Contest. The only West Auckland school in the competition, our students showed they could match performers from King's School, Ponsonby Primary and so on. Thank you to parents who provided transport and much encouragement.



Te Atatu AFC Junior Summer Soccer

For boys and girls 8-12 years. Friday evenings 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Cost \$10. Open Day 6th November 5.30pm at Neil Ave Park, Te Atatu Peninsula. There is a limit on the number of participants so please confirm your child's interest by email:

kymbol0@xtra.co.nz or dave.wendy@ihug.co.nz

Dates to Remember.....

September 21-25 Y5 / 6 students at Camp
September 25 Last day Term 3. School closes at 3pm.

October 12 First day Term 4
October 15 B.O.T. Meeting 7pm
October 16 Spring Festival 6-8pm

WEBSITE UPDATE.....

Our new website will be in place very soon. A main aim of this development is ease of updating, to improve home/school communication.

F.O.S. UPDATE.....

A new date for the postponed Trivia Night will be notified as soon as possible. Any inconvenience caused by the postponement is sincerely regretted. The next night will be bigger and better, no doubt, and advertising will be well in advance of the date set.

BUILDING PROJECT PROGRESS.....

Refurbishment of Block 3 is one week behind schedule. Junior classes will be back in home rooms for next term. Room 21 is in place and will be occupied very soon. This week, work starts on Block 1 (Rooms 5,6,7,8,9) to take advantage of our Year 5/6 pupils being away at camp.

SPRING FESTIVAL 16 OCTOBER 6 – 8 PM

Te Atatu Business Association is organizing this festival to promote the shops, services and great schools on the Peninsula. We have been asked to provide one and a half hours entertainment outside the public library. More detail is yet to come from the organizer. Preparation for this event has been extremely difficult as rehearsal space was unavailable during refurbishment of main classrooms. Also, Year 5 / 6 students are at camp for this week. Our programme will include Kapa Haka group, Pacific Island group, Instrumentalists (group and solo), Trash to Fashion parade, Skoolstars D.V.D. screening, Digital Film screening, teachers groups and so on. Please mark this date and time in your diary and expect communication from school about students' commitments for this occasion.

REMINDER A.S.B. SCHOOL BANKING DEPOSIT
ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE

Te Atatu Athletics Club

Tuesdays 6pm - 7.30pm @ Ramlea Park Te Atatu Peninsula 4 years +

Registration for new season Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October 5-7pm at Ramlea Park.

Contact Garry Howard 8346657 or email teatatuathletics@gmail.com