



Brooklyn School Est. 1883

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

Newsletter No .1

Wednesday 7 February 2018

What's Coming Up

FEBRUARY

Monday 12th

5pm - Takahe Syndicate Information Evening

6pm – Moa Syndicate Information Evening

Wednesday 14th

5pm - Tui Syndicate Information Evening

6pm – Kiwi Syndicate Information Evening

Thursday 15th

New Entrant Vision testing

Friday 16th

Moa Syndicate Southern Walkway

Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd

Meet the Teacher Interviews

Thursday 22nd

7pm Board of Trustees meeting

Friday 23rd

Moa Syndicate Rogaine at Botanical Gardens

Welcome New Students

Starting as New Entrants - Emily Casey, Ari Hargraves, Oliver Henson (brother of Chloe Y8), Evelyn Hoskins-Brennan, Harrison & Xanthe Lampard, Aria Latham Garcia (sister of Ali Y5), Olivia Lyons (sister of Jonty Y3), Rupert McEwan (brother of Eva Y4), Zahra Ranchhod (sister of Jayden Y8), Zayen Ravji (brother Mikayla Y4), Emilia Reed (sister of Harrison Y4), Hendrik & Willem van Hulst & Camryn Wheeler (sister of Logan Y3)

And welcome to these families of the following children who have recently moved to Brooklyn from other schools or overseas - Campbell Houghton & Shivan Nellore in Year 2; Ava Anderson, Cohen Harrison & Meimei Taumata in Year 3, Emmerson & Tennessee Armstrong in Year 3 & Year 7, Finnian Dudfield in Year 4) and Holly & Claire Parata in Year 3 & Year 6

**Nau mai i te kura Brooklyn
Welcome to Brooklyn School**

From our Principal

Naumai e te whanau o te kura Brooklyn
Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to everyone who will be associated with the school for 2018. A special welcome to new children and families joining the Brooklyn School family for the first time. The school has opened with a roll of 423.

Our Vision

At Brooklyn we have high expectations and academic standards through the delivery of quality teaching and learning programmes. Across the year the children will experience a wide range of extra curricula, arts and sporting opportunities, and they will be challenged in a variety of learning experiences. We promote the realization of individual potential through our core vision "Take up the Challenge" by promoting life-long learning and enabling all our students to reach their full potential by providing....high quality teaching and learning opportunities; relevant learning experiences; a safe and supportive learning environment; and fostering positive attitudes to learning.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 – Thursday 1 February to Friday 13 April

Term 2 – Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July

(Teacher Only Day on Friday 1 June - backs onto Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Term 3 – Monday 23 July to Friday 29 September

Term 4 – Monday 15 October to Tuesday 18 December

Newsletters

During 2018 parents will receive regular newsletters outlining the happenings in the school, listing the important events that are coming up and celebrating the successes of the children. Newsletters are published every even week on a Wednesday and are sent electronically.

Forms to be completed

As usual at the beginning of a new school year, there are several forms being sent home with your children today and next Wednesday. Please check their school bag today for the following forms:

- Emergency Contact Forms – all students
- BYOD Agreement – Year 7
- Aquatic Consent Form – all Takahe & Moa syndicate students
- ICT Agreement – Year 3 (parents to read & sign)

Please return the above forms as soon as possible.

Staff

We welcome three new staff members to Brooklyn:

- **Brigid Wylie** - teaching new entrants in Room 2
- **Victoria Scheule** - teaching Year 5 / 6 in Room 7
- **Catherine Fata** - teaching Year 7 / 8 in Room 12

Communication

If you have an issue to discuss regarding your child, the chain of communication we would like to encourage is to first contact your child's teacher, the next in the chain is the syndicate leader. If you feel there is no resolution, please take the issue to Clint or Margaret, our Associate Principals. Again if you need clarification, please contact the office to meet with me.

Our School App



This year we have upgraded our School app. This can be downloaded for free from the App Store and works on iPhone or Android phone. We currently have 544 registered app users. This app is a really easy way for you to communicate absences or contact staff directly via email.



Bells

A reminder that children should be at school before the bell goes at 8:55. School finishes at 3:00. School is open for the day from 8:30am.

Sunhats

All staff and children are required to have a hat at school. Those without hats will stay in the shade between 10:30 and 3:00. Please make sure these hats are named. You can purchase a school hat for your child through the school office.

Absences

There are 3 ways to notify us if your child is going to be absent from school:

- I. phone & leave a message on the absence line
- II. school app
- III. email
office@brooklynprimary.school.nz

If we have not been notified an auto txt will be sent to you as soon as possible to account for all children.

If you intend to take your children on a holiday during term time you must advise the teacher and/or office of the future absence in writing (via email is ok)

Lateness

If your child arrives after 8:55 they must check in at the office and sign in to notify the office staff that they are here. If they do not sign in you may get an auto txt as above.

Parking Around the school

Each year we remind parents to be safe around the school. Please do make sure you keep off the yellow lines around school and if you can drop your child off at the public library and get them to walk up the hill. Please make sure you make use the school crossing on Washington Ave before and after school.

Currently there are road works further up Washington Ave making parking even more of a challenge. This is adding to the parking congestion. We encourage you to walk your child to school if you can please.

Syndicate Information Evenings and Meet the Teacher Interviews

Next week we have been holding Syndicate Information Evenings, these are really informative and I encourage you to attend. Here are the times, dates and venues:

Syndicate Information Evenings

You are invited to attend our syndicate information evenings. These are held next week.

Monday 12 February	5-6pm Takahe 6-7pm Moa
Wednesday 14 February	5-6pm Tui 6-7pm Kiwi

Contact Details

You would have received an email last week asking you to inform the office if you had recently changed any of your contact mobile and landline numbers, address and email address. We need to ensure we have your most up to date contact details, so if you haven't already please let the office know of any changes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

From 19 February we are holding Meet the Teacher interviews, the purpose of these is for you to share information about your child and for you to meet your child's teacher. I encourage you to make a time to discuss your child's needs with the teacher. A form will come home next week for you to fill in about your child and how they learn best. We would appreciate you filling this in and sending it back to your child's teacher. Booking details will be sent next week.



School Camps

The Moa syndicate are well into the planning and preparation for their camp at Tea Pot Valley, near Nelson 7-9 March.

The Takahe syndicate are staying at Palm Grove Camp in Paraparaumu 14-16 March.

Mandarin Language Assistant

We are fortunate to have Beibei with us again this year as a Mandarin Language Assistant - provided to us from the Confucius Institute. We are sharing this resource with St Bernards and Ridgway schools. BeiBei will be at Brooklyn on Monday and Wednesday each week.

Tomorrow we will be hosting 14 Mandarin Language Assistants as part of their introduction to New Zealand schools.

Inquiry

Our inquiry learning focus across the school this term is: Our Identity. More information will be given out in syndicate newsletters and information evenings.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning.

Ka kite

Liz Rhodes

Brooklyn School Fundraiser
Appetites Readers & Writers Event
7pm Thursday 5th April 2018
Put this date in your calendar NOW!

More details to come



KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018 – Starts Tues 13th Feb 2018!

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

“Back to School Sports”– Tuesday (Yrs 1-2) 3.05pm-4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

“Back to School Sports”– Tuesday (yrs 2-4) 3:05pm-4:05pm - Come and try **Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201



After-school Junior Chess

Wednesdays 3.30-5pm

St Bernard's School, Taft St, Brooklyn

Does your kid love chess?

New junior chess group starting this term, run by Mark Van Der Hoorn,

a Wellington chess champion who runs school groups across the City.

All abilities welcome, ages 8-12.

Try your first session free - \$60 per term

First session Wed 7 Feb.

To enrol or enquire:

contact Ivan Moss - ivancross@gmail.com

or 021 417 025

The Rock Academy – Mobile Music Lessons

The Rock Academy is a music school based in Wellington offering quality mobile music lessons, where we come to you. Our teachers provide, fun modern lessons using correct techniques and a method that inspires kids (and adults) for life.

For more information, please

contact geoff@therockacademy.co.nz or visit our

The Rock Academy & The Singing Academy
Wellington

New Zealand

www.therockacademy.co.nz

www.thesingingacademy.co.nz



PLANiTPRO are pleased to invite you all to come and join our HOTSHOT tennis pathway groups at the Renouf Tennis Centre. We offer fun, professional tennis lessons whether you're looking for a HOTSHOT group lesson or individual lessons.

Please follow our link below for more information or

email Troy Leamy troy.planitpro@gmail.com

<http://www.planitpro.co.nz/renouf-tennis-centre/>



REGISTRATIONS OPEN

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynnujfc/>

**BNUJFC welcomes both boys and girls 5-14 years of all abilities
Registration Information Day please join us and hear exciting news about our
alliance with Wellington United.**

1.00pm-4.00pm Saturday 17th February 2018

Vogelmorn Bowling Club – 93 Mornington Road



LUNCHTIME FRENCH CLASSES TERM 1 2018

Following the success of the Monday Lunchtime French classes held over the last two years, LCF Fun Languages will be continuing these classes in Term 1.

You are all invited to a **Free** Lunchtime Trial/ Demo Lesson on **Monday 12 February** and/or **Monday 19 February**.

Meeting place and time: Please meet Annick, French teacher, at the school office just after **12.30pm** and please bring your lunch.

Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home!

OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE: After-school French classes are also held in Karori, Khandallah, Northland and Hataitai.

If you would like your child to attend a **Free** Lunchtime Trial Lesson or would like any further information please email annick@lcfclubs.co.nz.