



Brooklyn School Est. 1983

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

Newsletter No. 11

Wednesday 1 August 2018

What's Coming Up

AUGUST

Monday 6: New entrant class starts Room 19

Thurs 9: BOT Meeting, Staffroom 7pm

Thurs 9: Tui Syndicate—Short film festival Embassy Theatre

Thurs 9: Moa Syndicate-Capital E Trip (Rooms 10 & 12)

Friday 10: Moa Syndicate-ASB Sport centre 1pm-2:30pm

Thurs 16: Moa Syndicate-Capital E Trip (Rooms 9 & 11)

Fri 17: Moa Syndicate-ASB Sport Centre 1pm- 2:30pm

Wed 22: Tui Syndicate Numeracy Info evening Rm 4 - 7pm- 8pm

Thurs 23: Kiwi Syndicate-City Gallery (Rms 16 & 18)

Fri 24: Kiwi Syndicate-City Gallery (Rms 14 & 15)

Fri 24: Moa Syndicate-ASB Sports centre 1pm-2:30pm

Thurs 30: Tui Syndicate Twinkle Twinkle Show 9:30am

Fri 31: Moa Syndicate—ASB Sports Centre 1pm-2:30pm

Welcome

A big Brooklyn School welcome to these new students and their families –

Room 1: Vihaan Vinchurkar

Isla Lundquist

Selena Vallabh

Flynn van Dam

Room 14: Jeronimo Allende Zarazaga

Room 16: Theo Blinko-Rivers

Room 18: Kiann Vallabh

From the Principal

Thank you all for making time to meet at the end of last term to celebrate your child's achievement and establish new goals in your child's learning. We encourage you to revisit your child's mid-year goal and help support them to achieve their goal during the remainder of the year.

Thank you also for helping us to celebrate Mātariki, we had a fantastic turnout and the celebrations seem to get better every year. The food items for the City Mission were really appreciated. Thank you again.

Term three has started off well, this term we are learning through the arts. The arts learning area comprises of four disciplines: dance, music, drama and visual arts. Within each, students develop literacies as they build on skills, knowledge, attitudes and understandings. Through movement, sound and image, the arts can transform people's creative ideas into expressive works that communicate layered meanings. Kathryn Harris is

also our arts leader and she is taking groups for ArtSplash and DanceSplash. These performances will be held near the end of the term. Calendar art is underway with students creating their masterpieces. Thanks in advance for your support in this school fundraiser.

Last week we held our annual swimming sports at Karori pool. This was for our Year 4-8 students. The top swimmers of each event will go through to the Central Zone Swimming competition which is scheduled for 20th August. The Interzone Swimming competition is going to be held on the 13th September.

The Moa syndicate are visiting the ASB Stadium each Friday this term beginning on Friday 10th August (week 3 of term). The students will be rotating around a range of 8 different sports.

The Moa and Takahe syndicates have the author Brian Falkner coming in to take a workshop on the 10th August. This opportunity is through the New Zealand Book Council. Brian visited last year and the students really enjoyed his humour, his stories and the story sports that he did with them. Our session with him will reiterate our term theme of "storytelling."

Another addition to our Moa programme this term will be a workshop with a group called "Attitude". This is on Tuesday 26th August and is focused around how students can be safe online and how to be good digital citizens. The emphasis in this session is on how to be a positive user of social media and other online communication tools and also what to do if something happens online that is a concern to the children. "Attitude" is focussed on delivering a positive message to students that will hopefully keep them safe and also help them to understand how to use digital tools well.

Teacher Strike August 15

Why – do we need to take action? Teachers are taking this action because they are deeply concerned about kids' future. They are concerned about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive. That's why we do what we do and that's why we're taking a stand - for our students.

The shortage of teachers is affecting our school. We have been lucky so far with sourcing relievers however the list seems to be getting shorter and shorter.

We will let you know more details as they come to hand.

Staffing Update

We advertised for the Office Manager position at the end of last term and we are pleased to let you know Fee Lowndes won the position. We are fortunate to have Brent de Saxe, a Brooklyn parent, who has worked in Fee's teacher aide role while she was Acting Office Manager, staying on for the rest of the year.

We have appointed Pauline Rodgers for the roll growth position. Pauline has set up her class and Room 19 will start in week 3 of this term. Pauline has been coming in for class visits on a Thursday and will be working closely with Rooms 1 and 2.

Vision and Values

Last term we held a Teacher Only Day on the Friday before Queen's Birthday. During this day the staff spent time reviewing our vision and values here at Brooklyn School. We wanted to review these as we want to have a vision that is future focused and is aspirational for all our learners here at Brooklyn School. We shared our new vision and values at our Whanau Hui in July and now we want to get some feedback from you.

Here is our new vision and values for Brooklyn School:



Brooklyn School

Inspire Challenge Nurture

We are an exciting and inviting school where our tamariki are curious, passionate and ready for tomorrow's changing landscape

We Value:

Respect

Manaakitanga

We show regard for people's feelings, wishes and rights

Resilience

Niwaha

We adapt and learn when faced with challenges

Integrity

Pono

We are honest, responsible and accountable

Belonging

Whanaungatanga

We belong and we learn together

Excellence

Hiranga

We aim high and persevere

We would like to hear from you as to your thoughts on this. Please could you send your thoughts with the subject header: Vision and Values Feedback to

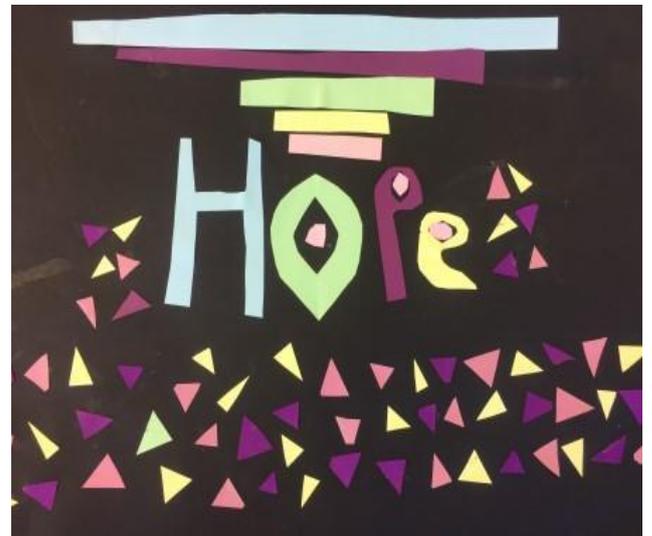
office@brooklynprimary.school.nz or alternatively you could come for coffee in the staffroom next Friday 10th August after the bell at 8:55am.

Term 3 Arts focus – Kiwi Syndicate



The Kiwi classes are mixing and mingling and rotating around the four Kiwi 'studios' each week to learn and create across the four art's disciplines.

Last week saw them creating in the visual arts.



School Fundraiser – Calendar Art



**Calendars, cards, Diaries,
Notebooks, Notebooks, Mouse
Mats! Pens and Pencils**

Brooklyn School has heaps of amazing artists, and it's time again to show off their masterpieces to family and friends.

This term, the school is running its cards, calendars, notebooks, mouse mats and diaries fundraiser, featuring beautiful art from our children. Not only are these must-haves to help manage your 2019 timetables, but they also make great Christmas presents for grandparents, aunts and uncles, or friends.

The children have already started creating their art, which you will be able to see in their class in the week of **August 20-24**.

Again this year we will also be offering scented pencils, coloured pencils, and pens which are a lot of fun. The HB Smencils come in two different packs of five, featuring an HB lead and an eraser top, and the coloured Smencils come in a pack of 10 different colours and scents. All the Smencils are made from 100% recycled newspapers, which you can see when you sharpen them. The Smens come in a pack of five pens with black ink, again each with its own scent.

Samples of the cards, calendars, mouse mats, notebooks, diaries, pens and pencils are on display in the office and on posters around school.

Keep an eye out **next week** for order forms which will be coming home with your eldest child. All orders **must** be placed by **Friday, 31 August**.

Please support your children and the school, and solve your Christmas gift-buying problems early this year!



Students from the Tui and Kiwi Syndicates enjoy time learning new skills in ICT



Community notices

LUNCHTIME FRENCH CLASSES TERM 3 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 3. **Meeting place and time:** Please meet Annick, French teacher, at Brooklyn school office on Mondays 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 in FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home!

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



KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 2018:

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes.

"Play Like a Sports Hero" – 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.

"Play Like a Sports Hero" – Tuesday (yrs 2-4) 3:05pm-4:05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Ripa Rugby and Handball**. 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

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