



# Brooklyn School Est. 1883

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

Newsletter No. 13

Wednesday 29 August 2018

## What's Coming Up

### AUGUST

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

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

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 5: Moa Syndicate Carterton Exchange

Fri 7: Road Patrol Orange Day Parade

Moa Syndicate-ASB Sports Centre 1pm-2:30pm

Thurs 13: BOT Meeting - Staffroom 7pm

Fri 14: Moa Syndicate, ASB Sports Centre 1pm -2:30pm

Fri 21: Moa Syndicate, ASB Sports Centre 1pm-2:30pm

Fri 28: Term 3 ends

### OCTOBER

Mon 15: Term 4 begins

## Welcome

A big Brooklyn school welcome to the following students and their families –

Room 2 – Nam Vo

Room 6 – Alex Mitchell

Room 11 – Hazel Mitchell

Room 19 – Keaton Joynes

Faustino Allende Zarazaga

Piper Pointon-Gyde

### Kiwi Visit to Te Papa and City gallery

Last Thursday the Kiwi Syndicate visited Te Papa to 'talk pictures' and the City Gallery to learn more about Patrick Pound's 'On Reflection' exhibition. The visit connected really well to the class' arts focus in class and allowed the students time to think and work together to create their own museums and discuss art in depth. We highly recommend that you visit Te Papa with your whanau.



## From the Principal

### Calendar Art

Thank you so much for all your calendar art orders. We would like to thank Sarah Lynagh and Joelene Skelton for helping make this possible.

### Traffic Around the school

We would like to remind you to be very careful with your parking and turning around our school, especially at drop off and pick up times. We have had a concerned neighbour call us regarding parents backing into the school entrance on Harrison Street, right in the way of children entering the school. Another area of concern is the yellow lines by the crossing on Washington Ave, please do not park here when the school patrol is on as this severely impedes the children on road patrol being able to see up the road. Please so be careful as we want everyone to be safe.

### Carterton Exchange

The Moa syndicate are hosting Carterton School for a sports exchange next week. This will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> September (postponement date is the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept). We know they are looking forward to hosting these visitors.

### Swimming

We would like to congratulate our swimmers who competed in the Central Zone swimming sports. We have 23 swimmers who have qualified for the Interzone Swimming Competition on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. We would like to wish you all the best with your events.

### Orange Day Parade

As part of the school road patrol programme, all the Year 8 students will be attending an 'Orange Day' Parade from the Beehive to the Michael Fowler Centre this Friday 7th September. A bus will collect our students at 9am and return to school around 12:30pm.

This parade is to celebrate the students taking part in keeping our community safe by volunteering for road patrol. The Orange day Parade name comes from the orange coloured jackets and signs.

### ArtSplash 2018

Our choir of 45 students are busy practising for the ArtSplash Festival. Our performance date is Monday 17th September at 7.30pm.

We also have a group of 31 students taking part in DanceSplash. The DanceSplash performance is on Thursday 20th September at 7.45pm. This is also coordinated by Kathryn Harris and we would like to thank her for leading our Arts groups here at Brooklyn School.

Tickets for both of these events are available for purchase from the school office.

### Staffing Update

As you will be aware Alice McCullagh who teaches in Room 15 is expecting her first child later in the year. Alice is intending to go on maternity leave in term 4. She will finish up teaching in Room 15 at the end of week 3- 2 November. We are fortunate to have Mary Urquhart-Hay taking over the teaching responsibilities for this class in week 4. Mary has worked here at Brooklyn School for many years and is well known to the children. Alice and Mary will work together to ensure a smooth transition for your child's learning.



## Principal Awards – 3 August 2018

### Tui Syndicate

**Rm 1: Emily Casey – You have made a huge effort in writing and can now write long detailed stories all by yourself.**

**Rm 2: Marcus Chan – For showing enthusiasm and positivity in everything you do.**

**Rm 3: Toby Child – For his focus and ideas in class discussions.**

**Rm 4: Lucia Keaney – For your willingness to rise to a challenge, give things a go and use your talents to help others.**

**Rm 5: Isaac Upton – For the focus and determination that you are showing in your handwriting! Keep it up Ike.**

### Kiwi Syndicate

**Rm 14: Alice Willcocks – You are taking risks in your learning by using new and exciting vocabulary when writing. Tino pai tō mai.**

**Rm 15: Ben Croke – For your enthusiasm when participating in our 4 week arts rotation. You clearly love performing and inspire those around you.**

**Rm 16: Shelby Tahere – What a wonderful energy you are bringing to all areas of our arts focus this term. Your efforts are out of this world! Ka pai**

**Rm 18: Poppy Laing – For using the paper collaging technique so well and creating such a colourful and detailed calendar art masterpiece! Ka pai Poppy!**

### Takahe Syndicate

**Rm 6: Sylvie Alsop – For demonstrating Hirangi during our dance sessions. Ka pai Sylvie**

**Rm 7: Campbell Burdon – There are so many reasons why you deserve this award. You are an all-round amazing learner.**

**Rm 8: Phoebe Simcock – You always go above and beyond. You are so kind, so caring and it is a privilege to have you in my class.**

**Rm 13: Laura Blyth – For writing an excellent narrative with great vocabulary.**

### Moa Syndicate

**Rm 9: Andre Lee-Joe – For demonstrating rapu in all of our new topics and for always asking thoughtful questions.**

**Rm 10: Eleni Prebble – For shoeing great support and leadership in performing arts which is an area she is outstanding in!**

**Rm 11: Sophia Johns - For setting high standards in all her work and seeking feedback more often in order to improve. Ka pai!**

**Rm 12: Samuel Parker – For being willing to take more risks in new learning and demonstrating enthusiasm when doing so.**



### Board Update – August 2018

#### Setting a Strategic Direction

The Board and leadership team held its second workshop on the strategic direction for the school and where the gaps are between the current position and where we would like to see the school in three years' time. Liz Rhodes included a summary of this work in the last newsletter and invited the school community to provide feedback. We would encourage you to take the time to read the material and provide any feedback.

#### Student Achievement

The Board received the latest report on student achievement. It is pleasing to see that as a school our children continue to show progress and achieve well. The report highlights some areas for focus and the staff are working to develop individual plans to address these areas.

#### Landscape Plan

We considered the concept plan for the landscaping for the tree area and its interface with the astro turf and Basketball Courts, as these are largely unaffected by the rebuild.

Following the Board meeting a meeting was held with interested parents for their feedback. This was held on Monday night. The feedback given was most appreciated and this has been fed back to the Landscape Architect.

The funds raised from the last two School Fairs will be used for this project, however, we will be seeking grants and fundraising for further stages of the work. Applications are being made to the Vogelmorn Foundation and Lion Foundation.

#### Building Project

The Ministry of Education and contractor are still working through the final aspects of the project, but we are confident that construction will start later this year. We have also now received Building Consent.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us by email or via the School Office.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 13 September in the Staff Room.

**Board of Trustees:** Dan Ormond (Chairperson), Liz Rhodes (Principal), Mary-Ann Butterfield, Debbie Chitty, Chandra Littlewood, Nick Simcock, Mark Vivian and Glen Burdon (Teacher Representative).



A huge congratulations to Adelyn Lunman and Jessica Lee-Joe who have been selected to represent Wellington at the National Gymnastics Championships in early October. The girls train 16 - 23 hours a week on top of their school work and other commitments. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the upcoming competition in the holidays.

### FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

Have a go session for Year 1 – 4 Future Ferns Netball

Wednesday 5 September 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Brooklyn School Netball courts

Bring a friend and come along and see how fun netball can be!

Parents - Come along and see how fun netball can be to watch

# You're invited to a kōrero about the future of Māori education

The Ministry of Education is inviting all whānau, hapu, iwi - tamariki, mātua and kaumātua - to help build the future of Māori education in Aotearoa.

The government wants our education system to focus on success for all students, including all Māori. As part of this, we would like you to share your views about education with us and each other.

You can be involved in early learning or kōhanga reo. You can be a student or a teacher in a school or in a kura. At a wānanga or another tertiary institution. You can be a parent or a grandparent. Or an employer. It doesn't matter. What matters is we want to hear from you.

We want to know what's important to Māori in education; what we value about what we have; what we want to change and how we would change it to ensure even greater success for all Māori in education, life and employment.

## How to take part

We are holding three wānanga on the future of Māori education in the Wellington region:

- **Wednesday 29 August**, Whitireia Polytech (Porirua), 6:00pm to 9:00pm;
- **Tuesday 4 September**, Lower Hutt Events Centre (Lower Hutt), 6:00pm to 9:00pm;
- **Thursday 6 September**, Copthorne Hotel (Masterton), 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

These are open events. We encourage you to bring along as many voices as you can. **Kal will be available.**

**Please come along and give us your views – we'd love to hear from you**

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**Kōrero  
Mātauranga**

**Have your say about  
the future of education.**

## From The Moa Syndicate

On Tuesday afternoon, the Moa syndicate were lucky enough to have Braden from [attitude.org.nz](http://attitude.org.nz) come and speak to us about "tackling technology". Attitude is an organisation based in Auckland that deals with a range of issues that can arise in children from intermediate age to the end of secondary school.

Braden was funny and engaging and delivered some really important messages about technology in a positive light, while still discussing some of the risks that need to be considered to ensure we are safe and responsible online citizens.



There were some key phrases that Braden delivered

"You can connect to the whole world but the whole world can connect with you"

"Am I all good with this? Would my friends be all good with this? Would my family be all good with this?" - *what are you posting online?*

"If in doubt, talk it out" - *would this be better as a face to face discussion?*

"Be the same person online as you are offline" - *would you behave like this if you weren't behind a screen?*

A big part of the delivery was to keep things positive, fun and honest but if things do get beyond your control, there are plenty of people in your life who care and who want to help, or organisations such as youthline.

### Resources

[Attitude.org.nz](http://Attitude.org.nz)

Youthline

Netsafe

All phone companies have a way to block unwanted callers/texters