



Brooklyn School Est. 1883

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

Newsletter No. 9

Wednesday 20 June 2018

What's Coming Up

JUNE

Wednesday 20 June – Whanau Hui 5pm

Thursday 21 June – BOT meeting 7pm

Friday 22 June – Winter Sports Tournament

Years 5-8 @ ASB Sports
Centre Kilbirnie

25 June – 28 June – Reporting to parents;
Learning Conversation Conferences

JULY

Wednesday 4 July – Matariki celebrations

Friday 6 July – Last day of Term

Monday 23 July – Term 3 starts



Above – Views over Polhill, Brooklyn 1930's

Below – A group of Moa children plant trees at Polhill in the same area as the above photo with parents, the Brooklyn Trail builders and WCC.



Important message from Lunchesonline

California Sushi are away the last week of Term 2 and are unable to make deliveries to school on Thursday 5th July. They apologize for any inconvenience.

From the Principal

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Brooklyn
Tēnā koutou katoa

Parent, Teacher and Child Learning Conferences

The Learning Conversation conferences are coming up next week. This conference provides a means to:

- Celebrate achievement and effort at school so far this year
- Discuss your child's progress and achievement so far this year
- Set some realistic goals for your child for the remainder of the year

This Friday 22 June you will receive a copy of your child's conference agenda. Please fill out this form in preparation for the conference as it provides an agenda for discussion. On completion of the conference, everyone should have a clear understanding of your child's strengths, learning needs and ways in which the school and home can work together to provide further support.

15 minutes is scheduled for each conference.

Your child is expected to attend all, or part of, the conference to talk about their learning, achievements, attitude to school, needs and future goals, and what they are going to do to achieve them. They may also share samples of work to help illustrate the points they are trying to make and outline personal goals.

Conference Agenda

- 1. Teacher introduction**
- 2. Student shares work**
- 3. General discussion**
- 4. Agreed Goals**

We would like your child to return this agenda on Monday 25th June with your goal you have identified written on it. Your child's class teacher will use this information you provide as part of the goal discussion for your child.

How can you get the most out of the learning conference?

Here are some ideas so your child and family can be ready and get the most out of this warm and positive sharing time.

Before the PTC conference you could:

- Set aside a quiet focused time for your child to talk with you about their feelings about school. For example:
 - What have they been learning about?
 - How are they going with their learning and social goal?
 - What are they proud of?
 - What are they enjoying?
 - What would they like help with?
- Talk to them about what you feel they are doing well in, what they are doing that is making you proud and how you hope you can help them.

During the PTC conference:

- Help your child lead the conference – this shows them they can be capable, powerful and that they and their learning is the centre of attention.
- Provide feedback on your child's achievements and goals rather than general e.g. "It is great to see that your reading level has improved." rather than "Good work."
- If you have questions encourage your child to say more about what they are showing you.

After the conference

- Take the opportunity to praise your child for not only the work they shared but also the pride and courage they showed in leading the conference.
- Share their work in more detail.

Interzone Cross Country

This has been postponed to tomorrow 21st June. We would like to wish our runners all the best.

Whanau Hui

Tonight we are holding our Whanau Hui in our school hall from 5-6pm.

Central Zone Winter Sports

This Friday we have a large group of 60 year 5-8 students representing the school in a range of sports at the ASB Stadium.

Matariki celebrations

In this newsletter there is information regarding powhiri protocol for you to read. After our Star Walk our powhiri will welcome you and your whanau. This will be led by Matt Breach and our Kapa Haka group. Also attached to this newsletter is a Matariki poster with the details for Star Walk.

Thank you for the donations so far for the City Mission.

It isn't too late to contribute towards this. Here is the list of items they would like:

- Breakfast spreads
- Muesli and Weetbix
- Milk powder and sugar
- Tinned soup
- 2 minute noodles
- Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Tinned fish/meat
- Biscuits
- Muesli bars
- Up & Go breakfast drinks
- Laundry powder
- Bodywash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant



Principals Awards – 8 June 2018

Tui Syndicate

Rm 1: Evelyn Hoskins-Brennan – You always try your best at everything you do and are making fantastic progress in reading and writing.

Rm 2: Xanthe Lampard – For writing lots of words and sounds in your stories. Fantastic!

Rm 3: Austin Fyfe – For the happy and kind way in which he works with others.

Rm 4: Sadie Bullen – For working really hard to improve her reading. Ka pai Sadie.

Rm 5: Kate Zandvliet – For the positivity and enthusiasm that you are bringing to class!

Kiwi Syndicate

Rm 14: Grace Murfitt – You are a considerate and thoughtful classmate. We appreciate the effort you put in to make sure everyone feels included, safe and happy.

Rm 15: Beckett Harland – For your enthusiasm, focus and commitment to learning during our science unit. Your love for science is contagious and you are teaching us loads!

Rm 16: Isla Brown – For understanding that learning can be tricky sometimes and finding ways to get out of the 'dip'. Thanks for your efforts!

Rm 18: Ella Maguire – Who fills up other students buckets each day by being respectful, thoughtful, helpful and kind. What a superstar!

Takahe Syndicate

Rm 6: Charlie Goss – Who was nominated by the class for his hard work and contributions in whole class and group work. Ka pai Charlie.

Rm 7: Azhar Nassari – For having the confidence to speak in assembly in a new language and being so dedicated to her learning.

Rm 8: Jake Parun – You have really connected with the visualising activity with our play-based learning. You thought outside the square and took a risk. Well done

Rm 13: Ruby Harris – For being very patient, helpful and caring towards others. You have an amazing ability to connect with people to get the job done.

Moa Syndicate

Rm 9: Abbie Watson – For demonstrating niwaha in every task she undertakes. You are completing outstanding work Abbie! Ka pai!

Rm 10: Julian Menz – For his depth of thought into what his science project should be and how to approach it. Great work.

Rm 11: Rachel Poulton – For demonstrating wai wai kaikapua when sharing her persuasive writing and theatre sports skits in front of large groups. Ka pai!!

Rm 12: Rylee Foley – Rylee has been showing great niwaha towards her Maths. She hasn't given up and always keeps trying.



Learning about Powhiri

Maori have special rules and protocol that must be followed during a Powhiri. When going through the process at school some aspects are different.

What happens during a powhiri?

A powhiri is the traditional way to welcome guests onto a Marae or School. It is a strictly formal occasion and we wish everyone to be respectful and involved. The Kapa Haka Group will be leading the Powhiri and we would like the whole school to participate and back them up. After the Star Walk, the children will join the Kapa Haka group, and we will welcome parents and younger siblings.

1. Once the two groups are formed and settled, stand quietly at the school entrance in between the cones. It is polite to wait quietly for hosts to acknowledge your arrival by sending forth the first karanga, the call of welcome. This call is an oratory summons done by a high-ranking female elder in the host group as the first call of welcome.
2. We will have senior girls from our Kapa Haka group with you who will reply with a karanga as your group begins to walk forward towards the Moea Block. The common custom is women will walk in front of the men behind the kai karanga (the female caller), the men often form a V around and behind the visiting women. The girl's karanga will greet and address each other.
3. Formal speeches called whaikorero be done by the hosts, usually this would be followed by the guests, but it depends on the particular marae protocol as the hosts and the guests may alternate in speaking order. Whaikorero is always in Te Reo Maori (Maori language) and skilled speakers bring forth powerful verbal images. The gods are always acknowledged. During this part we would ask for complete silence and respect for those who are speaking.
4. A waiata (song) is sung after each speech. These are usually traditional Maori songs sung to support the speaker.

Depending on the occasion either a light supper or a hakari (feast/meal) is shared after the formalities, signaling the end of the powhiri. In our case we'll then be moving around activities and the sharing of kai etc.



Matariki Macarena



We Waiti Waita Waipunarangi

Tupuanuku Tupuarangi

Ko Ururangi te potiki

O te whanau Matariki !!

Sports



Netball

Maya Dobson has been selected as the Brooklyn School representative to take part in the Pulse Netball Workshop on Friday 6th July. She was nominated by her team and coach because of her positive attitude, her strong leadership skills and her love of the game. She will get to have a training session with Yvette McCausland-Durie and some of the Pulse players. The course will comprise of court skills such as goal setting, nutrition, mental skills, time management etc. They are very much wanting to support the efforts the kids are making to grow the game, along with helping Year 8 children think about how they will transition to secondary life with some generic skills useful in netball and life .Maya is only 1 of 10 girls who have been selected for this from the netball satellite that Brooklyn school plays in. Congratulations to Maya - a very well deserved recipient of this opportunity!!!Congratulations to Maya - a very well deserved recipient of this opportunity!!!



Brooklyn School Underwater Hockey (BSUWH) June Tournament

Our 2 Underwater Hockey teams competed in a tournament out at Naenae pool. Green team came away with a silver medal and Red team a bronze. Individually, players spirits, skills and enthusiasm are high and are growing. Brooklyn's track record at the WUHA leagues is both competitive and impressive, both individually and as teams, and continues to improve and evolve. Congratulations again to our two MVP's; great defenders; awesome scorers super committed players...and a quick shout out to Louis C - 9 goals this tournament - awesome!

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS OWHIRO BAY WGTN

Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests, and these classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills from Bigair Gym Classes, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and so much more! These skills are so important for our kids to learn! Bigair Gym also offers **Birthdays Parties** & an active, fun **School Holiday Programme!** To find out more,

Call Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gyms Term 3 class bookings open 18th June - Classes fill up fast, so don't miss out!

The Rock Academy School Holiday Programme

Perfect for aspiring singers and musicians. -

2 Programmes will be run in July:

Mon 9th – Wed 11th July & Wed 18th – Fri 20th July

For More info, please visit: www.therockacademy.co.nz

Or email: geoff@therockacademy.co.nz

Entertainment Book

Get your entertainment membership NOW to help Brooklyn School raise much needed funds!

Help us raise funds by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time.

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ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.