



Brooklyn School

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Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

News Update – 5 February 2020

Kia ora Caregivers/Whanau,

Welcome back! We have had a wonderful start to the year, starting off with a Mega Te Kāhui Ako Te Wanganui-a Tara Hui at Wellington Girl's College last week. We had Judge Andrew Becroft speaking to us about the issues facing youth in New Zealand. It was also an opportunity for us to connect with teachers from Wellington Girl's College, Wellington College, Kelburn Normal School, Karori Normal School, and Northland School. We will share more about this partnership during the year. We have followed this with 2 more successful Teacher Only Days. The Moa block was renovated over the break and it was finished over the weekend. We knew the schedule was going to be tight and we appreciated Southbase Construction's commitment in making this happen for us. Just in time for the Moa teachers to set up for yesterday- our first day of school!

Is New Zealand the best place in the world to educate a child?

Te Kāhui Ako o Te Wanganui-a-Tara Launch
28 January 2020



Judge Andrew Becroft
Children's Commissioner for New Zealand
Te Kaikomihana mō ngā Tamariki o Aotearoa



We had a great day yesterday despite the wind. It was wonderful to see everyone back and hearing about their holidays. We held a whole school assembly to introduce our new staff and syndicate teams. We are a community of 409 students and we are looking forward to a successful year learning together. Over the next few days you will be receiving a syndicate newsletter outlining what is happening in each of the teams in more detail. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to our syndicate information evenings.

Syndicate Information Evenings

These will be held next week. These information evenings are really important for you to attend and we encourage at least one parent to come along to hear the learning opportunities your child will have in 2020.

Monday 10 February

Takahe Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm. This will be held in the new Takahe Hub.

Moa Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm This will be held in the newly renovated Moa Hub.

Wednesday 12 February

Tui Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm. This will be held in Room 4.

Kiwi Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm. This will be held in the Kiwi Hub (School hall).

Meet the Teacher

These will be held in week 3. We will share the link on Friday this week for you to book in an appointment with your child's whānau teacher. If these times aren't suitable, I suggest you contact your child's teacher directly to make a mutually suitable time.

Term dates for 2019

Term 1 – Tuesday 4 February to Thursday 9 April

Term 2 – Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July (We have a Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May, this backs onto Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

During 2020 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, these will come home electronically, unless you request a paper copy.

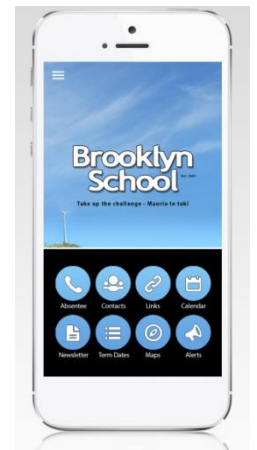
Please email the office office@brooklynprimary.school.nz if your details have changed so we can update our system.

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 port of call 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

Our Schoolapp can be downloaded for free from the App Store and works on an iPhone or Android phone. We currently have over 1000 registered app users. This app is a really easy way for you to communicate absences.



Bells

A reminder that children should be at school when the bell goes at 8:55. School finishes at 3.00. School is open for the day from 8.30am.



Sunhats

All teachers 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. They are available in red or navy blue.

Absences

Please contact the school if your child is absent or going to be away from school either through using the App, phoning in on the day, emailing the office or in writing if you know that the absence is going to happen. If you are notifying the school about a future absence, please do let your child's whānau teacher know and the school office.

If your child arrives after 8:55 they must sign in on the Vistab tablet in the office. This is to notify the office staff that they are here. This will save an unnecessary phone call. If we have not been notified, we will text as soon as possible to account for all children.

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. Please make sure you make use the school crossing on Washington Ave before and after school, rather than crossing just in front of the main entrance.

Building Update

You may have noticed the Kiwi Village is still standing, we have had some delays over the holidays and are now on track to begin the demolition next Wednesday 12 February. The demolition will happen over a 2 week period. We have been advised there will be noise and truck movements

(outside of immediately before and after school times) during this period. During this time, we ask the children to stay off the West stairwell exiting the library and along the West side of the back of the Takahē block. This is a significant milestone in the rebuild and we are looking forward to seeing the new classroom block take shape. Here is a picture of what the Kiwi Block will look like when completed.



Powhiri

We are holding a whole school Powhiri on Thursday 13 February at 9.15am to welcome our new families. Please rsvp office@brooklynprimary.school.nz if you are able to attend.

Road Patrol Supervision

We are looking for parents who are interested in assisting our Mōa students on the Washington Ave school crossing in the afternoons from 2.50pm-3.10pm. This is an important job and if you think this is you, please get in contact with Clint Brandon - clint.brandon@brooklynprimary.school.nz



Nga mihi

Liz Rhodes