



Brooklyn School Est. 1883

Take up the challenge - Mauria te taki

We extend a very warm welcome to new students and families starting their school journey with us here at Brooklyn School. We also welcome back children and families returning to us. We hope that you have all had a refreshing break and are ready and enthusiastic to 'take up the challenge' to learn in new and exciting ways.

We welcome 4 new teachers to our teaching team this year.

- Nicole Batty is teaching years 1 and 2 in Room 3.
- Isabella Wicks is teaching years 3 and 4 in Room 15.
- Jess Twidle is teaching years 7 and 8 in Room 9.
- Kurt Norton is teaching years 7 and 8 in Room 12.

We are enjoying getting to know your children as they settle into their classes. We encourage regular contact with parents, caregivers and families. Please feel free to pop in and see us. We are always happy to meet with you to help answer any questions you may have in regards to your child's learning and welfare. However, if you would like to discuss anything in more detail, it may be best to arrange a meeting by contacting your child's class teacher.

Staff of 2019 (At the beginning of 2019)

Principal	Liz Rhodes		AP	Clint Brandon Margaret Zlatkov
Tui Syndicate	R. 5	Greg Kyle		Yr 2
Year 0 - 2	R. 4	Karen Overell (Syndicate Leader)		Yr 2
	R. 3	Nicole Batty		Yr 1/2
	R. 2	Brigid Wylie		NE/Y1
	R. 1	Margaret Zlatkov (Associate Principal)		NE/Y1
Kiwi Syndicate	R.14	Hilary Lintott		Yr 3/4
Year 3 - 4	R.15	Isabella Wicks		Yr 3/4
	R.16	Hannah Steel (Syndicate Leader)		Yr 3/4
	R 18	Ee Huey Lim		Yr 3/4
Takahe Synd.	R.6	Debbie Strutt (Syndicate Leader)		Yr 5/6
Year 5 - 6	R.7	Victoria Scheule		Yr 5/6
	R.8	Debra Burson		Yr 5/6
	R. 13	Glen Burdon		Yr 5/6
Moa Synd.	R. 9	Jess Twidle		Yr 7/8
Year 7 - 8	R. 10	Jo Wheeler (Syndicate leader)		Yr 7/8
	R. 11	Kathryn Harris		Yr 7/8
	R.12	Kurt Norton		Yr 7/8
Teacher Aides	Margaret Burt Deborah Mansfield Julia Braakhuis Nicky Burdon Nicole Gerber Robyn Burgess		Office Manager	Fiona Lowndes
			Financial Assistant	Joanne Goulin
			Librarian	Robyn Burgess

Classroom Release - Te Reo	Matthew Breach	Part Time Teachers	Mary Urquhart Hay Kirsty Parun Bridget Bridgman Jane Beagley Mel Beirne
Computer Technician (Part Time)	Colin Grant	Mandarin Language Assistant	Lili Song 2 days

Wainuiomata Picnic 8 February

This Friday we are going to Wainuiomata Pool for a whole school picnic. We will leave at 10am and the buses will return from the pool at 2pm. There is a picnic swimming consent form coming home with your child today. Please could you fill this in and return this before Friday.

For the picnic your child will need the following items:

- Swimming togs and towel
- Sunscreen and hat
- Large morning tea and lunch
- A water bottle

There will be a cost of \$10 per child for this trip. This will be invoiced to you later in the term. We will be making a decision regarding the weather by 3pm on Thursday and we will email any cancellations out to you. Unfortunately there is no postponement date.

You are most welcome to come out and join us for lunch. You will need to provide your own transport as the buses are full.

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 2019.

Monday 11 February

Takahe Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm

Moa Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 13 February

Tui Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm

Kiwi Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm

Meet the Teacher

These will be held in week 3 of this term. We will send out booking information this Thursday.

Building Update

The building redevelopment is progressing well. The contractors have taken advantage of the holiday period to make great progress extending the hall and building the new toilet block.

Currently the design team are looking into the creating a new pedestrian entrance off Harrison Street, this will provide access from Harrison Street during the construction of the Kiwi Block. This is likely to be adjacent to the current entrance and lead up to the adventure playground, freeing the current entrance for contractor vehicles.

Again we thank you for your support and patience as we work through this project.

After-school Junior Chess

Wednesdays 3.30-5pm @ St Bernard's School, Taft St, Brooklyn

All abilities welcome, Ages 8-12.

Try your first session free - \$75 per term

First session Wed 11 Feb.

Run by Mark Van Der Hoorn, a Wellington chess champion who runs school groups across the City and the Ridgway chess groups.

To enrol or enquire, please contact Ivan - ivancmoss@gmail.com or 021 417 025



If you are interested in this event, please register directly as it is a parent led event. Registrations are open now.

Hi Tough Guys and Gals,

We hope you all had fun at this year's Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. It is great to see numbers growing and more children getting exposed to these awesome events where they get to push themselves outside of their comfort zones in a controlled environment. We hope you are all ready for 2019!

2019 Event Dates

Wellington: Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd May

Venues

Wellington - Camp Wainui, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata - [Click here for more information on this venue/event.](#)

Cost

\$25 per person

\$30 per person within two weeks of event date

Entry Includes

Finishers medal

Free snack Hell Pizza

Loaded zero sugar sports drink

Personalised bib number (must enter 3 weeks before event date)

Online certificate

First aid cover

Warm showers

Changing facilities

Chance to win spot prizes at prize giving

[Click here for more information on how to enter!](#)