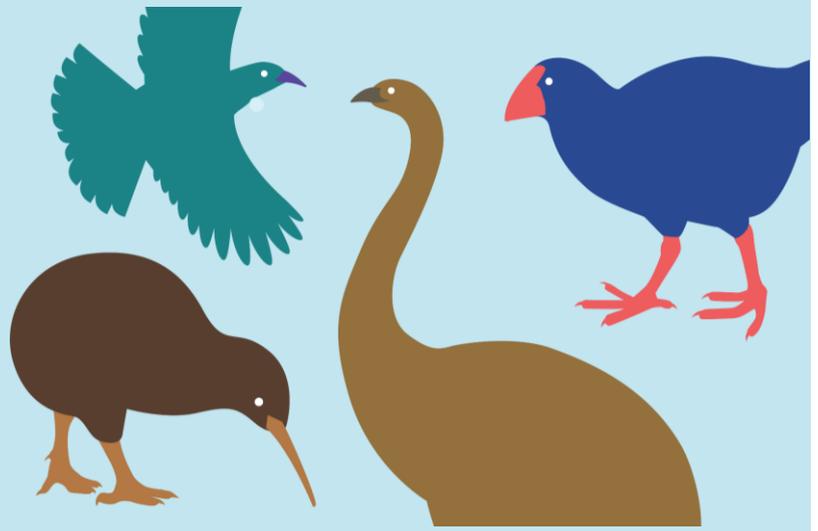




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## What's coming up-

### August — Hereturikōkā

**Thurs 18 Aug:**

**Moa Syndicate:** Trip to City Gallery

**Thurs 18 Aug - Wed 21 Sept:**

Dental Van on-site

**Fri 19 Aug:**

Final day for Calendar Art orders

**Whole School: Reunification Drill 2.15pm**

**Mon 22 Aug:**

**Kiwi Syndicate:** ASB Sports centre 12-2.30pm

**Tues 23 Aug:**

Central Zone Swimming Sports

**Thurs 25 Aug:**

**Moa Syndicate:** Trip to City Gallery

**Tūi Syndicate:** Tui Ono - NE visiting in the AM

**Mon 29 Aug:**

**Kiwi Syndicate:** ASB Sports Centre 12-2.30pm

**Tūi Syndicate:** Tui Ono Starts today

**Wed 31 Aug:**

**Takahē Syndicate:** ASB Sports Centre 12-2.30pm

### September — Hepetema

**Mon 5 Sept:**

**Mon 5 Sept - Fri 9 Sept:**

**Moa Syndicate:** AIMS Games students away

**Tues 6 Sept:**

Liz Quiz

**Wed 7 Sept:**

**Takahē Syndicate:** ASB Sports Centre 12-2.30pm

**BoT School Board Parent Elections:**

**Voting Closes @ 4pm**

**Wed 14 Sept:**

Year 3/4 Futsal Competition @ ASB Sports Centre

**Thurs 15 Sept:**

Year 5/8 Futsal Competition @ ASB Sports Centre

**Fri 16 Sept:**

**Moa Syndicate:** Carterton Exchange

**Mon 19 Sept:**

BoT: First meeting of the New Board, Staffroom @7pm



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## From our Principal

# Mai i to maatau tumuaki o te kura

Dear Parents/Whānau,

Kia ora Whanau,

We've had a wonderful few weeks of learning, your child/ren have been amazing, despite the weather!

We would like to remind you that **classes open from 8.30am**, we have noticed quite a few students coming in from 8.10am. This before school time is prime teacher planning and preparation time. If you are needing supervision for your child before 8.30am, there is the option of Before School Care at the Brooklyn Community Centre.

### Reunification (Evacuation) Drill - Friday 19 August 2.15pm

This is a drill we are going to practice in the event of an emergency like an earthquake, where buildings and grounds are potentially damaged and parents or emergency contacts (authorized alternative) will need to come and collect their child/ren.

This drill will be held on Friday 19th August.

You will need to come and collect your child/ren from 2.15pm. We can only release your child/ren to you as your child's parent/guardian or to the emergency contacts you have nominated on the blue emergency form. **Please do not** send someone new who isn't on the form to pick up your child/ren as we will be unable to release your child to them. This is for your child's safety.

On arrival, parents or emergency contacts (authorized alternative) will be directed to go to the Washington Avenue entrance, across the top playground to the north end of the Kiwi Syndicate.



**NB: Parents will need to line up and wait to have their details recorded, and then they will be guided to collect their child/ren. This can be a very lengthy process, and we ask that you are patient while we go through this.**

## **Wellbeing@School Survey**

**Over the next few weeks we are conducting the Wellbeing@school survey (NZCER) in our schools as a tool to review our last two years of work, and the current state in our schools in relation to care and climate. This will provide us with insight for our ongoing direction from different perspectives. The survey explores how different layers of school life contribute to creating a safe and caring climate. The survey will be conducted with staff, students, senior leaders and stakeholders and asks questions about:**

- school-wide leadership, climate, policies and practice
- how teachers teach, and what happens in classrooms
- student culture and behaviour, and
- how connections are made with the school community.

This information will be used to review the success of our initiatives, what we do in our practice and inform future planning.

Te Kāhui Ako o Te Whanganui-a-Tara is a group of nine schools and colleges including Brooklyn School, Karori Normal School, Karori West Normal School, Kelburn Normal School, Makara Model School, Northland School, Wadestown School, Wellington Girls' College and Wellington College.

As a collective and as individual schools, we are committed to guiding students to realise their individual potential and to be equipped with skills, learning dispositions and qualities that will enable them to respond to the complex and changing world with confidence.

## **Kapa Haka Festival**

Last week we had the Kāhui Ako Whanaungatanga Festival at Wellington College. Seeing all of our students getting ready for this event was a delight and we would like to thank you for coming to help with preparations and for making your way down to watch our performance. Everyone was impressed with the talent and obvious hard work that was put into creating such wonderful performances. We felt it was very successful and look forward to many more



to come. Thank you Mātua Breach for helping prepare our students for this event. We were really proud of them all.

Below are photos of students getting ready on the morning of the festival.



## Swimming Sports

We had a fantastic turnout for our school swimming sports and our swimmers were really impressive. We also enjoyed seeing parents there supporting their child/ren. On that note, please remember you can come into the school grounds, we just ask that you sign in and wear a mask if you are entering the buildings.

Our top place getters will progress through to the **Central Zone Swimming Sports on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. If your child is selected, they will hear from Mr Norton this week. Thanks Kurt for organising this.

## Staff Update

We are opening our roll growth class for new entrants on **Monday 29 August**. Pauline Rodgers will be the whānau teacher of Tūi Ono . Pauline has taken on this role for us quite a number of times and we are looking forward to welcoming her back into the Brooklyn fold. Tūi Ono will be located in the library.

## Sickness

Thank you very much for helping to support your child by encouraging them to wear a mask if they are in Years 3-8.

We will continue to actively encourage mask wearing for the next few weeks while we have winter bugs flying around.



Should your child be feeling unwell or have cold like symptoms, we ask that you please keep them at home.

## Health Survey

On Monday 1 August, we sent out communications via HERO regarding our biannual health survey. We thank those of you who have taken the time to complete this.

Here is the [link](#) to the survey, please could you complete this by **Fri 19 August**.

The results will be shared with you later in the term. This survey will help us to gather your thoughts and ideas about our Health Curriculum and help us further develop our programmes.

## Dental Van

Tomorrow we welcome the Dental Van back onsite. This will be located on the top playground.

## Netsafe Evening - Save the new date - Tues 25 Oct

We are happy to inform you that we have secured a **new date** for the Netsafe Evening. Save the Date - the event will be held on **Tuesday 25 October @ 6.30pm** in the school hall. A flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

## Calendar Art

Thank you for your orders. We would like to remind you that the **last day to return the order form is Friday 19 August**. I've seen some of the art as I've popped into classes and it is so creative, we have some wonderful artists here. Thank you Hannah Temple for helping with this.

## Board of Trustees Update

We would like to thank the outgoing trustee members Kelvin Wong, David Harkness, Kathleen Kerr and Debbie Chitty for all their fantastic support and guidance over the past three years. They have helped us complete a major rebuild, helped set our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan and have provided a great sounding board as we continue to navigate our way through a pandemic. We would also like to thank Jessica Kellow and Mike Brown for their service on the board and wish them well as they stand for re-election.



At our last board meeting on Thursday 11 August we approved the 2023 Term dates:

## Term Dates 2023

### Term 1

**Teacher Only Days - 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.**

**Term starts 2 Feb** with Meet the Teacher meetings in the morning and an open afternoon in the pm when students can drop off their stationery . The term finishes Thursday 6 April

### Term 2

Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

**NB: School is closed** - Teacher Only Day 2 June, Anzac Day 25 April, Queen's Birthday 5 June

### Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

### Term 4

Monday 9 October - Tuesday 19 December

**NB: School is closed** - Labour Day - 23 Oct

## School Board of Trustee Parent Elections Update

Last night we held an informal 'Meet the Candidate' evening for voters to come along and chat with Parent candidates for the upcoming School Board of Trustee Elections. Unfortunately we had no one attend, which was a little disappointing, as the candidates were keen to converse with voters.

Important information -

Voting closes: **Wednesday 7 September @ 4pm**

Postal votes accepted until: **Monday 12 September @ 4pm.**



Vote counting: Tuesday 13 September

New Board takes office: Thursday 14 September

**NB: The voting paper MUST be returned to school in the returning envelope provided.**

**Please remember - only one voting paper per envelope!**

The voting form can be either

- **Posted to:**

**Returning Officer, 58 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, Wellington 6021 or**

- **Hand delivered to**

**The school office and placed in the Election Voting Box.**

Parent Candidates are as follows:

- Mike Brown
- Nicola Houlding
- Sean Keaney
- Jessica Kellow
- Leith Macintosh
- Ivan Rangitonga

## Welcome to new students

We would like to welcome these new children to our Brooklyn School community. We are looking forward to working with you and your child/ren during the school year –

**Tūī Rua:** Archie Rosevear, Yadhvi Patel

Nga mihi, Liz

Liz



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## Enviro Group Update



Above: Students part of the Enviro Group planting out parsley and rainbow chard seedlings and using our hungry bin. Sending kai to our worms rather than the landfill!

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## Garden to Plate Update



For term 3 and term 4 Kiwi Pukupuku will be taking our learning outside of the classroom with the Garden to Table programme, helping our tamariki understand how to grow, harvest, prepare and share kai. We will be learning gardening and cooking skills, while also building awareness of responsibility for our environment with links to the curriculum. Together with Enviro Group, we will also be learning about our composting systems in school with our hungry bin and bokashi bin.

As part of our winter crop, we have planted spinach, brassicas, beetroot, peas, broad beans, carrots as well as some herbs, and we will be getting a planter bed ready for some spring veggies. In the kitchen, we will be learning kitchen health & safety, knife skills and thinking about recipes for our seasonal crops to prepare and share. Watch this space!



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# Sport

## Ki o Rahi

Takahe students enjoy a day in the sun playing Ki o Rahi.

Ki o Rahi is a ball sport (the ball is known as the “kī”) that is a combination of netball, handball and tag rugby.

More information on Ki o Rahi can be found on this [link](#)



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# From the Library

Later on in the term; September 6th to be precise, a group of 5 Moa students, (Xanthe Wong, Trelise Neal, Laura Shorter, Quinn Daly, Henry Wall) will be competing in the 2022 LitQuiz. The competition will be held at Samuel Marsden College. The 5 Moa students are currently practising 3 times a week, in our school library. Everyone is very excited, and we hope you are too. Wish us luck!



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# Principal Awards - 12 August 2022

NB: Due to technical issues there are no photos

## Tūi Syndicate



### Tūi Tahi:

#### Lucas G

For always trying his best at writing stories independently and reading books!

### Tūi Rua:

#### Freda M

For always showing whanaungatanga/belonging by being kind, caring and helpful taura/student in Tūi Rua. We love being your teacher Freda!

### Tūi Toru:

#### Ari S

For producing excellent(hiranga) whānau calendar art. Teno pai!

### Tūi Whā:

#### Oen S

For showing whanaungatanga in Tūi Whā!

### Tūi Rima:

#### Beanie G

For showing great school pride and leadership when practising and performing Kapa Haka.

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## Kiwi Syndicate



### Roroa:

#### Luke V

For having an excellent start to Term 3 by trying his best, showing whanaungatanga, and being respectful to his classmates and kaiako.

### Pukupuku:

#### Esme T

For taking time to think carefully in her learning and having confidence to share her ideas. You are striving for excellence Esmé



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**Roroa:****Sam C**

For amazing effort during Chapter Chat this term. We love the detail you added to your tasks.

**Pukupuku:****Ryan H**

For showing resilience by always opting in and trying your best even when you find something tricky. Keep up the great work!

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## Takahē Syndicate

**Huihui:****Zoe B**

For consistently giving everything 100% and taking charge of her learning.

**Takurua:****Rupert M**

For the maturity you bring to your learning and the caring nature you bring to our kura(school).

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**Huihui:****Rowan F**

For showing niwha in his pukapuka rōpū activities and pushing himself reading. Ka pai Rowan!

**Takurua:****Miu L**

For your hardworking approach to improving your basic facts and growing as a mathematician

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## Moa Syndicate

**Apeksha P**

For having such an excellent work ethic and being so resilient in her learning. Ka mau te wehi Apeksha!

**Redford L**

For having such an outstanding attitude to learning and being so dedicated to getting his work completed

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**Finnian D**

For being an absolute champ and working hard in all areas of learning! Ka mau te wehi!

**Lachlan B**

For stepping up and putting in the hard mahi. Me he tē!

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## Community Notices



### Supporting Young People To Be Safer Online

Join us for a free presentation & discussion for Parents & Whānau

 Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 6pm

 Brooklyn School 58 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, WLG 6021

Netsafe's Education Advisor will talk about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to: [margaret.zlatkov@brooklynprimary.school.nz](mailto:margaret.zlatkov@brooklynprimary.school.nz)



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