



Takahē Team

February 2021



Reminder a sunhat needs to be worn in Term 1.



We suggest that your child has a water bottle at school which they can have in the classroom.



To help with the environment we encourage your child to come to school with a wrapper free lunch.

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome back and a special welcome to all the families who are new to Brooklyn School and the Takahē Syndicate. It was great to meet so many of you on Wednesday at the interviews and open afternoon. We look forward to building on our relationships with you so we can provide the best learning opportunities for your children.

Huihui will operate as one class with Lizzie and Hilary working with all the children. Takurua will operate as one class with Glen and Debs working with all the children. To assist with communication it is best to email both teachers (Lizzie & Hilary) or (Debs & Glen). Your child will get to work with all the teachers in Takahē. The Takahē team will begin the day with a hui and will join together for sport, some inquiry learning and Hour of Power.

HOME

Prototec: <https://maths.prototec.co.nz/>

nzmaths: <https://nzmaths.co.nz/number-facts-activities>

LEARNING

Typing: <https://www.typing.com/>

Banqer: <https://www.banqer.co/>

SITES

Seesaw: <https://web.seesaw.me/>

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Term 1 Learning

We will begin by establishing our routines and getting to know each other so we can all have a successful year of learning. We will unpack the school values and what they look like in Takahē.

Our **Inquiry 'Takakē Hidden Tales'** is focusing on getting to understand ourselves, others and cultures. We will be asking the children to bring in a taonga which is an object that is special to them. As part of this inquiry we are wanting to unpack local and family stories. It would be great if whānau could come and share stories with us. Building relationships with whānau is an important part of school and this is something that we would really like to focus on in Takahē and as part of our inquiry. Literacy, numeracy, the arts, te reo Māori and digital learning are integrated within our inquiry focus and students are supported at their level.

Hour of Power is where the children follow their interests to explore, learn and create. To introduce Hour of Power we will be running skills based sessions around woodwork, cooking, digital technologies, crafts, sewing, drama and visual art. If you have strengths in any of these area and are free on a Monday to help out please let us know.

In Takahē there is no set **home learning** however we do recommend that children are reading daily and that they spend time learning basic facts. Goals will be shared on Seesaw. We also encourage children to log on to their school email account and continue work that they are passionate about. Learning happens 24/7, not just at school.

Navigating Friendships can be challenging at times. Encourage your child to talk about friendships and to talk with us if they feel they need support. It helps if we deal with any issues as they arise. Here are some steps that might be useful to follow at home: 1. Just listen (without interrupting) 2. Empathise (see things from the child's point of view without judging) 3. Ask questions (What bothered you most about what happened? How did it feel? How do you think they may have been feeling? If you could go back, what would you do differently?) 4. Invite problem-solving 5. Offer insights (It's ok to take time to cool down, we respect our friends by listening) 6. Trust your child (step back and allow them time and space to work through how they wish to proceed). At school we use a 'restorative' approach that seeks to repair the harm caused by negative behaviour and poor choices, through building positive relationships and participation in coordinated conferencing.

Digital citizenship is an important part of education today. Please ensure that you have read and discussed the digital user agreement with your child. A common misunderstanding is that the children can use their school email address to sign up for websites. This is not the case and their school email address is only to be used for anything that we do at school. If they want to sign up to other websites they will need another email address. If your child brings a mobile phone to school they need to hand it in to the teacher at the beginning of the day and collect it at the end of the day. Smart watches need to have notifications turned off. It has been fantastic to have so many children signing up for BYOD, but this is optional.



The Takahē Teaching Team

(Left to Right) Debs Burson, Hilary Lintott, Lizzie Blackwell, Glen Burdon. We are sitting at the new picnic table that the Takahē students purchased with the money that they raised at the school discos. This all came from the elections that they ran in 2020. What will they do in 2021?

Lara Connolly, Julia Braakhuis, Nicole Gerber, Eehuey Lim, Matt Breach, Mary Urquhart-Hay, Mel Beirne, and Margaret Burt will also support the learning this year by taking either teacher release time or support with individual student's learning.

Hello, my name is Joydenn Ratana and I am currently studying to become a primary school teacher. This year I have been lucky enough to be welcomed by Brooklyn Primary School to complete my first year of practicum. I was born and raised in Hamilton. During the past two years I have been living in Wellington while studying at Victoria University. I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be at Brooklyn Primary School this year.

Joydenn will be based in Huihui on a Monday and will have a block placement later in the year.



Important Dates For Takahe

Thursday 18th February	School Powhiri at 9.15am
Friday 19th February	Buddy Class Walk and Picnic at Central Park 11.00am - 1.15pm
Friday 26th February	Buddy Class Walk and Picnic at Central Park 11.00am - 1.15pm (Postponement Day if needed)
Friday 11th March	School Picnic (TBC)
Friday 19th March	School Athletics
Thursday 1st April	Teacher Only Day
Friday 2nd April - Wednesday 7th April	Easter Break
Thursday 8th April	Takahē Sleepover at school (Details to come!)
Friday 16th April	Last Day of Term

Emergency contacts: if you think these need updating, please let the office know asap.

Costs associated with Takahē learning this term

These costs will be added to your School account, please let Lizzie know if there are any issues.

Seesaw Learning Journal	\$6.00 for the year (subsidised by the B.O.T)
School Picnic	\$10.00 (TBC)
Takahē Sleepover	TBC
Athletic's Day Bus	\$5.00

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