



Tēnā koutou katoa, Namaste, Talofa lava, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Chao, Hello, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam, Zdravstvuite, Hola, Annyong haseyo, Hallo, Caio, Nei ho, Suosday, Ni sa bula, Kamusta, Bonjour, Γεια σας (Yia sas).

We look forward to another exciting term of learning with an **Inquiry** focus on the **Olympics** past, present and future. Children throughout the school will explore what it means to live the school values in the context of our whole school 'House Olympics.' This along with our **visits to the ASB Centre** will mean that our children will have many opportunities to be active as they engage in their learning. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on the children's digital learning journal through Seesaw as well as during our Olympics week at the end of the term.

We extend a very warm welcome to new students and families starting their school journey with us here at Brooklyn School. We especially welcome the new families starting in our New Entrant class in Tui Ono, located in the school library above the hall. We welcome back Pauline Rodgers, a familiar teacher at Brooklyn School, to again take up the reins as the Tui Ono teacher.

We are very excited to welcome aboard, Charlotte Rolston who will be teaching in Tui Toru. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in health and wellbeing, having worked for many years as a teacher for Life Education.

This is looking to be a busy term with lots of learning to excite everyone! Check out our learning on the next page and the **Term Dates** at the end of the newsletter for events to mark in your calendars.



# Tui Syndicate Newsletter

Term 3 2021

# Our Learning in Term 3

## Reading

At junior level, children are first learning to decode text to read. Once they can do this, the focus moves more to reading for information. We also encourage 'reading for enjoyment' and the children are given many opportunities to enjoy reading in class.

We visit the school library on a regular basis. **Your child will be able to issue up to two books** to take home and read. These need to be returned before any more can be issued. Classes also visit Brooklyn Library each term.

## School Library Days:

Tui Tahī Tuesday  
Tui Rua Wednesday  
Tui Toru Thursday  
Tui Whā Friday  
Tui Rima Thursday

## Writing

The focus is on developing the skills of writing. **Students have individual writing goals** which are progressive. The children will be writing personal recounts and explanations, while the year 2 students will also be writing narratives.

## Phonics

We teach the segmentation and blending of sounds plus a knowledge of the alphabetic code to support our reading and writing programmes.

## Oral Language

Children are given many opportunities to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences across all areas of the curriculum. We encourage oral language to help students broaden their vocabulary, develop good listening and questioning skills and organise their ideas for writing. Children often want to bring things to share which is great, however we have a 'no toy' policy.

## Numeracy

At this level **there is a strong focus on number knowledge**. The children will learn to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s and the older children will use this knowledge to **focus on multiplicative strategies** and the concept of equal sharing as an introduction to division.

The children will also be introduced to **measurement** and apply this learning in 'real life' contexts.

## The Arts

During the first few weeks, we will be focusing on creating **art for calendars** that you will be able to view and purchase from week 4. Details about how you can purchase a calendar will be sent from the school office.

## Digital Technology

Children are being encouraged to develop their digital literacy by using a range of digital tools and sharing their learning in different ways on their digital learning journals through Seesaw. The children will be given the opportunity to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills and participate collaboratively with others when learning to code and programme using the Osmos and Bee-bots.

## Physical Education

This term the children will be going to the **ASB Centre** to develop their physical skills while participating in a range of activities including **gymnastics** and **ball skills**: throwing, bouncing and catching. The children will maintain fitness and stamina through **daily running circuits** and **jump jam dancing in class**. To assist with this, please ensure that your child **wears appropriate shoes** and clothing so that they can be active.

## Health and Inquiry

This term, we will focus on our **school values** while linking these to our **Olympics Inquiry focus**. The children will learn how living by a set of values, makes us good citizens and helps us feel good about ourselves and others.

## Other Programmes:

**Kapa Haka** run by Matua Breach for our older children in Rooms 3, 4, and 5 culminating in a Kapa Haka Festival in Term 4.

**Languages:** Te Reo with assistance from Matua Breach. **Learning acceleration programmes** in reading and language skills for some children.

## Home Learning

**Our aim for home learning is to create positive habits and reinforce essential literacy and numeracy learning.**

We encourage you to support this by engaging with your child to listen, encourage, check and provide feedback on how they are going.

Home learning consists of:

**Reading:** The children will take home a reading book that they have read in class, most days from Monday to Thursday. We encourage the children to read to an adult or other family member each day.

**Poetry:** Every Friday your child will take home their poetry book with a new poem to read over the weekend. Poems will usually be chosen to support something they are learning at school such as the phonic sound of the week, inquiry learning or something topical such as a celebration.

**Spelling:** The older children will take home each day, their spelling notebook to learn 3-5 words a week. The focus will be on learning the **essential words** which make up the majority of our writing and the words we read. The words that they need to know will be written into their notebook and highlighted once they can write the words correctly. Other words will be added from their writing books. Each week, our buddy classes visit to test the students and to celebrate their success. We really appreciate your assistance in encouraging your child to learn their words.

**Numeracy:** For our new entrant/year 1 children we suggest **Maths is Fun** <http://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm>

For children in year 2, we suggest the following free online websites to support the learning of number knowledge, basic facts and mathematical ideas: **Prototec** <http://www.maths.prototec.co.nz/> and **e-ako nz maths** <http://e-ako.nz/maths.co.nz/>

For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

## Being Independent

In the Tui Syndicate we encourage our children to become independent and responsible for organising themselves.

It would be great to see our children showing their independence by:

- Putting their bags and jackets in their cubby hole and packing and unpacking their own bags.
- Putting their reading books, spelling notebooks, library books and anything else they return to school, in the right places.
- Getting their drink bottles out of their bags and putting them in the nominated place.
- Sharing their feelings with their teacher and friends.



## REMINDERS

### WASTE FREE LUNCHES

We really encourage the children to have waste free lunch boxes. It would be super if your child could bring their lunch in containers, reusable bags or paper wrap instead of glad wrap.



### SCHOOL HOURS and ABSENCES

Please ensure that your child **arrives between 8.30 and 8.50am**. This gives them enough time to **get ready to start their learning at 8.55am**. Please also ensure that your child is picked up at 3pm each day and your child's teacher is informed who this person is if it is not the usual arrangement. Teachers will not let your child leave until they are collected. We also ask that you do not drop your child off at school before 8.30am as this is a time for teacher meetings and preparation.



If your child is sick or absent for any reason, please notify us using the school app or phone the school **absence answer phone on (04)3897658 ext.1 before 9.15am**. For extended periods of absence, please email both your child's teacher and the school office. them enough time to organise themselves



*We always appreciate parent help during our writing sessions. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to assist.*

### Book room assistance needed please

*If you have 15-20 minutes at pick up or drop off or any other time, we would be grateful for help to put reading books away in the book room. If you are able to help out, please email or talk to your child's classroom teacher. This help is very much appreciated.*



We remind you that it is important to sign your child in at the office if they arrive after 8.55am and to sign your child out if they need to leave school during school hours. Thank you.

### WET WEATHER GEAR, SPARE CLOTHING AND WARM HATS

Please ensure that your child has a warm hat and a warm jacket to wear when outside. It is a good idea to leave a warm hat at school. Also we encourage children to keep a spare set of clothing at school including socks and slippers should their shoes become wet. It is important that children wear appropriate shoes and clothing so that they can be active when outside during breaks and P.E.. Please check that your child can manage shoes themselves, particularly involving laces.



### WATER BOTTLES and BRAIN FOOD

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle that they can access in class throughout the day. We are a water only school. We also encourage children to **bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat as a brain food snack between the start of the school day and morning tea.**



## Tui Term Dates



<b>Week 1</b>	Thursday: <b>ASB Sports</b> 9.40 – 12.30pm Friday: <b>Tui Tahī Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm	<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday: <b>Bangers &amp; Maths Parent Evening</b> 6-7pm				
<b>Week 2</b>		<b>Week 7</b>	Thursday: <b>ASB Sports</b> 9.40 – 12.30pm Friday: <b>Tui Whā Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm				
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday: <b>Tui Ono starts</b> Friday: <b>Tui Rua Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm	<b>Week 8</b>					
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Calendar Art</b> ready for viewing this week Thursday: <b>ASB Sports</b> 9.40 – 12.30pm	<b>Week 9</b>	Thursday: <b>Tui Ono Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm Friday: <b>Tui Rima Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm				
<b>Week 5</b>	Thursday: <b>ASB Sports</b> 9.40 – 12.30pm Friday: <b>Tui Toru Brooklyn Library</b> 2pm	<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Olympics Week</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Monday</b> Opening ceremony</td> <td><b>Tuesday</b> Open afternoon</td> <td><b>Wednesday</b> Syndicate sharing/Sports event</td> <td><b>Thursday</b> Closing ceremony</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Monday</b> Opening ceremony	<b>Tuesday</b> Open afternoon	<b>Wednesday</b> Syndicate sharing/Sports event	<b>Thursday</b> Closing ceremony
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There are opportunities during the term to meet with us to be informed about 'what and how' your child is learning. Please see 'Tui Term Dates.' We encourage regular contact with parents, caregivers and families. If at any time you have questions or would like more information about your child's learning and welfare, please contact your child's teacher.

We are privileged to spend another wonderful term with your children. Thank you for all the many ways that you support us and in being involved in the learning of your children. Here's to another great term,

Karen, Margaret, Brigid, Charlotte, Danny, Pauline, Eehuey and Kirsty

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