



Tui Syndicate Newsletter

Term 3 2019



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**WELCOME BACK FOR ANOTHER TERM OF LEARNING,
FUN AND FRIENDSHIP**

We look forward to another exciting term of learning with an 'enterprise, innovation, creativity' inquiry focus. Each class will decide on their inquiry journey based on the children's interests. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on the children's digital learning journal through Seesaw as well as at an open morning in the last week 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 all the new families starting in our New Entrant classrooms.

Again, this will be a busy term with much to excite everyone! One of our term highlights will be a trip to the 'Children's Film Festival' at the Embassy Theatre in week 3. A notice with more information will follow.



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:

Room 1 Friday

Room 2 Tuesday

Room 3 Tuesday

Room 4 Wednesday

Room 5 Wednesday

Room 19 Friday

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. This term, we will be encouraging the children to share their creative talents to support their Inquiry learning. 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 **geometry and learn to name and describe 2D and 3D shapes**.

We encourage you to find out more about how we teach number knowledge and number strategies by coming along to our **Numeracy Info Hour on Wednesday 21 August 7-8pm**.

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 these 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 how to code and

programme using tools such as the Osmos, Bee-bots and Brainbox Circuits.

Physical Education:

This term our focus will be on developing **large ball skills**: throwing, bouncing and catching. The children will maintain fitness and stamina through **jump jam and skipping**. To assist with this, please ensure that your child **wears appropriate shoes** and clothing so that they can be active.

Health

This term, we will focus on **wellbeing and mindfulness**, by using techniques such as meditation and breathing to focus on what is happening in the 'present.'

Other Programmes:

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

Languages: Te Reo and Mandarin

Learning acceleration programmes in reading 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 taking to 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.

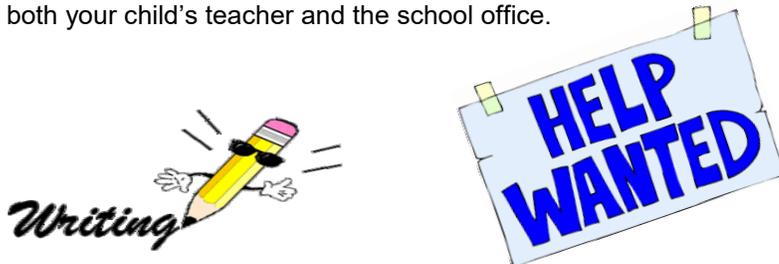


SCHOOL HOURS and ABSENCES

Please ensure that your child **arrives between 8.30 and 8.50am**. This gives them enough time to organise themselves **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.



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

Book room assistance

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.



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. Please ensure that your child can manage shoes themselves, particularly those 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



Week 1		Week 6	Room 3 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm
Week 2		Week 7	Room 4 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm
Week 3	Short Film Festival Trip: Thursday 8 August 9.15am -12.00pm	Week 8	Tui hosting school assembly Friday 12pm weather permitting Room 5 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm
Week 4	Calendar Art ready for viewing Room 1 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm	Week 9	Room 19 school photo Thursday Room 19 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm
Week 5	Numeracy Info Hour: Wednesday 21 August 7-8pm Room 2 Brooklyn Library Friday 2pm	Week 10	Tui Open morning: Thursday tbc

We are privileged to spend another wonderful term with your child. 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 with any questions you may have about 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 classroom teacher. There are other opportunities during the term to meet with us to be informed about 'what and how' your child is learning. Please see 'Tui Term Dates.'

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, Nicole, Greg and Carla

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