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Kia Ora,

Mums and Dads – week 3 is upon us and what a beautiful day for swimming it is. Our 'Swim for Life' team are working alongside our students for the next 2 weeks developing skills and confidence levels as we lead up to our Swimming sports. This is a fantastic programme and the benefits are certainly extremely worthwhile for all involved.

This newsletter is packed full of important information and we have a new format as you can see. Our aim is to ensure that all necessary information relating to upcoming events is received well in advance so that our community can plan ahead. We are also sending newsletters via e-mail to many of our families which is brilliant. Please let the school know if you would like this form of delivery also.

Our learning theme at Brooklyn School this year is 'Believe it to Achieve it'. Thank you those parents who joined us at the 'Be at Brooklyn' evening when parents got the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and gain an understanding of how learning will be structured this year. We will follow these sessions up with Parent / Teacher goal setting meetings in week 6.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Chris

Our certificate assembly on Friday 10th February, saw Izia welcomed to Room 1, Ollie and Nardy to room 3 Kalah-J to room 6 within our wonderful school.

The class awards were awarded to; Sophia G, Cody B, Laila K, Jai W, Ethan J, Kayden P, Sam C, Isabella E, Jordan M, Caleb P, Taylah-Lee

This week's AKO awards acknowledging the hard work from Steve and Amanda – part of our team who do a sterling job in their respective roles. We were very pleased to pakipaki them.

Connor K, Rua D, Khole B, Ava K, Starsha w, Lennon D also received an AKO award.

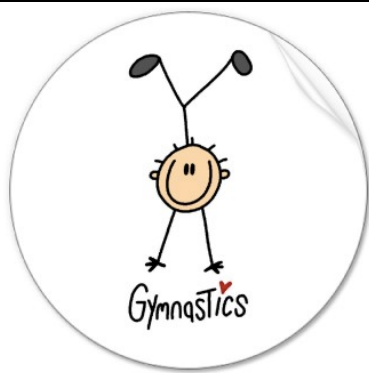
Congratulations Lennon who will look after the principals cup for the week.

Each class is working very hard to develop their class culture at the beginning of the year. Being Active in discussing what our goals will be and how we want to work as a class. Curious to discover new talents skills and strengths that each individual contributes to the group, and Sharing of ideas of a name that will have meaning for everyone. Each class is working under our theme for the whole school which is... Believe to Achieve....

We look forward to the big reveal of what these classroom names shall be in the very near future.

Believe it
to
achieve it

The Swim for Life team start instruction with our students 13th February. Each class has a 30-minute timeslot with these qualified instructors. The input these instructors give your child/children is invaluable. The school has sourced funding for the programme, however there is a small fee of \$5 per child. This is payable to the office now or will be added to your family invoice. Please ensure your child has swimming gear each day as well as a jumper to wear at the completion of the session.



Riwaka/Brooklyn Gym Club held a very successful open day on Thursday 2nd February at the Recreation Centre. At this stage a preschool class scheduled for 1:30 – 2:15 on a Tuesday afternoon has not been filled. There is an opportunity to run the class at Brooklyn School at this time. If you are interested in registering your preschooler in the session please let Josie in the office know.

NELSON SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRIATHLON

Event Date: Sunday 12th March 2017
Event Location: Tahunanui Recreation Ground, Beach Road, Nelson

Weet- bix Triathlon:

Registrations are now open online for the event. We are encouraging all Brooklyn students to participate in this exciting event. This year parents are asked to register their child/ren from home. This eliminates double handling of paperwork and transfer of funds from the school. A discounted entry fee still applies at this stage but is closing at the beginning of March.



Our Brooklyn students have been invited to play touch in the module being run by the Motueka Recreation Centre. This is junior year 1-2 and 3-4 / Intermediate years 5-6 and on Tuesday evening. Senior year 7 and 8 on a Wednesday. A notice is available at the office should you wish to become involved in this sporting activity

Starting this week our classes will be inquiring into the history, present and future uses of the land in relation to what is produced, grown and harvested here. Our thinking and inquiry will take in the lands historical use, and what is produced and farmed today - this season.

We will be in 5 groups of around 20 students. Each group will rotate to learn a new aspect of the topic with each teacher in the school.

We will develop our thinking and understanding of production, demand and economic activities. As the term progresses an enterprise and financial literacy focus will see the students developing items or products for sale at a market.

The arts ideas and harvest theme will be developed to become part of the Kai festival in our community. This festival is scheduled for Sunday 9th April at Decks Reserve.

Your child or children may opt into this opportunity.



Acknowledgement

Kat Rayson, our year 5/6 teacher will be leading a small trip to the local Motueka Museum as part of the Rich Learning module. Your child will be safely transported in either the small school bus with Vicky Walker or the school minivan with Kat to the museum for an hour long visit on an afternoon. We would arrive approx 1.40pm and leave an hour later so as to be back to school by 3pm.

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4		Group 5	
Quinn	Hinaia	Cody	Ryan	Rain	Hannah	Lukoia	Sequoia	Bryce	Charlie W
Lachlan	Charlotte	Sequoia	Kate	Stevie	Jolie	Albert	Fletcher	Harper	Harry
Sophia	Laila	Riley	Freyja	Blake	Triden	Isiah	Kane	Phoenix	Triden
Tyeisha	Ari	Elwood	Daisy	Amy S	Ava Kubo	Seth	Starsha	Dilyn	Soul
Isabel	Jake	Lewis	Logan	Connor	Shelby	Emelia	Jack	Cori	Aria
Reggie	Lucas	Caelan	Lydia	Sheyana	Maia	Joshua	Molly	Gabriel	Chase
Zoe	Kaleb	Haruno	Jaymin	Dylan	Gnarley	Charlie R	Amy W	Taylah-Lee	Milan
Leighton	Kayden	Katelyn	Ella G	Quinnton	Sam	Jordan P	Ava K	Rua	James
Isabella	Bella	Caleb	Elyse	Jai	Jordan M	Petra	Lennon	Hank	Ava G
Khloe	Nina	Sara	Khorus	Ollie	James	Martha	Asher	Sam	
Visit Date:	Mon 20th Feb	Visit Date:	Tues 21st Feb	Visit Date:	Thurs 23rd Feb	Visit Date:	Wed 15th Feb	Visit Date:	Thurs 16th Feb

Kat Rayson will lead the session and after exploring what the museum can teach us about our local area, the children will be sketching artefacts that capture their interest in the evolving story of Brooklyn / Motueka. It is our wish to fire the imaginations of these young people with the wonderful photographs and artefacts at the museum and introduce them to what a historical treasure we have on our doorstep! Should you want to come and join us on this learning adventure. You are most welcome! Meet us at the museum at 1.40pm on your child's designated day.

Please sign and return the slip below to acknowledge that you know your child will be part of this visit, and that you approve for your child to be transported.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Signed _____ Parent / Caregiver

The group working with Mr Andrews will also be visiting the Plant and Food research Centre across the road from the school on the Afternoons of the Rich Learning Module. Here our students will investigate the blueberries as a product. Investigating the plant, how it grows and what is needed for a good crop.

Please sign and return the slip below to acknowledge that you know your child will be part of this visit, and that you approve for your child to be part of the group walking to the Plant and Food Research Centre on Old Mill Road.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Signed _____ Parent / Caregiver

Class Messages:

From the Junior Team

Discovery Time: On a Friday Room 3, 4 and 5 enjoy Discovery Time where developmental play and learning is encouraged or interests and questions from the weeks learning are further developed.

Last Friday the classes enjoyed using stencils, making covers for their math's journals, gardening and planting herbs, using boxes to create a house, water play (how many cups of water in a bucket) and one group had during the week created a play so took the time to develop this idea and film it on the computers.

We would love our school community to start collecting boxes, cylinders, bottle tops and other interesting packaging that we could reuse for our construction play. Please drop these off into either Room 3 or 4. For health reasons no toilet rolls please.

From Room Four

"Haere Atu. Go away! We are not your lunch today. "

Room Four have enjoyed reading the big book Haere Atu, which is all about the lady with the floppy sloppy sunhat, the man with the saggy baggy board shorts, the woman with the lumpy bumpy beach bag and the man with the spotty dotty tee shirt, enjoying themselves the beach... when the pesky mosquitos come in for a quick lunch.

Come in and check out our wall display about this book.

We are currently awaiting the hatching of 3 chrysalises. Did you know that the caterpillars are eating the Swan Plants that Room 4 (Te Ara Wha) grew last year from seed!

From Room I

Room I has made a great start. We are excited about our learning and looking forward to the year.

Parents / caregivers, if you have not already done so, please would you join us on Class Dojo? The students are excited to share their work and celebrate their success with you! Kat can give you the unique codes that you will need to see your child's progress and learning story, if you have lost your original invite. Please contact her if you need a replacement invite. kat@brooklyn.school.nz Thanks!

From Room 6:

What an amazing day at Kaiteriteri on Friday 10th. I am very proud of the way you all looked after each other – managed yourselves to keep safe and be able to try something completely new. We had an amazing experience looking at the biodiversity in an unprotected marine area. Our visit also gave us the opportunity to see examples of how the land is used and explore some of the impacts of human interaction with this environment. Jude is coming back to follow up with us on Thursday 16th, where we will also start looking at some ideas of actions we could be taking to raise awareness of the importance of marine reserves.



Term 1 Calendar:					
Week 1			1 st February	2 nd	3 rd
Week 2	6 th – NZ day	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th Room 6 to Kaiteriteri with EMR
Week 3	13 th Swim for Life lessons all week.	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
Week 4	20 th Swim for Life lessons all week.	21 st	22 nd Room 6 in Abel Tasman EMR	23 rd	24 th Swimming Sensation Showcase
Week 5	27 th	28 th	1 st March	2 nd	3 rd
Week 6	6 th Room 1 and 6 Top Team @ Bethany Park	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Week 7	13 th	14 th FOTS meeting 3pm	15 th	16 th	17 th Interschool Swimming Sports MHS
Week 8	20 th Possible Cycle Safety dates with Mr Tonkin. Year 5, 6 7 and 8's	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
Week 9	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st
Week 10	3 rd April	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th Kai Festival 9th
Week 11	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th Good Friday

FOTS – Friends of the School.

Tēnā koutou,

Kia Ora and welcome to all new and returning Brooklyn School students and their families.

We trust that you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year periods and are now as

excited as we believe to achieve in 2017.

So too an opportune time to introduce Brooklyn School's Friends of the School (FOTS) group. For those that are uncertain as to who the FOTS are, and what they do; we are essentially a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) but with a much more unique and exciting name, and through this, also open to many more possibilities than other, traditional PTA groups.

Who are the FOTS?

The FOTS are currently a small group of Brooklyn School parents, teachers and Board of Trustee representatives. The prime purpose of FOTS is to support our unique and wonderful school in any way we can.

By supporting our school and its teachers, so too do we support our own children and their peers through their education here at Brooklyn School. The FOTS are a team dedicated to:

- * Supporting parent involvement within the school,*
- * Informing parents of current news and events as they arise for Brooklyn School,*
- * Organising and supporting school fundraising events.*

We also appreciate that FOTS are by no means limited to only this. FOTS are also responsible for assisting Brooklyn's teachers, whether this is through funding classroom resources requested by teachers and/or parents, and assistance to the students through fun school activities/trips and promotion of specific learning modules. Actually, the options are endless.

So how can YOU be involved in your child's school?

- letting us know of your ideas and thoughts.*
- keeping up to date with messages and information posted about from the School.*

Planning: What's already on the agenda for FOTS to develop?

Term 1 - Cleanup at the Neudorf concert 17th Feb

- FOTS fundraising opportunity at the KAI FESTIVAL. 9th April.

Term 2: School/Community sharing nights

Term 3: Quiz nights - Raffle. Take a Trip Raffle

Term 4: Book and Country Fair - 28th October?

Fundraising and support Target for 2017:

The FOTS group feel it is very important to identify a goal for fundraising, so when out promoting the school or supporting an initiative we can say – "we are fundraising for....."

In 2016 our fundraising supported resources within the school such as:

- Technology for classrooms eg: a new digital teaching station.
- Curtains and blinds for Room 4 and 6.

SUGGESTIONS:

A couple of parents have indicated they would be available to sell books (as we have kept a very good selection from the 2016 Boo Fair) at the Twilight Markets now being held at Parks Automotive Carpark on a Friday night.

- You may wish to assist with this endeavor?

A suggestion has also been made that we run a Race Night in 2017. Great thinking.... A coordinator is needed for this. Let us know if you

FOTs would like to organise monthly communication meetings, to continue to share thoughts, ideas, communications and Brooklyn happenings. Our next meeting is

- Sports singlets.
- A new BBQ to be used within the school.

A target for this year is to be identified and we are keen to have your ideas for this. You may have a suggestion of an ongoing projector an immediate one. WE are keen to hear what is important to our community.

are keen. The resources are all here ready!

As initiative from Australia is a boomerang bag. Shopping bags made from fabric that are reusable and not plastic! There is a community group looking at how to make this happen and Brooklyn School is keen to be involved. Great skills to teach and have our children be a part of.

To be something achievable a new 'kiwified' name needs to be identified and more discussion.

If keen to contribute your ideas to this – let us know.

scheduled as an afternoon tea one.

TUESDAY 14th February

We would love to have you come along and join us.

Agenda:

- Easter Raffle?
- 2017 target.