

Brooklyn School

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Kia Ora,

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in their swimming sports last Friday. We had an excellent time celebrating the skills on display and having a huge amount of fun both in and out of the water. A big thank you to the mums and dads who joined with us and helped out recording, spectating and swimming! The staff team go back to the drawing board in preparation for next year! We now focus on preparing our Brooklyn School Team for the Inter-School Swimming Sports which takes place on Friday March 17th. Stay tuned for further information.

We welcome students from Mapua School to Brooklyn today as they prepare for their upcoming snorkeling adventure with a practice in our pool.

I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Parent / Teacher interviews set to take place next Tuesday and Wednesday evening during week 6. Please complete the form which will accompany this newsletter and return to our school office. We aim to meet all of our parents at these very important meetings. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unable to attend on these days.

Let's celebrate learning!
Chris

Class Messages:



Term 1 Calendar:

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 Parent / Teacher Interviews	8 th Parent / Teacher Interviews	9 th	10 th
Week 7	13 th	14 th FOTS meeting	15 th	16 th	17 th Interschool

		3pm			Swimming Sports MHS
Week 8	20th Possible Cycle Safety dates with Mr Tonkin. Year 5, 6 7 and 8's	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
Week 9	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
Week 10	3rd April	4th	5th	6th	7th Kai Festival 9th
Week 11	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th Good Friday

Boomerang Bags are coming to Motueka

Ever gone shopping and forgotten your reusable bag or are you just fed up with one use plastic bags?

Boomerang Bags is an initiative aimed at reducing plastic bags by engaging communities in making 'Boomerang Bags' as a fun, sustainable alternative. Each Boomerang Bag is handmade by volunteers local community using donated, second-hand keeping the initiative local and sustainable. Bags distributed to local businesses and markets for use and return.



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Want to know more? Come to the screening of the award winning environmental documentary "Bag It" on Wednesday 8th March 7.30 pm at MoTEC, Parklands School. You will meet other interested volunteers and find out how you can help.

Time to clean out your cupboards! We need fabrics and threads for our sewing bees.

Only woven fabrics please (no knit). They need to be clean and reasonable condition. We will up-cycle old duvet covers.

To donate fabrics and threads, **deliver to your school and they will be brought to MoTEC by the year 7&8 students OR** drop off at The Motueka Community Store from the 2nd to the 9th of March and tell them it's for Boomerang Bags.

Community Sewing Bees

Volunteers needed to help with cutting materials, pinning, ironing, screen printing and sewing.

Saturday 11th March and 18th March, 9am to 12pm

Tuesday 14th and 21st March, 2.30 to 5.30pm

Come to MoTEC, Parklands School. All equipment provided.

A big well done to the Brooklyn Taniwha's and the Brooklyn Boars for the sportsmanship and development of skills during the recently completed Motueka Touch competition held at Riwaka.

The teams won the Grade 2 of the kid's completion where the Kenning Family Trophy is proudly displayed in the school office.



The Senior students will be starting summer sport training sessions as part of our PE programme. The students will be rotating around Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and Touch Rugby activities and skills.

The year 7 and 8 Summer Tournament is scheduled for Thursday 30th March at the Recreation Centre.

From Room 6:

A reminder to please check our website on www.brooklyn.school.nz for regular updates of our thinking and learning.

Our inquiry into what we grow – will be developed alongside inquiry and thinking of financial capability skills. Our students will begin the development of a product around the foods that are about to be harvested, and the development of a business venture undertaken. We shall keep you posted about our thinking and learning. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted us on our recent trip to Tonga Quarry – the whole day was simply magic. We saw so much biodiversity and sea life – it was simply incredible. The experience has developed a huge amount of awareness of the value of a marine reserve. Our next stage of thinking will develop ideas about an action plan. Something we could do to raise awareness of the value of marine reserves and aspects of their conservation.



FOTS – Friends of the School.

Tracey Ferns has been looking further into the Boomerang Bag initiative with other local agencies. Brooklyn School is keen to get involved with this. Tracey has FB

Thank you to the parents and families who offered to assist with the clearance responsibility at the Neudorf concert. I expressed on our behalf our disappointment about not being contacted until very late, that other arrangements had been made with this

FOTS Meeting:
Tuesday 14th March.

information about it so keep up to date with what is happening.

duty. Also expressing how many people had set aside time for the task.

Maybe next year!

Agenda:

Opportunities at Kai Festival
Suggestion of regular book sales at the Sunday Market – roster system developed.