

# Brooklyn School

Newsletter # 14 Week 7 Term 3



Kia Ora,

Spring has sprung and we are all looking forward to some sunny weather and less sickness. As we enter the latter stages of this term we have many exciting initiatives approaching. Keep a close eye on the calendar below with those important dates and times.

As you will know, our senior students are getting ready to take part in the upcoming MASSIVE shows. We wish Vicki and her group all the very best as they contribute to what will be a celebration of creative talent across all of the schools taking part.

Due to a resignation, a space has become available on our Brooklyn School Board of Trustees. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity to join the BOT please contact our school office for details.

Have a brilliant week everyone.

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## Brooklyn Business:

August 22nd a group of year sevens and year eights went to the Motueka High School to compete in the Nelsonmathix Mathematics Competition. The Year 8 team consisted of Fletcher, Kate, Rain and Cody. The Year 7 team had Lewis, Lydia Molly and Connor. The Year 7 team came 13th out of twenty. They passed the first question and got four correct (in total). The Year 8 team came 12 out of twenty-five. They struggled on some very tough questions but stuck with the challenge and used their math knowledge and strategies.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August the Brooklyn community has been invited to the Matinee performance of MASSIVE. WE will have an early morning tea this day at 9:45 am. At 10:10 the students will be organised into transport options and taken to the Memorial Hall in Pah Street Motueka. The Matinee starts at 10:30 and is expected to run for 1 and a half hours. Brooklyn students returning at 12 o'clock.

Please let the staff know if you are able to assist with transport to this Matinee, and how many students you are able to transport.

*Thank you for your support.*



**Contributing Schools:**

- Brooklyn
- Dovedale
- Lower Moutere
- Mahana
- Mapua
- Motueka Home Educators
- Motueka South
- Parklands
- Riwaka
- St Peter Chanel
- Tasman
- Upper Moutere

**Motueka Arts Show from Schools Incorporating a Variety of Entertainment**

**2017 Theme 'Our Place'**

**Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September**  
**6:30pm at the Motueka Memorial Hall**

**Tickets \$10 available from your School Office, from 11th September from Whitwell's or the Guardian**

I \_\_\_\_\_  
 Am able to transport \_\_\_\_\_ Brooklyn students in my registered and warranted vehicle, from Brooklyn School to the Memorial Hall and return. Thursday August 14. 10:10am – 12pm.  
 I will also stay to watch the Matinee performance of MASSIVE.  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Storylines Story Tour**

*We have been very lucky to have secured a visit from New Zealand authors Juliette Mclver and Apirana Taylor. They will be visiting Brooklyn School as a part of the Storylines Festival on Wednesday, 13 September, arriving at 9:15 am, giving a short presentation and book reading session before leaving at 10:15 am. The festival is funded by Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust and has the aim of bringing children's writers, illustrators, poets and storytellers together with their readers and audiences, to enjoy books and to encourage literacy.*

*Juliette Mclver has written many popular children's picture books, Toucan Can, Marmaduke Duck series and her latest book That's not a Hippopotamus has just won Best NZ Picture Book 2017. To find out more about Juliette you can visit this website; [www.juliettemaciverauthor.com](http://www.juliettemaciverauthor.com)*

*Apirana Taylor is an award winning writer, storyteller, painter actor and poet. His latest story Five Strings was published late last year. Many of his works are played on radio and have traditional maori instruments as accompaniment. To find out more visit; <http://www.storylines.org.nz/Storylines+Profiles/Profiles+T-Z/Apirana+Taylor.html> Juliette Mclver will be speaking to Rooms 3 and 4 and Apirana Taylor will be speaking to Rooms 5 and 1 with some children from Room 6.*

# VOTE FOR ME

You may have seen posters around the school and community with the tag line “Vote for me”. If you are wondering what this is all about, it is part of a campaign by the NZEI (Primary teachers Union) to raise public awareness about some of the education issues facing us all as we go into a general election later this month.

If you want to know more about this campaign and slogan, you can visit this website for further information. <http://voteeducation.org.nz/>

You can find what the party policies for each of the parties on important education issues that have already or will affect your child’s future.

Find out what each party had to say about these top 7 questions.

1 Pay equity for education support workers and teacher aides

2 Charter schools

3 Funding review and operations grant freeze

4 National Standards

5 Learning support

6 Funding for early childhood education

7 Top priorities and first 100 days

## Assembly Happenings:

*Amazing Sandra Silberzweig ‘Selfies’ art completed by the Brooklyn students.*

*These examples were presented by Room Rocket on Friday. All students have completed this task and they look amazing.*

*This week you will be able to view them in the windows at Whitwells Menswear.*

*Promotion for MASSIVE.*







*AKO awards and recipients from Week 6 the Principal's cup went to Quinnton Satherly Week 5 -*



*Best wishes and farewell to Hinaia and Tyeisha. All the best for your journey in the North Island.*

*The mighty Brooklyn Stars playing a friendly game of netball to complete the 2017 netball season. What is this I see.... Albert, Cody, Ryan, Damani and Joshua. Your Sportsmanship is to be commended in the way you utilised your skills on the court last Saturday to support the team in the game when they were very short of players.*

*A huge thank you to Naomi Pickett, and Tracey George for toy enthusiasm, support, passion and time over the season coaching our wonderfully talented netball players.*

## Class Messages:

### **Room Rocket**

Last week we finished our Sandra Silberzweig, 'Our Face Selfies' and what a masterpiece the students created. These amazing artworks will be on display in Whitwells Menswear Shop in High Street, Motueka for two weeks as a part of Massive. Make sure you go down and see your child's art work and take a 'piccy' of your artist proudly standing along side.

This week we are starting to piece together our arts performance for the Brooklyn School Mini Massive. We will be making poi and rakau sticks for our performance.

### **The Dream Catchers:**

Kaitiakitanga - Our group is making great progress with our gardening plans and have 2 areas to plant up this week (outside Maria's room and around the corner of our school). We are very keen to move onto our Remembrance Garden next and as it is a large and shady area we need lots of plants to fill this space. We are working with Westbank Natives on plant selection but if you have any plants to donate that would be amazing and very much appreciated. Lara Gerrard on behalf of the Gardening Group

### **Room Bloom**

This week sees us talking about who we are as individuals and how to take good care of ourselves. We will also be discussing the changes of puberty. A permission letter will be coming home on Monday about our upcoming trip on the Steadfast, please return with the \$15 charge for this trip to school as soon as possible. Thanks!

**Class Capiche:** Please check that you have the timetable outline for the week – next week being MASSIVE week. It is really important that you are aware of where you need to be and when! Action for this week, is finishing off and perfecting. We will be looking at completing our costumes, and props. Filming this week so our pool plunge is on the cards for Wednesday – if you want to!

<b>Term 3 Calendar:</b>					
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> MASSIVE</b> for the Year 7 &8's	<b>12<sup>th</sup> MASSIVE</b> Whole day year 7&8's	<b>13<sup>th</sup> MASSIVE</b> School Photos: Storylines Visit.	<b>14<sup>th</sup> MASSIVE</b> Whole school to Massive	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Blue Light –</b> <b>Top team</b> <b>challenge!</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Cawthron</b> <b>Scitec Fair</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Cawthron</b> <b>Scitec Fair</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Cawthron</b> <b>Scitec Fair</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>

# FOTS – Friends of the School.

As spring is in the air a friendly reminder about planting out resources for the Plant and Produce stall.

Yes, now is a good time for vegetables. Flowers or even pots of potatoes!

We are looking for parents who may be able to run the kids area of the Book and Country Fair – managing the bouncy castles! And running some old fashioned games

Book sorting and trash and treasure sorting always an option if you have spare time on a Friday afternoon.

I have another sign that could be erected if you have a very visual space at your house – let us know!



Book Fair planning now well underway.  
We are keen to hear from you in regards to pledges of support, help and resources.

Please indicate below how you feel you may be able to assist with this

A request for sponsorship and donations is available from the office if you can think of anyone within your network who may need it, or could be approached to assist