

Our 2018 theme: Growing Together

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for people, go forward.

Kia Ora,

Week 3 and we are off and learning at Brooklyn School. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those families who have joined us over the past 2 weeks and we know that your time here at Brooklyn will be fantastic!

A big thank you to the parents who came to our 'Be at Brooklyn' evening last Wednesday and met with their child's respective teachers. This was a great opportunity to listen to and discuss the learning landscapes that will exist within classrooms this term and year. Thank you also to our wonderful FOTs team for the wonderful food that was offer.

One of our focus areas during this first term is swimming as we prepare our students for upcoming swimming sports events. The 'Swim for Life' instructors are also here for the next 2 weeks working alongside our students developing their skills and confidence in the water. Welcome to Karyn and her team. Let's get stuck into learning!

Chris

- Our wonderful staff are beginning an inquiry into effective communication tools, within the school. We all appreciate being in the know and proactive, making a contribution to our home and school partnership. A reminder that class messages can be found at:
- www.brooklyn.school.nz where you scroll to your child/s class button to open and read the messages.
- Newsletters can also be viewed and read on the newsletter tab on the same page.
- Instant and quick messages to our school facebook page.
- The staff will continue to identify an effective tool for sharing student success and achievement.



2018: Class Names

Our wonderful students have worked with the staff to develop class names that will represent them for the year. Our names reflect and symbolise the theme for the year – growing together. It has been so interesting, hearing what the students have to say about, themselves as individuals – what they bring to the group and what their goals are for the year.

Room 3 : Room Kowhai

Room 4: TBA

Room 5: Room Manuka

Room 1: Sunflower

Room 6: Moana



Our class awards for week 2. Clever students. And congratulations to Gabriel Linder who was acknowledged as an AKO award recipient and winner of the Principal's cup!

The Science of Slime!

We are in for an exciting day **Tuesday 20th February**. An opportunity to explore the properties of **Polymers and Non-Newtonian Fluids**.

You will need old clothes for this work in Room 2 with Amy and Maddie our visiting scientists from the Ministry of Inspiration.



A reminder we have the swim for life team working within the school week 3 and 4.

To facilitate water safety skills and stroke techniques please ensure you child/ren have their swimming gear, within a named bag each day for instruction.

Calling For Terracota Pots!!

We would like to combine our theme 'Growing Together' with Art and Science but we need your help. Please can you send to school any smaller terracotta pots you may have lying around so that we can reuse them to decorate and plant a variety of edible delights!

Thanking you,
The Junior Teaching Team.



Ministry of Inspiration has a few announcements!

STEAMS School Motueka!

Demo Day for ages 5-12 on 22 March. For registration please see eventbrite listing.

STEAMS Club starts Thursday, 1 March

Science and Engineering club for students aged 6-12 from 4-5pm. Come along and do cool science experiments. Located at Garin College, cost \$100. For registration please see eventbrite listing.



Community notices:



Term 1: 13th Feb - 12th April 9 weeks

Tuesday (Rec Centre)

2.00-2:45 Open to explore for under 5 = Causal Class - able to drop in.

3:30 -4:30 Rec Gym - 3+4-years, - 5-6 years, 7-9 years

4:30 – 6pm Junior Comp – new to the class or 1-2 years experience.

6pm -7:30pm Senior Comp - existing gymnasts.

Thursday – (Motueka)

3.30-4.30 5 - 8 years Ninja zone, free running Gymnastics Boys only!!

4.30. 6.00 Rec comp 7 years + Extension.

6.00 -7.30 8+ Free Running, Tumbling mix Girls and Boys
Gymnastics Fun Camp and Sleepover planned for the 28th and 29th April. An opportunity to be part of a 24 hour training, fun, dance, gymnastics, cheer stunts, and hanging out.

Details outlined on sporty.co.nz/riwakabrooklyngymclub and our FB page.

Week 3	19 th Swim for life	20 th Sliming Day – Whole School. Swim for life	21 st Swim for life	22 nd Swim for life	23 rd
Week 4	26 th Swim for life	27 th Swim for life	28 th Swim for life	1 st March Swim for life	2 nd Brooklyn School Swimming Sports
Week 5	5 th Seawork	6 th	7 th Science with LEARNZ Room 6	8 th Room 6 Snorkel Day@ Kaitititiri	9 th Interschool Swimming sports
Week 6	12 th Welcome Andrea Student Teacher Room 6	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
Week 7	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd MOI open day.	23 rd
Week 8	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th Good Friday
Week 9	2 nd April: Easter Monday.	3 rd Ester Tuesday Holiday:	4 th Commonweal th Games Start	5 th	6 th
Week 10	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th

FOTS - Friends of the School.

Position Available:

BOOK CO – ORDINATOR – We need you. A small group of very clever and wonderful people are keen to have an apprentice come on board to learn the ropes of this very important role within our school. Brooklyn is well known for its fantastic book sale on a yearly basis. WE NEED another clever and talented person to take on this role with support of the current team to find out more, as well as add their own flavour to how books are collected, sorted, arranged and put up for sale!

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th March – Room 6 @ 3.15pm

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

Fundraising Targets:

Room 6 for Wellington – a mothers Day raffle. Disco. Race Night.

Lunches?

FOTS:

Term 1 – Be @ Brooklyn night. – Sunday Soiree – Easter Fun.

Term 2 – Race Night

Term 3 – Adventure Race: Cycle Challenge.

Term 4 Book Sale with food and activities for the kids. – October?