

Our 2019 theme:

Brooklyn School Newsletter

Kaitiakitanga:

Guardianship, Self Efficacy, Wellbeing,
Sustainability & Relationships.

Kia Ora,

1st April 2019

We are busy, busy here at Brooklyn School with many varied topics being investigated and great experiences being shared amongst our learners.

Today sees another two classes visiting the Permian exhibit at the Nelson Museum and we are preparing for this Friday's Pets / Expo Day at the school, to which you are all very welcome. Anniversary Reporting for our Year 0-3 students is also underway with Parent / Teacher meetings to follow next week.

I would like to thank those parents who used the Brooklyn Pool over the Summer months. Steve, the caretaker and I are very grateful for the wonderful way the pool and its surrounds were looked after, fantastic to see our excellent resource being cared for.

The next 2 weeks are a chance for our students to evaluate the progress that they have made and set new goals for the upcoming term. As parents, let's get involved in supporting our children as they move along their respective learning pathways.

Have a brilliant week!
Chris



Board of Trustee Elections

Triennial Elections are due to be held on 7th June 2019. We need to have five parent or community members to make up our Board, the Principal and one staff member are also part of the Board of Trustees – a total of 7 altogether.

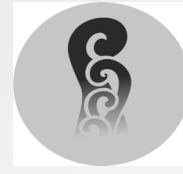
It is time for everyone to have a think about whether or not you may have something to offer your school and be interested in becoming a board member. We will be calling for nominations from 8th May until 24th May.

Trustees are active leaders in our schools; We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. It is important that boards represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. The trustee elections give parents of children at state and state-integrated schools the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for all students at their schools. It is an important responsibility, and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."

Term 1 - 2019



Week 9	1/4 Rm 5 & 1 Museum Trip	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4 Pet's Day Anniversary reports home.
Week 10	8/4 Anniversary Parent Meetings	9/4 Play based PLD Rms 3, 4,5	10/4	11/4	12/4 TERM 1 FINISHES 3PM
TERM 2 Week 1	29/4 School starts 9 am	30/4	1/5	2/5	3/5



Expressions of Interest

Next term we may be offering guitar and ukulele lessons to students from Year 4 & up. If you think your child would be keen to learn please ring, txt or email the office before the end of this term, with your child's name. There will be a fee for the guitar lessons.



Pool Cards

The pool is now closed and all **Pool Cards need to be returned** so they can be re-formatted for next season.
Sorry you are too **LATE** for your \$5 refund.



Wed: 3.30 – 5pm & Thurs 3.30 – 5pm Climbing
Also Friday Nights: 6pm to 7.30pm

Cost: \$8 for 5 Climbs or \$10 for 12 Climbs

Come and try out our new auto belay system
Loads of Fun and Very Safe.

Measles advisory

With the ongoing measles outbreak in Canterbury, and with further cases in Auckland, now is the time to make sure your child is immunised against measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection. If you are not sure if your child is fully immunised, check in your Well Child book, or talk to the Practice Nurse at your usual General Practice.

MMR vaccine is recommended at 15 months and again at 4 years of age. If your child has not received these vaccinations they are at higher risk of contracting measles. Unimmunised children who are even only exposed to measles could face up to two weeks away from an Early Child Education Centre or school while they wait to see if measles develops, causing enormous disruption in families.

Measles is on the rise in NZ and overseas making it even more important to vaccinate your children. Those who have previously declined vaccination of their babies and children are strongly urged to reconsider their choice.

Vaccination is the only sure way of preventing serious and in some cases life threatening illnesses such as measles.

People who are regarded as NOT immune to measles are:

- People younger than 50 years old (born after 01 January 1969) who have not had two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine or have **not** had a laboratory confirmed positive measles result.
- Children over four years old who have not received their second dose of MMR
- Infants under the age of 15 months who have not received their first routine dose of MMR vaccine. They are susceptible and rely on everyone else to be immune so that measles does not spread to them

What is measles?

- Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can be serious.
- It is spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can lead to infection if you are not immune.

The first symptoms of measles are a fever, and one or more of: a runny nose; cough and sore, red eyes. After a few days a red blotchy rash comes on and lasts up to one week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles can be very serious.

What should you do?

- Ensure you are up to date with your immunisations.
- Phone your GP or Practice Nurse if you are unsure whether you are fully immunised
- If you are not immune, it is important to be aware of the symptoms of measles. The early symptoms of measles are fever, runny nose, sore red eyes and cough. See the Ministry of Health website www.health.govt.nz
- Phone your GP or Healthline **0800 611 116** if you are worried about symptoms of possible measles

It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room

Further information you may find useful:

1. Information about measles symptoms and prevention is available on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>
2. Information about the MMR vaccine is available on the Immunisation Advisory Centre's website: <http://www.immune.org.nz/hot-topic/measles-overseas-and-new-zealand>
3. Information about the National Immunisation Schedule is available on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/immunisation/new-zealand-immunisation-schedule>

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