

Monday 1 April 2019: Welcome to Week 9, Term 1 2019

CARE Value For This Week is CITIZENSHIP (Participating & Contributing)
'I have rights, roles and responsibilities'

Whakatauki Kete

Mātauranga - Wisdom broad-minded Whakaaro whānui -

He rangi tā matawhāiti, he rangi tā matawhānui 'A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon; a person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities'



<u>Kia ora & Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Hello Brookby families</u>

As we move into the final two weeks of term, I reflect on the term and think 'wow, where has the time gone'. We have had so much go on at Brookby that I could not possibly list it all here! The term has been summed up nicely in a fantastic collage and montage that Bex has put together. You can view this

here: Have a great week everyone! - Principal Matthew Cooke

Chess @ Brookby

Last Thursday Miles Wilson, Leroy Fisher, Chloe Ferris, Max Keeling and Hunter Norris attended a Chess Power Competition at Orere School. There were some brilliant moves made throughout the tournament, with extra-special moves from Max Keeling! Max came 3rd overall! Well done to all the players who demonstrated the Brookby CARE Values. A special thanks to Orere School who were amazing hosts, so welcoming and friendly, and ensuring Brookby's Manager, Coach and Driver Nic Norris was well looked after (ask Nic what she had for lunch!!!)

Today we had our first Chess Club meeting. We are aiming to promote and develop chess at Brookby through the kids playing at lunchtime, and if today is anything to go by it is pretty popular already. Thanks to Dylan Fisher who has generously supplied some chess sets for us to get started with. Much appreciated.

ASB Financial Literacy

On Friday 5 April, we welcome the ASB Getwise Team to Brookby. Each class will have a session on financial literacy, with the learning being age appropriate. Check out the ASB Getwise Literacy Pack to get an idea as to what the kids will be learning: www.getwise.co.nz/resources. You can also visit a 'Frequently Asked Questions' page that can be accessed here: http://www.getwise.co.nz/faq

Gumboot Mufti for Mental Health - Friday April 5th

Please bring a gold coin donation on Friday and 'gumboot up' to support Mike King's I AM HOPE campaign, providing counselling and support for young people in need. There will be prizes for the best-decorated gumboots - you must be in to win!

School Lunches - Friday 5 April

Thank you for continuing to support the Yr 7/Yr 8 ARC (Authentic, Relevant and Creative Learning: Food Technology Programme). This week, Room 5 are selling

"kebabs" with your choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian. There will be two sticks and contain vegetables and meat. Beef \$5, chicken \$4.50 and vegetarian \$3.50

Order on the form <u>here</u> and then log-in and pay via **KINDO**. You need to order and pay by Wednesday 3 April, 12 noon. Our apologies but we cannot accept any late orders.

Motat Trip

Brookby School is off to MOTAT on Wednesday 1 May. Information about this trip will be coming home soon. Permission slips **and** payment will be available via KINDO. Pencil Wednesday 1 May in your diaries now! Do you know what MOTAT is an acronym for? Answer and more details on the excursion next term!

Winning Huse Muffi Day on Wednesday

Each week the weekly winning house is announced at Assembly. At the end of term we will announce the house that has collected the most points overall. The winning house will be notified next week in preparation for their mufti on Tuesday 9th April.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY 5 APRIL. END OF TERM ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 12 APRIL @ 2.15

NO ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3 MAY

Gumboot Day - 5 April

'Gumboot Friday' is an an initiative to raise money for free kids' counselling. The annual day will be on April 5 this year, and everyone in New Zealand is encouraged to wear gumboots to work or school and donate money through Mike King's Key to Life Trust. Mike says their aim is to raise \$2 million so that young Kiwis can get the help they need free of charge.

For many people, having depression can be like walking through mud for 365 days a year, so for one day Brookby Kids are encouraged to put on their gumboots and come to Brookby to show support for Mental Health. A reminder that students still need to be in school uniform.

Vision @ Brookby

'At Brookby School we embrace our unique rural learning environment and promote a culture that inspires personal excellence. We provide a wide range of challenges and opportunities for all our students equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to be confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners'

It is good practise for schools and organisations to review their visions. This does not mean that we will necessarily be making amendments to our current vision at all. The changes that we may make will need to reflect all we do at Brookby and all that we are aiming for. Does our current vision do that already?

Reviewing a school vision is a process that involves everyone: teachers, students and community. We have already begun the process with teachers and will be continuing the process this week. Later in the year, we will be engaging the community in the vision review process. These are questions that we must ask ourselves when reviewing our vision:

- Is the current vision relevant and meaningful to our students, staff and community?
- Does it clearly outline what we are trying to achieve?
- Does it guide and determine our decision-making?
- Does it guide and determine our professional learning programme? Our resourcing?
- Is it explicit and evident in what we say and do?
- Does this signal that we are preparing students for their future?

Cricket - Final Session

The final session for our 4 week cricket PE is tomorrow. The kids have had a great time fielding and batting. We may even have a few future Black Caps in our midst!

Speed Limit Outside Brookby School - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Please go to the link below and add your thoughts.

https://at.govt.nz/speed?fbclid=lwAR1rb4-YiHkXyVftly8s3S3gD00LaLV9OaKDLoKr4qdlB7P4-blyoUmVchk

Link will take you here...



And then to here...

Speed limit changes around Auckland

To make our roads safer, Auckland Transport (AT) wants to introduce a new bylaw to set new speed limits, including lower speed limits for approximately 10% of Auckland's local roads.

- Read proposed Speed Limits Bylaw 2019 (PDF 2.5MB, 107 pages).
- · Give feedback on the Speed Limits Bylaw.

End of Term Play Day

This will be held on the final Wednesday of the Term - 10 April. Make sure all relevant safety gear comes to school with your child. Please ensure toys / games that come to school are not expensive, in case there is any damage incurred during play day.

Netball clinic: Northern Stars



We are excited to offer a Junior Skills Clinic featuring Northern Stars players and coach held at Pulman Arena, Takanini. A fantastic opportunity to get ready for the upcoming 2019 season. Be prepared for sessions that are challenging and fun!

Sessions on April 1st, 2019

Yr 4-Yr 6, 9.00am - 12.00pm

Yr 7-Yr 10, 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

Cost: \$55 per player.

Register online: https://pulmanpark.com/northernstars/

Health and Safety at Brookby

.At Brookby School the Health and Safety of all of our students, teachers and community is very important. As a staff, health and safety feature regularly at our meetings. From time to time we need to point out health and safety issues to you, the community. We are dealing with three issues at the moment that I ask you to talk with your children about.

You may recall some time ago we had an issue with Wild Turkeys at Brookby. Well they are back, except they have grown in size and seem to be picking up where the extinct Moa left us. Although they appear harmless at the moment, children are encouraged not to feed the Giant Turkeys. Did anyone see the Bullange Brothers Traveling Zoo? As they heading back to the airport for flight to Bulgaria with all their animals, they crashed on Brookby Road, leading to reports of a Lion being on the loose. Although there has been no attacks yet, the Pony Club have reported 3 sightings of the lion stalking the horses. Finally, Brookby School is also managing a 'fishy-problem', with reports of piranha in Wairoa River. A non-Brookby Student was fishing in the river recently and caught a piranha. He brought it to us and I have given it to Doc. I await Docs confirmation of the species of fish and will report back accordingly. We are cancelling our school-wide weekly swim in the Wairoa because of this.. Remember: 'Let's be careful out there!'

Donations and Classroom Fees 2019

A HUGE THANKS to those who have made the school donation. The donation for the remainder of this year is now at \$260.00. Please don't forget the compulsory class fees (including the Yr 7/Yr 8 ARC Programme). These are due now via KINDO.

KINDO

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR getting on and using **KINDO** wherever possible. We have about an 85% uptake in utilisation of this service. Let's try and make it 100%! Thanks for your patience while we iron out any teething issues with the new system. The most common errors seem to be surrounding passwords/user id specific to individual's banks/accounts. Please ensure you have the correct details when trying polipay or bank to bank transfers.

We are now well into the term have got most school options available to pay through KINDO. Donations/Class Fees/Camp/School Lunches/Uniforms. It really is simple to use! There are 2 free payment options for you to utilise, and a credit card option which incurs a fee.

Try it now and pay for your Easter Raffle Books or remaining camp payments, or maybe order a uniform item when needed!

Moving forward our aim is to be a fully cashless school for the ease of both you/us.

<u>Please remember</u> if you are ordering lunches you also need to complete a <u>GOOGLE FORM</u> that is sent by the teachers each week in their newsletters with the food options available for the following Friday. This <u>MUST</u> be completed by <u>WED 12.00pm</u> for your child to get a food order on a Friday.

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html

All transactions will automatically receive a receipt via email. (less paper, less hassle for you)

Digital Tech Session TOMORROW IN ROOM 5

Two sessions for you to choose from attend: 3.30 - 4.30pm & 5 - 6pm

At the sessions you will learn more about our online learning tool seesaw, the suite of google apps. that the kids use in their learning and how the Digital Technologies Curriculum is implemented at Brookby School.

Meeting with Teacher

Even though we have not had formal interviews this term, we do encourage you to contact your child's teacher should you wish to meet with them. Likewise, teachers will have contacted you should they wish to talk through any learning or other issues with you.



PTA Updates from the PTA Meeting Held Last Week

Thanks so much to all of our 9 helpers that braved the weather and got up early yesterday morning to assist with the CYCLE for LIFE race in Clevedon. You all earned \$450 for our school which will go into our Fundraising ladder for our next project with the school. AWESOME!

Sausage and Steak Sizzle next wednesday (to coincide with play day) and payment is via KINDO, which in this instance will go directly to the PTA (it's that clever!!!)

ANZAC Day 2019 - Special Assembly: Monday 29 April @ 2.30pm



We will be holding a special ANZAC Assembly on Monday 30 April @ 2.30pm. Please join us.

ASB Financial Literacy Getwise Programme - 5 April

The programme teaches children good money habits from an early age that can really help to set them up for the future. Through the workshops kids learn the fundamentals of money in four different stages - from identifying needs and wants and learning to save, right through to budgeting - giving them a solid foundation to build on. Free workshops tailored to age and abilities. The workshops provide a fun, engaging environment for kids to learn in. The workshops are free for all Brookby students and the facilitators are all professionally trained to deliver classes that not only meet National Curriculum Levels, but are captivating for students.

Dates for Your Diary

2 April - 4th and Final Cricket Session - Digital Tech @ Brookby: Parent Sessions: 3.30pm - 4.30pm & 5 - 6pm 2 April 2 April - BoT Meeting - 6.15pm 5 April - ASB Getwise Financial Literacy @ Brookby - 1 session per class 8 April - Term 1 house mufti for #1 House 11 April - Leadership Day for Brookby's Student Leaders (out with Bex) 9 April - Term 1 house mufti for #1 House 10 April - End of Term Student Celebration - Play Day 11.00am - 12.30pm

12 April - Last Day Term 29 April - 1st Day Term 2

29 April - Brookby ANZAC Assembly @ 2.30pm - all welcome

30 April - BoT Meeting - 6.15pm

1 May - Whole School Science Focus trip to MOTAT

Brookby Easter Raffle - BRING IN THOSE EGGS NOW PLEASE!

Thank you everyone for starting to bring in chocolate eggs for our Easter Raffle! If you need more books to sell you can pay for them via KINDO and then just keep the money you receive as you go!! We are trying our best to be a **CASHLESS** school and have everything transacted via KINDO and appreciate your help with this.

Ticket stubs need to come back into the box in the office please so we can draw some lucky names out on the Thursday 11th of April at 2.30pm.

We had 3 **EGGCELLENT** baskets last year that were jam packed with deliciousness and we raised an **EGGCITING** amount for the school. (see what we did there?!)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camp

Based in Pauanui but with pick up points throughout Auckland. We will be surfing, snorkelling, Hot Water beach & Cathedral cove, fishing, tramping and much more. Our camps aim to teach kids about bush and water safety through immersing them in high interest activities with qualified and experienced staff. April 15th - 18th, OSCAR available, \$425, 8-14 yr olds, book at www.edventure.co.nz

Poppy Day

Brookby School is proud to be participating and selling poppies as part of the annual Poppy Appeal with the RSA. Available in the office.



Poppy Day 12 April 2019

Service to New Zealand often comes with some sacrifice. Most of the time this is seen as a personal sacrifice, yet the impact is also felt intensely by family members. Sometimes lasting across many generations.

For the 2019 Poppy Appeal we remember the 'whole sacrifice' that was made and is still being made by today's NZDF personnel and their families.

This year's theme has 3 key messages:

1. Families are impacted by service too.

As a result of service to NZ, many Veterans and their families can endure ongoing hardship when they return and / or transition from serving. For dependants and partners the negative impact can be significant.

2. It's likely you have a history or a connection to service somewhere.

Take the time to discover and share it! We encourage people to explore their own connection to New Zealand's military service and history.

3. The RSA supports all service personnel and their families.

In the last five years the RSA have built a nationwide, comprehensive and effective support services network that provides funding and support for serving and ex-service personnel and their families in need. Last year alone, this volunteer network recorded over 20,000 welfare interactions and literally saved lives in the process.



Every week our students achieve so much in their school work and daily lives outside of school! This is a page dedicated only to their achievements.

Feel free to send us snippets and pictures of the amazing things your child is achieving so we can share with the school.

Room 1

Brooke Walden

Tehillah Wehi

Room 2

Xander Powell

Caoimhe Henson

Room 3

Zoe MacGillivray

Mills Meredith-Vaueli

Room 4

Hunter Norris

Elizabeth Blong

Room 5

Kurt Marshall

Becky Dickens

What a great picture of our girls from the Misfits Netball Team with some of their sporting heroes over the weekend! They won 6 out of 6 games on Saturday! Well done Kayla, Tiana, Ashly and Simone. Great stuff, we look forward to hearing more about your season as it progresses!

