

Monday 4 March 2019

Welcome to Week 5, Term 1 2019

CARE Value For This Week is CITIZENSHIP
(Participating & Contributing)
'I have empathy for others'



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

Although the weather is getting a bit cooler, the learning is definitely heating up at Brookby! Class learning programmes are well underway, with all children developing their goals and next learning steps. To support the 'home-school' partnership that we continue to build together, please ensure you have a look at the seesaw app. On Monday we are sending home an envelope to each child that will have three things in it:

- 1. A letter from me outlining the parent-teacher conferences & interviews this year
- 2. Brookby's Annual Plan
- 3. 2019 Learning Overview

A final note to mention our amazing motivational guest speaker at Brookby next Friday 8 March at 2pm in Room 5. All parents and community are invited!

Have a great week everyone! Principal Matthew Cooke

Cam Calkoen Guest Speaker at Brookby School: Friday 8 March 2pm

We are fortunate to be welcoming Cam Calkoen to Brookby School for an assembly on Friday 8 March at 2pm in Room 5. All Brookby students will be in attendance. Parents are welcome to join us! Here is what Cam has to say from his website https://www.camcalkoen.com/

My name is Cam Calkoen. I dream of a world where everyone is inspired to embrace opportunity, and our physical being is no barrier to succeeding in our dreams and aspirations. It is dreams that have brought the world to what we see today. And our aspirations will propel it into the future. No one can walk or talk at birth. But some people, like me, are presented with this likelihood for the rest of our lives. I chose to defy the odds, and now I have the opportunity to showcase what can be achieved when we see opportunity, clarify purpose, and live for awesome!I was born with Cerebral Palsy, but today the only labels I need are my name and occupation: Cam Calkoen, Inspirational Speaker. The inspiration is not because of my Cerebral Palsy, although that's a part of me I choose to embrace. It comes from an aspiration to make life as awesome as it can be through the pursuit of excellence. I have gone from people doubting I would ever walk, to exceeding expectations. Life is what we make it and the values needed to achieve awesomeness are simple – we need to believe, and in doing so, leave no stone unturned. My offerings help you identify these unturned stones – in other words, I inspire others to dream big and achieve more! look forward to being a part of your journey.

Family Fun Day @ Te Puru: 23 March 10am - 2pm

A massive fundraiser for Kidz First & Starship. Entertainment, spot prizes, auctions, food vendors, games for the kids, etc. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing as well as our Choir. Please let Bex know if you are able to make it - bexr@brookby.school.nz . More details announced soon.

Tomorrow's Schools



Now that the Taskforce's report Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together |Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinitini has been published, the members are very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible to help them complete their final recommendations and report to the Minister of Education in late April 2019. Read the report and more here:

- Full report: Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together I Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinitini
- Report Summary in English and <u>Te Reo Māori</u>. The report summary is also available in eight other languages on the <u>Resources page</u>.
- Frequently asked questions
- Cabinet paper: Tomorrow's Schools Review: Report of the Independent Taskforce

Brookby Community can offer feedback the following ways:

<u>Public consultation</u> meetings: the Taskforce is now holding public consultation meetings around the country until Wednesday, 27 March. We really encourage everyone to come along to these events and discuss the future of our schooling system.

The full schedule is now available on our website (venues will be added for events as they are confirmed):

https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/have-your-say-today/.

<u>An online survey:</u> this canvasses opinions on each of the 32 recommendations, is now available here: https://consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr/survey2019/ and will remain open until 31 March 2019. It will be available in Te Reo and other languages within the next week.

<u>A free 0800 number for oral submissions</u>: call **0800 FOR TSR (0800 367 877)** to leave your thoughts on the future of our schooling system.

<u>Postcards:</u> for students, families and anyone who just wants to briefly 'have their say' on a recommendation or the full report. Freepost postcards will be available at the public meetings.

Formal written submissions: these can be sent to: tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz

Reporting On and Sharing Your Child's Learning and Progress in Term 1 inc. Digital Tech Parent Session

Continuing Brookby's goal towards increased student ownership of their learning, ie students being able to talk about their learning and discuss their next learning steps, seesaw is the platform we are using to make this happen easier for both parents and students. As such there are no formal parent-teacher-student interviews in Term 1, but rather an emphasis on both students, teachers and parents using seesaw to showcase student learning and highlight next steps in the learning. **Digital Tech Parent Sessions:** On Tuesday 2 April we will be holding a 'Tech' session for all parents. A component of this session will be how to effectively seesaw. We will also be sharing with you how we

incorporate the Digital Curriculum in the day to day learning and teaching at Brookby School. Please bring your questions! There will be two sessions:

- 1. 3.30pm 4.30pm
- 2. 5.00pm 6.00pm

A note will be coming home on Monday 25 March asking you to tell us which session you will be attending.

Yr 5-Yr 8 Camp: 18-21 March @ Camp Adair

Yr 5 to Yr 8 students are off to camp for three nights from 18 to 21 March. Camp Adair is a fantastic, fun and highly accredited YMCA Camp. We had a meeting the other day and have sent home the permission slip, costing and other forms. If you have any queries or need more information about camp, please don't hesitate to contact us here at Brookby.

Yr 3-Yr 4 Sonshine Ranch and Sleepover

Dates for this are 19th March at Sonshine Ranch and the night of 19th March a sleepover at Brookby School. The Year 1's and 2's are invited for a "PJ Breakfast" on the morning of the 20th of March - come along in your PJ's for the day! More details on this exciting event are coming home this week.

Donations 2019

A HUGE THANKS to those who have made the school donation. The donation this year is set at \$260.00, or if made before 15 March it is \$220.00.

2019 Learning Overview

We heard what you said through our community survey and hui and combined this with our student voice - and this is what we are doing with 2019- check it out at our website http://www.brookby.school.nz/about-us.html

KINDO

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 YOUR CAMP DEPOSITS (FOR ROOM 4 AND 5, OR ORDER SOME LUNCH ON FRIDAY AND SUPPORT OUR ARC KIDS WITH THEIR CAFE)

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

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

Please support us in using KINDO wherever possible. You will automatically receive a receipt via email. (less paper, less hassle for you)

Yr 5-Yr 8 Camp Fundraiser

Ice-Blocks and juicies daily. Only \$2.00!

Speed Limit Updates

Auckland Transport is asking for feedback for the 'Proposed new Speed Limit Bylaw 2019'. Please see link below: https://tinyurl.com/yxocqvw4. There is an interactive map which you can use or a road search function and they are proposing to reduce the speed limit around school from 100km/h to a Variable School Zone 40km/h or 60km/h! Auckland Transport are asking for feedback from the public and I think that this would be an invaluable opportunity for the school community to voice their opinions! There is a very brief online survey, which you can complete as well. There are only 2 x pages, the first page asks for feedback, preferably stating for which specific road and the second page is for personal contact details (optional).

Here is an example of the feedback you could write:

I am a parent of a child who attends Brookby School. For a long time now the Brookby School community have been requesting that the speed limit around the school on Brookby Road and West Road be reduced. There have been numerous near misses and it is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs. I strongly support the Proposed new Speed Limits Bylaw 2019 for West Road and Brookby Road.

Girls Cricket

The Yeah! Girls Hubs are cricket based sessions which encourage girls to give cricket a go in a fun, energetic environment. The hubs are free to attend, and they provide girls not only with cricket skills, but skills they can take into a variety of sports. The hubs run afterschool and on weekends. Below are the details of the closest Hub to your school.

Mountfort Park, Manurewa (By the Manurewa Sports Centre), Sunday's 2pm-4pm, Starting 10th March 2019, Age: 10-14 years.

You can have a look at our promotional video which shows what the Hubs are about and the types of activities we do. I have put a link below to access this.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1i_IIZ-DXBecimPlrZTrcnluRfyucJaxt

Traffic at Brookby and Pick Up Drop Off (PUDO)

A reminder to please enforce the road safety message to your children. We have noticed 3 children in the past week dart out in front of parked cars on West Road; please try and meet and walk with your children to the car if you are parked on the other side of the road from the Church. We are in the preliminary stages of working with the MoE on the PUDO, which will be designed to ease the traffic/parking issues that happen in the morning and again at 3pm.

2019 Brookby School Charter

1 March means all schools in NZ need to submit their Annual Charter to the MoE. The Charter contains 3 parts:

- 1. Strategic Plan
- 2. Annual Plan
- 3. Review of previous Years Achievement Targets
- 4. Annual Achievement Targets

The Charter will be on the website soon, and on Monday I am sending home an abbreviated copy of Brookby's Annual Plan. Thanks Bex for the design!

Bot Minute-Taker/Secretary

We are looking for a BoT minute-taker/Secretary. \$75.00 per meeting is payment that is made at the end of the year in a lump sum.. Own laptop required. Contact Matthew at Brookby School if keen.

YZY8 Food Tech Programme (ARC): Lunches

Our first Brookby Lunches were a hit on Friday last week with over 30 orders! Next week, we are selling "wrap pizzas" with your choice of toppings. These are \$3.90.

Order on the form here and pay via KINDO. You need to order and pay by Wednesday 6 March, 12 noon. We can not accept any late orders.

Dates for Your Diary

5 March - Cricket Session #2

8 March - Cam Calkoen Guest Speaker (2-3 pm) - All invited!

12 March - Cricket Session #3 **18 - 21 March** - Yr 5 to Yr 8 Camp

19 March - Yr 3/Yr 4 Sonshine Ranch and Sleepover

20 March - Year 1- 2 PJ Breakfast with our Year 3-4 Sleepover kids
 23 March - Community Family Fun Day @ Te Puru - more details TBA

26 March - 4th and final cricket session

2 April - Digital Tech @ Brookby: Parent Sessions: 3.30pm - 4.30pm & 5 - 6pm

2 April - BoT Meeting - 6.15pm

- ASB Getwise Financial Literacy @ Brookby - 1 session per class
 - Leadership Day for Brookby's Student Leaders (out with Bex)

12 April - Last Day Term 1

Brookby Easter Raffle

bet your chocolate eggs stockpiled and ready, we're going to start collecting soon for our Easter Raffle baskets. Tickets will come home with your children 2-3 weeks before the end of term.

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





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.

School Awards - Week 4, Term 1 - 2019

Room 1

Seth Crump Kimberlee Hohaia

Room 2

Sienna Chapman Jackson Amoroa

Room 3

James Tildesley
Cullum Fisher

Room 4

Mia Ward Payton Amoroa

Room 5

Emily Frewin Michael Chevis