



BROOKBY SCHOOL

Monday 25 March 2019: Welcome to Week 8, Term 1 2019

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

Whakatauki Kete

Mātauranga - Wisdom

Mātanga - experienced

E kore e mau i a koe, he wae kai pakiaka

You will not catch the feet accustomed to running among the roots



Kia ora & Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Hello Brookby families

Well we can all take a break this week from the wonderful, busy EOTC week we all had last week. The week was capped off brilliantly with the Brookby Choir performing at the Te Puru Family Fun Day. This week is a little 'quieter' at Brookby, but there is still heaps of great learning and extra-curricular activities going on. Have a great week everyone! - Principal Matthew Cooke

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Brookby Choir and Kapa Haka @ Te Puru Family Fun Day

How great were the Choir on Saturday morning! Thanks Erika for leading them in great harmony. We look forward to seeing more terrific Choir at various activities throughout the year.

Student Illness and School Attendance

Many illnesses are infectious, meaning they can be spread easily from one person to another. To stop sickness from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them come to school. How long they should be home depends on what illness they have. When your child catches an illness, there will be an incubation period before they show symptoms. Some illnesses are infectious before symptoms show; some are infectious even after symptoms have disappeared. The [Infectious Diseases](#) table on the HealthEd website describes the symptoms and exclusion periods for some common childhood illnesses. It's also available to download as a [poster](#).

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=IwAR1rb4-YiHkXyVftly8s3S3gD00LaLV9OaKDL0Kr4qdIB7P4-bIyoUmVchk>

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.](#)

Tomorrow's Schools Seminar for Principals

I attended a session on the proposed changes to schools last week. Not much to report at the moment except to say that the changes are all designed to support children's learning. I find this very reassuring as we 'don't change for the sake of changing', but rather for a reason, and in this case the reason is to support children's learning. The Tomorrow's Schools recommendation will impact all levels of schooling, from the MoE and how they provide funding to the teacher in the classroom.

Enviro Schools Day

Sarah Blong and myself attend an Auckland Council Enviro Schools Seminar last week. As we work towards our Silver Level Award. Sarah and I will continue lead and manage the implementation Brookby's Enviro School plan for 2019. The enviro plan involves everyone at Brookby. More to report on soon!

Property Updates: Bricks and Tiger Turf

We are still awaiting the arrival of the special type of gravel for the base before the tiger turf goes down. Hopefully soon! As for the bricks, I have sourced a bricklayer who will lay the bricks for a very minimal fee (lucky us). He is a couple of weeks away.

PJ Breakfast Reflection

This was great fun for everyone! Thanks to all the parents who supported, whether staying over with Bex and Ally, or helping with breakfast. Yummy pancakes, Ian and Bridget, and well done to the mums and dads who helped the kids get to sleep!

Ultra-Rip Rugby

Do you know what ultra-rip rugby is? Well if you don't come in to Brookby and ask as we are experts, placing 2nd in our pool and 8th overall in the recent Counties Manukau Ultra-Rip tournament. Well done Coaches Karl Gardner and Nic 'Ripper' Norris, supported by Christine Hawkins and cheered on by Jessie-Lee Kake. Great jobs team!

Christchurch Tragedy Support

Recent events in Christchurch have increased parents' concerns for the safety of their children and whanau, and Police are working directly with a number of schools. Please contact Police directly on 0800 115 019 if you have security-related questions. Netsafe has received a number of reports of online content relating to the attacks in Christchurch. Footage of the attacks has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence. Anyone who finds footage of the attacks online should report it to Netsafe at netsafe.org.nz/report but they should not keep copies or share it. Netsafe encourages schools to speak with students about what to do if they come across the footage and about the fact that sharing the footage with this classification is against the law. The footage of the Christchurch attacks is disturbing and will be harmful for people to see. If students have viewed the video and are struggling with what they have seen it's likely they will require additional support. Agencies which can provide

free support include Youthline, Need to Talk and Kidsline. While the content is online there is some risk that children or young people may come across it. Netsafe encourages schools and parents to proactively discuss with young people what they should do if they come across distressing content online. Further information is available at netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content. If parents or schools have questions relating to this incident or other distressing online content they can contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice at netsafe.org.nz or call 0508 NETSAFE. The Ministry of Health have created advice specific to this incident which is being translated into a number of languages. This can be accessed at:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/mental-health/mental-health-advice-coping-after-traumatic-event>

Cricket - Final Sessions

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

Donations and Classroom Fees 2019

A HUGE THANKS to those who have made the school donation before 15 March and paid the \$220. The donation for the remainder of this year is now at \$260.00

Please don't forget the compulsory class fees (including ARC). These are due now.

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.

Please remember if you are ordering lunches you also need to complete a **GOOGLE FORM** that is sent by the teachers each week in their newsletters with the food options available for the following Friday. This **MUST** be completed 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 Coming Up - 2 April

A letter is going home tomorrow asking you to let us know what session you are attending. There are two sessions:

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.

Assemblies

Great to see so many parents attending these. We typically have these every Friday afternoon from 2.15 in the Church.

Yr 1/2 & Food Tech Programme (ARC) Lunches

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PTA Updates

A reminder that we have a meeting this Wednesday 27th March at 3.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend our PTA meetings. If you have any great ideas, fundraising opportunities, questions or would just like to come along to see what is involved we would love to see you. Matthew Cooke will be talking about the budget and the importance of a cohesive PTA and School.

PTA & Cycle for Life

Can anyone spare an hour or 2 on Sunday 31st of March to help marshal at Cycle for Life in Clevedon? This is such an easy way to make a few hundred dollars but we can't do it without your help. If you can volunteer please email me, Nic Ward on nicolew@brookby.school.nz. You can also call Nic Norris in the office for more info, or pop in to Brookby to see me for more details. We get \$50 for our school for each volunteer, the more volunteers we have, the less time we each need to spend at the event.

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

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| 27 March | - Basketball 'Have-a-go' session |
| 28 March | - PTA Meeting |
| 2 April | - 4th and Final Cricket Session |
| 2 April | - Digital Tech @ Brookby: Parent Sessions: 3.30pm - 4.30pm & 5 - 6pm |
| 2 April | - BoT Meeting - 6.15pm |
| 5 April | - ASB Getwise Financial Literacy @ Brookby - 1 session per class |
| 11 April | - Leadership Day for Brookby's Student Leaders (out with Bex) |
| 12 April | - Last Day Term |
| 29 April | - 1st Day Term 2 |
| 30 April | - BoT Meeting - 6.15 pm |

Brookby Easter Raffle - BRING IN THOSE EGGS PLEASE!

It's time to start gathering those Chocolate eggs and bring them in to school any time from **now!** It's Brookby Easter Raffle time! Thank you in advance for your generous donations of Easter Eggs for our Annual Brookby Easter Raffle. Tickets will come home **TODAY** for you to sell to neighbours/friends and family.! You can pay for them via KINDO and then just keep the money you receive as you sell! 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

Future of Education

Public meeting



Hon Judith Collins
MP for Papakura



Hon Nikki Kaye
MP for Auckland
Central and National's
Spokesperson
for Education



Agnes Lohani
National List MP



Andrew Bayly
MP for Hunua



Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi
National List MP
based in Manukau East

Friday 22nd March, 4pm
Papakura High School
Willis Road, Papakura

National

Funded by the Parliamentary Service. Authorised by Judith Collins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

Brookby School is proud to be participating and selling poppies as part of the annual Poppy Appeal with the RSA. These will arrive shortly in the office and we will let you know when they do.

POPPY APPEAL

He whānau kotahi tātou
We are all family

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.

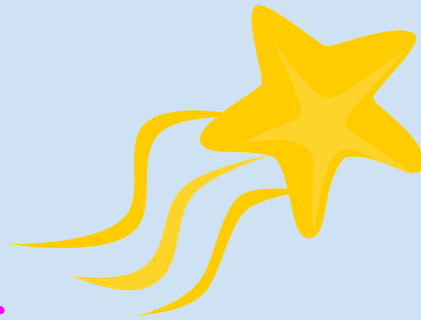
2. It's likely you have a history or a connection to service somewhere.

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.

Brookby's Stars of the Week



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.

No assembly awards last week due to our Yr 5-8 children being at the ECCS Soccer Day.