



**BROOKBY
SCHOOL**

Monday 13 May 2019

Week 2, Term 2 2019

CARE Value For This Week is ACCOUNTABILITY
I am honest and can be trusted

Whakatauki Kete : Matatau - discerning

He ika paewai anake hei tomo i roto i te hīnaki
pot

Nothing but eels enter my eel
pot



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

Hello everyone! This week is shaping up to be an exciting week of learning and other extra-curricular activities. We are especially excited about the Science learning happening in all of the classes, with a focus on 'states of matter' initially. This is an area of focus for me as I support the Science Programmes by helping in the class and 'getting amongst it' with the teachers and kids. There'll be rolling, tumbling and jumping on Friday with Brookby's Gymnastics programme for the Yr 0 to Yr 6's happening at Bruce Pulman. Thanks to all the parents who are helping with the gymnastics. A final thanks to the PTA for organising the Mother's Day Market on Friday last week.

- Principal Matthew Cooke

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Septic System and Water Testing Results:

We currently have an issue with our septic system that is being rectified as quickly as possible. Toilets are still available for use for the children and shouldn't adversely affect them at all.

In addition to this, (and we are not aware of whether this is related in any way) we have had our latest water testing results come back with a very small risk of E-coli in our drinking fountains. This is also being dealt with as a matter of urgency. We regularly test our water in accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines.

As a result of this report we have closed off our water fountains for use immediately and have boiled and cooled water available for children to drink if they have not already brought their water bottles from home.

Below is an excerpt from the water testing results email so you can see exactly what we've been advised. Whilst the level of e-coli is within the safe range for use, we'd rather be safer than sorry.

E coli Comment: This result constitutes a 'Transgression' under the Drinking Water Standards for NZ 2005 (Revised

2018), although the E coli level (1-10) is low risk.

If you are a registered water supplier the following procedure is recommended.

1. Notify your Drinking Water Assessor (096234600).

2. Check the water supply for contamination, check UV if applicable.

3. Take remedial action including disinfection of storage tanks with chlorine. It is recommended to dose

to 1 ppm chlorine (600 mL Plain Household Bleach to a full 20,000 L tank)

4. Your Drinking Water Assessor may require resampling over 3 consecutive days giving 3 clear results.

FAC Comment: N/A

pH Comment: pH is within the DWSNZ 2005(Revised 2018) Guideline Value of 7.0-8.5.

Turbidity Comment: The turbidity complies with the Standard.

Sample:

Thank you for your patience whilst we urgently attend to these matters. We will keep you all updated, but rest assured the health and wellbeing of your children is our priority. Please ensure your children bring plenty of bottled water from home in the meantime for their day at school.

Teachers Strike: This is highly likely to happen on the 29th of May. The school will not be open for instruction. More details to follow, please start making alternative arrangements for childcare on this day.

Tiger Turf: Final preparations on Thu/Fri this week for turf installation on Monday of next week. This is what I've been told, so let's hope this actually happens.

Lucky Book Club: Lucky Book Club Issue 3 will be closed off on Friday 17th May. As we are now a cashless school, we will no longer be processing cash orders. All orders now need to be done online. Click [HERE](#) to create an account or login. This is a fantastic way to get books at a good price for your children to read at home and it also provides rewards for the school to help us build our library.

Mother's Day 2019: I do hope all the Mums in the Brookby Community had a super Mother's Day! Thanks to the PTA who provided some Mother's Day gift for the kids to buy last Friday. This was not a fundraiser for the PTA, but rather a 'Mothers Day Community Service' that the PTA has provided for the past few years.

Did you know that Mother's day is an event which is celebrated in different parts of the world to express regard, respect and love towards moms. The day is an occasion to respect the commitment of moms, recognize the efforts of maternal bonds and the role of mothers in our society. It is a day which makes people remember the importance and significance of mothers in their life and is observed as a day to give a special emphasis to the motherly figures around the world. There are so many reason why mother's day is important, how many can you think of?

Friday Gymnastics Sessions for Yr 0 - Yr 6: Starting on THIS FRIDAY, Friday 17 May for 6 Friddays, Year 0 to Year 6 students will travel to Bruce Pulman Park to participate in gymnastics sessions. Permission slips have been sorted previously through EOTC/Activity Forms, so we only need notification if you can help. See the parent permission help that came home today in the same email as this newsletter.

ARC School Lunches: Thank you for continuing to support the Yr 7/Yr 8 ARC (Authentic, Relevant and Creative Learning: Food Technology Programme) during Term 2. Please click here to order a lunch. This week it is NACHOS, **pay via kindo**. You need to order and pay by **Wednesday 15 May, 12 noon**. We can not accept any late orders. This term, we are working in smaller teams to further develop our food skills. Although the fine details, including pricing, has yet to be finalised, below

are the lunch options for the upcoming term. Please go to KINDO to order the lunches.

Week 4 - Burgers

Week 5 - "Homemade" chicken bites

Week 6 - Spaghetti bolognese

Week 7 - Macaroni Cheese

Week 8 - American hot dogs

Week 9 - Butter chicken and rice

Environmental Group Update: We will be planting lots of veggies soon which we will use in the Yr7 /Yr 8 ARC Food Technology Programme and sell and/or donate them to the community and community groups that help people in need. We welcome Auckland regional Council Parks and Forest & Bird soon to Brookby this week and next as we are looking at predator traps and how they will work at Brookby.

Litterless Lunches: We encourage a 'litterless lunch' which is defined as: *A litterless lunch is simply that. It is a lunch that creates no waste! It can involve the use of reusable containers or possibly no containers at all, to store and transport food. It involves the elimination of disposable products and the encouraged use of reusable containers.*

Home-School Partnership: Weekly Communication: I read all of the weekly emails that are sent home from the teachers. I am always impressed by the amount and quality of terrific information that they contain. The comments and updates on what your child has been or will be learning is a great component of the communication that lives and breathes and supports our Brookby School home-school partnership.

Ag Day New Parent Information Meeting:

Come and chat with some of our experienced Ag Day parents to find out what Ag Day is all about, what types of animals you need to care, and what is involved with them. Wed 05 June 3.15pm Staff Room



Send me your thoughts, ideas, comments, reflections, musings, wonderings on anything Brookby please! Email me:

matthewc@brookby.school.nz

Dates for Your Diary

- 16 May - Virtual reality Science Sessions for Rm 4 and Rm 5
- 17 May - Gymnastics begins for Y0-Y6 - see separate info.
- 28 May - Brookby BoT Meeting 6.15pm
- 29 May - Possible Teachers Strike - **School will be CLOSED if that happens**
- 3 June - Queen's Birthday Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4 - 7 June - Science Human Energy Generator - whole school
- 25 June - Mid-Year Report Parent Info: 3.15pm - 3.45pm & 5 - 5.30pm
- 25 June - BoT Meeting
- 29 June - ECCS Mathex (Yr 5-Yr 8)
- 4 July - Reports Home

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.

Assembly Awards Week 2: Cngratulations everyone!

Room 1

Chloe Ferris

Grayson Currie

Room 2

Sophia Harris

Ryder Donnelly

Room 3

Lily Sonier

Brooke Smith

Room 4

Cameron Dickens

Ffion Morete

Room 5

Tom Hawkins

Lilly Kenny

Miles Wilson

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