

WHAT'S ON AT THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7.30 to 8.30am every school day for school-age children. For details and bookings phone Diva on 027 410 9949
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3pm to 6pm for primary school kids. Contact Adam Hendry on 385 0089 Email: brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME	8am to 6pm during school holidays. Bookings essential. Ph. 385 0089
SUNDAY PILATES	Sunday mornings alternating 10 - 10:50am and 9:30 - 10:20am Phone or text Sybill for details on 021 037 9951
BROOKLYN WALKERS	Mondays – meet outside the Brooklyn Library at 9:30am. Phone Susannah on 384 7412 for more information.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm in school terms. Phone Margaret on 389 3028
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop & Junior Jazz - Mondays 4:15 to 5:45pm Fun Fairy Ballet for preschoolers and primary school children. Tuesdays 3:15pm to 6pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020.
PILATES	Pilates is taking a break during Term 4. Back in Term 1 of 2015 Contact Beth via email: renewpilates@gmail.com
DANISH MUSIC PLAYGROUP	Sundays (fortnightly) 10:30am to 11:30am. Phone Karen on 380 1929
TOTS MUSIC CLASSES	Tuesday mornings in the Community Centre lounge from 9:30am. Contact – Encore School of Music on 976 8742. Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturday and Sunday evenings. Bookings and enquiries to Anu. Phone: 021 0269 7038 Email: indiancooking@xtra.co.nz
PORSE PLAYGROUP	Wednesdays 9am – 11.30 in the hall & lounge Phone Holly on 801 6814 Email: holly.cane@porse.co.nz
REMBUDEN KARATE	Beginners: Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:15pm & Thursdays 4:45 to 5:30pm Adult Beginners: Wednesdays 6 to 7pm & Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Evening Kardio Power: Wednesdays 7:30 to 8pm Stretch & Tone class: Thursdays 6:30 to 7pm For more details, contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
SPCA ADOPT A PET	Saturday 3 January - 12 to 3pm. Cats & kittens seeking new homes.
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30 to 8pm. Contact Carol on 388 3838 or 0274 321 204
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesday mornings at 9am & Wednesday evenings at 8pm Phone Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI CLASSES	Thursdays at 6:30pm - \$5 casual or \$40 for 10 classes. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or email: ferne.david@xtra.co.nz
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY INDOOR MARKET	LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Next market on 28 February - 9.30 to 1pm. Still only \$10 per stallholder. Tables and chairs provided. Phone Euan Harris on 384 6799 to book.

Brooklyn Community Centre can be hired for classes, groups & functions.
Office hours - 8.30am - 3pm - Monday to Friday
Phone 384 6799 Email: brooklynca@paradise.net.nz

Brooklyn Tattler

What's happening in your Community

Issue 261

December 2014

SEASON'S GREETINGS



FROM EVERYONE AT THE
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Brooklyn Tattler is published monthly by the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn.

Coordinator's Corner

Hi Everyone

Another year has speed by and 2015 is almost upon us. We finished last month on a high note with the best ever attendance of stallholders for a pre-Christmas market. Luckily the weather was fine which is a bonus as we can set up extra tables on the deck. As well as our core group of regulars, we had some new faces who read about us on the Wellington Eventfinda, which we are now using for extra publicity. Sadly one of our regulars was no longer present, as Tony Catford, known to many people as the Duke of Wellington, passed away last month. I will always remember Tony's stall for his Union Jack flags and upside down maps.

Enrolments are filling fast for our summer school holiday programmes which are now online at www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz. We have a one week programme just after school breaks up on 17 December, and then a month of fun planned activities starting on 5 January. You can pick up enrolment forms from the Afterschool Care office at the Brooklyn Community Centre, or phone Adam Hendry for more information on 385 0089. Email: Brooklyn.hp.asc@gmail.com

Summer is always a great time to start work on those maintenance jobs, which is what we are currently doing at the Brooklyn Community Centre. The green shading of the roof is gradually turning noticeably darker as each sheet of rusty iron is gradually being renewed with sections of colour steel, by tradesman build-

er Neil Macdonald. By the time you read this many of the old windows in the main hall and Afterschool Care lounge will have been replaced with double glazing.

The Tattler will take a break during January, with our first issue for 2015 due out on the second Wednesday of February, followed by our special colour extended home delivered version in March. We have increased the number of outlets that now stock the Tattler, including the BP Service Station on Ohiro Road and Burger Wisconsin in the Cleveland Street retail area.

The office at the Brooklyn Community Centre will close on 24 December and re-open after Anniversary Weekend on 20 January. The Afterschool Care Office will also close on 24 December but open earlier on 5 January for the start of the summer school holiday programme. You can still phone and email us, as calls will be checked regularly.

On behalf of all the staff, including myself, Adam Hendry, Julie Seevens and Phillip Bolton, plus our Brooklyn Community Association President Kay Miller, and committee members, Perry Aspros, Philip Duncan, Dinesh Gupta, Ben Zwartz, John Barnhill, Scott Tingey, Jessica Fa'aea, Jeremy Chang and life members Gwen Devereux, Min Janssen and Ruth Fitchett, we wish you an enjoyable Christmas, safe holidays and all the best for 2015.

Have a great break.

Euan Harris - Coordinator
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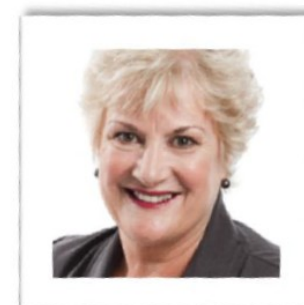
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Copy Deadline for the next Brooklyn Tattler is 29 January 2015

Email: niccitong@gmail.com with your contribution.
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History

Community Clean-Up day in Brooklyn each November was always a very popular event. Though it ended a couple of years ago by beauracrat nonsense within the City Council, it was an event eagerly looked forward to by the Community. It was a day for householders and volunteers to cart away surplus and broken goods. Back in 1964 as an example, 40 large truckloads of rubbish were carted out of the suburb to the two main tips at Houghton Bay and Wilton. Six trucks were provided by the City Council, and operated in pairs in the three main areas of Brooklyn. Trucks were manned by Council drivers and 2-3 members of the Progressive Association (now Residents Assn), and other helpers. Trucks headed for Washington Avenue, Ohiro Road, and Brooklyn West.

Some of the items collected that year included a small car body, washing machines, typewriters, hundreds of sheets of corrugated iron, three chesterfield suites, an old wartime Epstein helmet, bicycles, and a huge quantity of bottles. On the same day, the Brooklyn Scouts conducted a bottle drive, which netted over 100 cartons of reusable bottles. The truck crews stopped for lunch, provided for at the Community Centre by a number of workers wives and helpers, then carried on throughout the day until the last trucks were loaded about 3.30pm.

The men on the trucks worked very hard shifting and loading heavy rubbish for no other reward than the pleasure of doing a worthwhile job for their neighbours. It became an 'enjoyable social occasion'. Though householders were always asked to lend a hand to put the rubbish on to a truck if there was a big load, not many did,

nor did many give any donations to the Progressive Association. However the day became renowned for the comradeship established amongst neighbours and Council drivers, and the same drivers would be seen year after year.

At the end of the day's activities, a few beers would appear at the Community Centre for the thirsty and tired workers.

A foot note to this story:

There were actually two tip sites in the Houghton Bay area, adjacent to each other. There was the Melrose Tip, also called the Buckley Road or Southgate Tip, this opened in December 1963 and closed in June 1971. It was very deep, with over a million cubic yards of refuse dumped to produce 10 acres of flat land. The other site was the gully running parallel to Houghton Bay Road, accommodating 910,000 cubic yards of refuse and producing 13.25 acres of developed land (now sports playing fields). This opened in 1950 and was closed in 1963 when the Melrose Tip opened. Sinclair Park was created on this site, which comprises 9 levels. Once both tips had closed, while the present tip at Prestons Gully was being formed, all refuse was taken to the Wilton site.

Chris



Message from the Mayor

Kia ora everybody

I want to draw your attention to the e-newsletter section of the Council website: <http://wellington.govt.nz/enewsletters>

Here you can sign up to get notices about things that affect or interest you, such as arts, hospitality, events in the city, Māori community news, canine news or library news.

We're working hard on the draft Long Term Plan (10 year budget). It will include some funding for projects from the important Urban Growth Plan, reserves improvements and economic growth projects. As the rating base grows, rates become more affordable. The current rates average is \$3.45 per resident per day. We'll put out the draft Long Term Plan early 2015.

I've been attending some urban design, walking and cycling presentations and am very excited about the potential for improving suburban centres, unloved corners and safety. Upcoming changes will enhance Māsons Lane, Kilbirnie Drainage Reserve and Bond Street. Lots of volunteer groups already enhance our city with murals, planting and clean-ups.

Warm regards



Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington

Councillor Corner

It's an exciting time for Brooklyn and the surrounding suburbs with the Kaka Project.

The Kaka Project is a partnership between locals and Wellington City Council, and pilots community-led consultation to shape the future of social infrastructure and services in the Brooklyn/Vogelmorn/Kingston area. Consultation has closed with over 200 submissions received.

Various themes are emerging, with community, ecological and environmental issues widely discussed. There was support for multi-purpose community hubs at Brooklyn and Vogelmorn, and strong interest for facilities such as a library, swimming pool, and other recreational infrastructure and activities.

This type of community-led consultation is a first for the city, and I'm confident it will become a village planning model for other suburbs in Wellington.

The number of submissions is encouraging, and reflects an engaged community that is embracing a collaborative approach to making the best decisions about the future use of our local resources.

Council officers are now working through the submissions, which will be a basis for formulating a number of options for further analysis and consultation.

You can follow progress on www.kakaproject.org

Finally, as we approach the end of 2014, I'd like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

David Lee
Southern Ward Councillor
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School News

By the time you read this the school year will have wound up, and what a busy year it's been with December being no exception.

St Bernards recently underwent a Catholic Character review and initial informal feedback was extremely positive. New chromebooks (similar to laptops) were purchased in December. The school also purchased some beanbags which the children have been enjoying using as an alternative to sitting at desks.

Ridgway School hosted a delegation of 25 Japanese PE and health education professionals this month. They were very impressed by the full participation of all students in sports and the high skill levels shown.

Brooklyn School applied for and has been accepted into the SchoolGen Solar Panel Programme. The school will be able to monitor how much electricity they are using and saving via a website once the panels have been installed.

Our schools have also been busy with various fundraising projects including Pack the Bus for the Wellington City Mission, a great cause particularly at this time of year. End of year discos, picnics and celebrations have kept everyone entertained in the lead up to the holidays.

Term 4 finishes on Tuesday 16th December for St Bernards pupils and Wednesday 17th December for both Brooklyn and Ridgway Schools. Children at Ridgway start back on 2nd February and Brooklyn and St Bernard's children start back the following day on 3rd February.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, a fantastic start to the New Year, and safe and happy holidays. I'll be back with more school news next year.

Julie Seevens

Carols Service

"Keep Calm and Sing Carols"

All are warmly invited to the yearly Carol Service at the Reformed Church on Sunday 14 December at 7pm.

Join us in hearing the Christmas story and singing those favourite carol songs.

Supper is included afterward and we would love to have you there!

The Reformed Church
34 Harrison Street



Christmas Church Services in Brooklyn

St Bernard's Catholic Church
37 Taft Street, Brooklyn (off Ohio Road)

Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday 24th December 5.45pm
Carols from 5.30pm

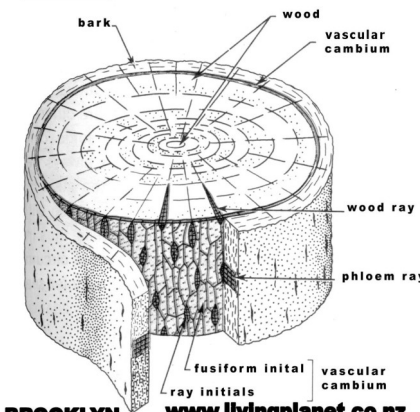
Christmas Day Mass
Thursday 25th December 9.30am
Carols from 9.15am

St Matthew's Church
96 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn

Carols around the crib
Wednesday 24th December 5.00pm
A special time for younger children, their parents and grandparents

Christmas Day
Thursday 25th December 9.00am
Christmas Celebration
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UPSTREAM - Friends of Central Park

By the time you read this we will have had the last working bee for 2014 and celebrated the "opening" of The Jetty area in Central Park with a barbeque lunch for the Central Park volunteers.

The year end is a good time to reflect on past achievements and future plans. The park is now a very different place to 2005 when a small group of people committed to improving its environment and making it a better place for people to use; the stream is clear of bramble, much of the tradescantia infestations have gone (although they always threaten to come back!), new tracks and bridges have been built alongside the stream – now a popular walking route, a flax colony planted and last, but not least, The Jetty area developed.

This year we have also had volunteers from a number of other organisations helping which has moved us forward with our work and also brought a wider group of people into the park. And of course, we now have our own website where you can keep up with our activities <http://upstream.org.nz/about-us-2/friends-of-central-park/>

Behind the scenes, a lot of time and energy has already gone into developing the **Art Trail from 5 – 8 March**. This will be an opportunity for the local community and wider public to experience the park in a different way – to either participate as artists or come and see the works on exhibition based on the theme of shelter.

The Art Walk will be a big focus for our energy in the early New Year and after that we will be looking at developing more planting and rest spots along the stream. Come and join us! Everyone is welcome to join in the working bees which are supported by **Supreme Coffee** – coffee, tea and delicious snacks provided!

Upstream - Friends of Central Park meet on the last Sunday of every month except December and January; join us from 10.00 – 12.00 at The Jetty - follow the path beside the stream from the main gates on Brooklyn Road.

Our next Working Bee is Sunday 22 February 2015.

For more information, contact Barbara at behardy@clear.net.nz or 384-5249 or Debbie at debbie_vanh@yahoo.com



ABOVE: The Jetty area in Central Park is almost complete

James Shaw

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Lines from the Library

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is arguably the best time of year with the weather only getting warmer and public holidays almost every week! Make sure you find out when the library will be open as we are closed on the statutory holidays like Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

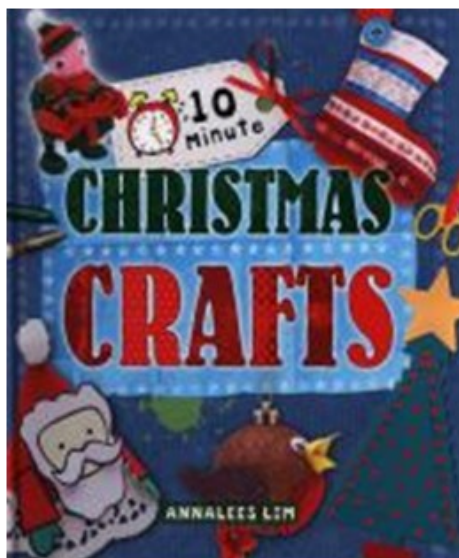
To get into the holiday spirit Brooklyn has plenty of titles relating to Christmas and the holiday season, I know for a fact that we have at least 125 children's books on the subject not to mention the adult Christmas craft and cooking books. Two recent Christmas related publications include the children's craft book "10 Minute Christmas Crafts" and the "Primrose Bakery Christmas" cookbook. In the Christmas edition of 10 Minute Crafts there are simple instructions for kids to make Christmas cards, decorations, stockings and even wreaths. The Primrose Bakery Christmas themed cookbook written by Martha Swift; includes recipes for Christmas cupcakes, cookies, tarts, pies and many more traditional sweet treats with original twists and delicious reinventions.

In the November Tattler I discussed Wellington City Libraries' children's annual Summer Reading Challenge (SRC). The booklets for this prize packed competition are now available at all library branches, including Brooklyn. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are encouraged to read as many titles as they can and write small reviews for each book before the 30th of January. The booklets are required to document an individual's progress so you must come grab one. Again if you'd like any more information don't hesitate to come in and ask!

The New Year will mark the 110 year anniversary of the opening of the Brooklyn Library; certainly a reason to celebrate. Perhaps a New Year's resolution could be to visit your local library more often to ensure that it will still be around in another 110 years.

See you there! Kind Regards

Hannah Gorman



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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FRIDAY CIRCLE:

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Programme:

Craft activities	9.30am
Morning Tea	10am
Lunch	12noon
Arthritic Exercise	1.30pm
Guest Speaker	2pm
Afternoon Tea	3pm

We have an amazing line up of speakers for the New Year. Drop in on Friday from 2 - 3pm. You may like to be a speaker yourself.

12 Dec Our annual Christmas Lunch (Invitations have been sent out)

19 Dec Christmas Market
2:30 - 7:30pm

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the team from Treasury who volunteered their time on the 27th November to give our back section a make over. It was a really big job and it looks amazing.

It was lovely to see you all at our Volunteers Thank You Party. We really appreciate the time you give to our Centre. Without volunteers we could not help the community as much as we do. Thank you again for your kindness.

We are holding our first Neighbourhood Christmas Market on Friday 19 Dec ember from 2:30 -7:30pm. There will be lots of stalls on offer with something to please all, including: baking, crafts, books, games, jewellery, paua art, lucky dip, cupcakes, snowballs, Xmas decorations and plenty of \$1 goodies.

Our Centre will close on the 24 Dec and reopen on Mon 9 February. Plunket will return on 5 January.

On behalf of the Brooklyn Resource Centre Management we thank you all for your continued support of our Centre.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and hope to see you all in the New Year.

Jenny Swan
Co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON AT THE VOGELMORN HALL

SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sunday mornings 9.15am to 12:45pm Thursday evenings 4:45 to 8:45pm Contact Louise on 021 585 119 or email: louise@spirit.net.nz
FELDENKRAIS CLASSES	Awareness through Movement Monday 10am to 11am & evening 7pm to 8pm Wednesday mornings 10am to 11am Less is More 11:45am to 12:30pm Contact Barbara on 384 5249 or Toni on 475 3355
KARDIO POWER STRETCH & TONE CLASS	Monday evenings 5:40 to 6:10pm Monday evenings 6:10 to 6:40pm Punch that pad and get fit, or gently tone and stretch your body. No experience required. Contact Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
POSITIVELY ZUMBA	Zumba is taking a break during Term 4. Back at - the start of Term 1 in 2015. Contact Beth via email at: positivelyzumba@gmail.com
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesday afternoons & evenings 3:15pm to 9pm Contact Fiona on 476 7046 or 021 721 020 f.haines.dance@gmail.com
KIDS ART	Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm During school terms
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Women's Martial Arts Group Friday evenings 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Alice at henryjonesjnr@yahoo.co.uk
IAIDO TRAINING	Non-combative Japanese Martial Art Saturday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm Contact Cam on 021 263 0351 or cam@camfindlay.com

The Vogelmorn Hall at 11 Vennell Street can be hired for classes, groups and functions. Contact Euan Harris the Coordinator for details. Phone: 384 6799

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View us online at: www.brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

Friends of Owhiro Stream

As FOOS has officially stopped volunteer activities until February (well, mostly), and I wrote last month about how, with help from our loyal volunteers, we had achieved our objectives for the year, I am taking the liberty this month of writing about something entirely different.

Last month, Chris Rabey welcomed the new Brooklyn Deli, and noted that it used to be the Golden Lotus Thai restaurant; but, long before that, it was the Central Park cafe and deli, a popular and well patronised part of the Brooklyn scene. I'm not sure exactly when it was established, but shortly after I arrived here in 1986, a notice appeared in the window asking for someone to make sandwiches from 7.00-10.30am. As I was about to start part-time university study, this sounded something ideal for me. So in I went, to find I was being interviewed by my daughter's best friend's next door neighbour from Napier, and after telling him that a 7.30 am start would be much more convenient, thank you, I was hired.

The deli was run by 'the boys', Grant and Neville, and was one of the first of the new wave of smart cafes in Wellington.

(Cafe L'Affare was not established until 1990) The aim was to have a New York style cafe/deli, hence the Central Park name rather than Brooklyn. As well as the take away sandwiches I made, labelled by some as 'the best sandwiches in Wellington', the menu offered made to order sandwiches such as Reuben on Rye (corned beef and sauerkraut), and their famous New York style cheesecake and chocolate cake, and what are now cafe classics like Eggs Florentine. The cafe was described to me recently as 'slightly bohemian', and I suppose it was; the front of house staff were often 'resting' actors, and the boys had many friends in the performing and arts scene. They also held parties, to which I was cautiously invited, with other participants being instructed to "not let Janet eat those special meatballs!"

Apart from arty types, another regular visitor was Lloyd the cat, from the Penthouse cinema. And I once had to make a carrot cake for Mrs Bob Jones to take to the tennis tournament, which turned out to be embarrassingly undercooked, for which Mrs Jones, I was told, graciously forgave us.

Janet Campbell



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Te Aro	14, 16, 21, 23 January 2015	School Holiday Program
Lyall Bay	Monday and Wednesday	Babies to 12 years old
Mt Cook	Tuesday and Thursday	5 to 12 years old
Brooklyn	Thursday	Playgroup for under 5's
Brooklyn	Friday	Babies to Preschool Ages
Te Aro	Saturday mornings	Toddlers to 12 years old

To find out more, enrol online or to sign up to our mailing list, please visit us at www.NiHaoCC.org.nz

Brooklyn Kindergarten Calendar

The Brooklyn Kindergarten have started something new this year for their fund-raising efforts and have produced a community calendar for 2015

The calendar contains historic black and white pictures of Brooklyn and surrounding areas - what a great idea for a Christmas present for friends and family, near and far!!!

The funds raised from this year's calendar will be put towards ongoing projects, including the improvement of the outdoor environment for the children. Calendars are \$15 each and are available now.

The Kindergarten have them for sale at the new Brooklyn Deli on Ohiro Road and other selected retail outlets in the village, or you can purchase by emailing brooklynkindergarten.calendar@gmail.com, or by phoning 022 104 1255.

Free delivery to the Brooklyn area.

Get in quick before they are all gone!!!

Brooklyn Community Association

GENERAL MEETING

**1.30 - 2.30pm Sunday
14 December at
Brooklyn Community
Centre
18 Harrison Street**

The purpose of the General Meeting is to pass a motion to agree the proposed changes to the BCA Constitution. A summary of the changes and the proposed Constitution are available from the Community Centre office and online at brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz under the **Constitution** heading.

50 Shades of fun at Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre

A recent grant from the Infinity Foundation has meant a whole new world of fun, not to mention sunsmart outdoor play for the kids at Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre.

With spring here and summer just around the corner, the children have really been enjoying the magnificent outdoor play area, and the new sunshade has added to the learning adventures.

The shade itself has even become part of the play, with children watching while balls that land on top of the sunshade blow around, change direction and collide unpredictably. One day we also made a giant spider out of newspaper and put that on top of the sunshade. It loomed large above the children, creating excited squeals and screams.

With the warmer weather, it's great to see the children getting back into regular outdoor play, and using their imaginations to enjoy the way sun and shade can create some drama and excitement!



If you are interested in enrolling your child at Brooklyn Early Childhood Centre, please call us on (04) 389 5683, email us on brooklynecc@xtra.co.nz, visit our web site brooklynecc.org.nz or like our page at facebook.com/brooklynecc

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GROUP ROUNDUP

Brooklyn Spiritualist Centre

Sunday 14 & 21 December at Brooklyn Community Centre
Singing, meditation & medium
All welcome. Donation.
Email: goldenhearts@xtra.co.nz

Brooklyn Walkers

Brooklyn Walkers meet at 9:30am on Monday mornings outside the Brooklyn Library. The walks are varied covering most of Wellington and are easily suitable for senior walkers. Our group is full of friendly people so join us. For more information call
Susannah: 384 7412 / Clare 384 9054.

22 December - Crofton Downs, Trelissick Park Kaiwharawhara, City. (9:18am No 7 bus, 10:02am train)

29 December - Walk through High School, Wellington Hospital grounds, Alexandra Road, City.

5 January - Box Hill, Khandallah Village, Bridle Path, Kaiwharawhara, City. (9:18am No 7 bus, 10:02am train)

12 January - Walk to Adelaide Road through High School. No 3 bus to Kilbirnie, then walk round bays to City.

Detailed Walking Group programmes, available from the Brooklyn Community Centre office.

Brooklyn Table Tennis

The Brooklyn Table Tennis Club plays from 9am on Tuesday mornings and 8pm till late every Wednesday.

Small, friendly group, welcoming new members of all ages. We have 3 tables, good lighting in a pleasant hall. Balls are supplied and a number of club bats are available for use. For information phone: Philip 934 7445 or Gwen 384 9060.

Brooklyn Scouts

Brooklyn Scouts, Cubs and Keas meet in the Scout Hall in Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

Keas: 5-7 years, Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Cubs: 7-11 years, Mondays 6.30-8.00pm
Scouts: 11-14 years, Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm.

Venturers 14-18 years, Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

For more information contact Gillian Boyes, gillianmay@paradise.net.nz
phone: 972 9904

Brooklyn Garden Club

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Brooklyn Resource Centre, 36 Jefferson St. Come and hear interesting and informative guest speakers, share gardening tips and plant cuttings, and enjoy the company of our small friendly group. New members and new ideas are always welcome. For further details contact Barbara on 389 4307.

Turbine Talkers Toastmasters Club

Turbine Talkers is the local chapter of Toastmasters International. We hold fortnightly meetings to teach and practice the skills of effective communication in a supportive learning

environment. Turbine Talkers meets every 2nd Tuesday, at St Matthews Church on Washington Avenue. For further details. Ph. Trish 021 929 245
<http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

Brooklyn Brownies, Guides & Pippins

Brownies meet Monday evening during school terms, from 6.00-7.30pm, in the Brooklyn Community Centre, Harrison St. We welcome any girl between the ages of 7 to 9.5 years of age to join Brownies for fun, friendship and other activities. Ph. Margaret 389 3028 for details.

Brooklyn Pippins meet Monday evening during term time 6-7pm at the Reformed Church, end of Harrison St. Contact Nicola Burdon: 971 1265

Brooklyn Guides meet Mondays 6.30-8pm at Reformed Church, Harrison St. Ph. Kathryn Marsh on 802 5049

Friends of Owhiro Stream

Drivers down Ohio Road will have noticed the vast improvement over the past few years to the Owhiro Stream and its environs achieved by this local group. Work is ongoing and if you would like to find out more about it, call: Martin – 389 8995; Janet - 385 2077

Upstream - Friends of Central Park

Our working bee is the last Sunday of the month from 10am to noon. Meet at the picnic table next to the big bridge, 2 mins from the main gate. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea provided and contribute to the care of Central Park! No formal meeting in January. Contact Debbie for informal meeting

times.

Email: debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

Brooklyn Local History Group

The next Brooklyn Local History Group meeting is due late in February at Brooklyn Library cnr Cleveland and Harrison Streets. Time and date in the next Tattler. Please contact Sharon for details: 387 1487 daytime or 388 8088 AH

St John Youth Division and Penguin Programme

For 6-18 year olds, weekly sessions, some weekend camps, and fun activities provides a structured programme for attendees to develop life skills, self discipline. The Penguin Programme for 6-8 year olds meets at St Bernard's School, Taft St, Mondays 3:30-4:45pm. The Youth Division for 8-18 year olds meets at Brooklyn Community Centre, Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Karen for Penguins on 389 4060 and Carol for Youth on 0274 321 204 www.stjohn.org.nz

Brooklyn Food Group

The Brooklyn Food Group have a passion for local food and community. We run workshops, shared gardens and a community orchard.

Contact us to get involved or drop in to our regular working bee at the Brooklyn Orchard every Monday evening from 5pm till 7pm at the end of Harrison Street. Everyone very welcome.

thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com