

BROOKLYN TATTLER

what's happening in your community



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Cover photo – This month's cover photo is a montage of Brooklyn Community Centre staff wishing all our locals a very Merry Christmas.

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from the COMMUNITY CENTRE

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE &
VOGELMORN HALL PH 384 6799**

Tattler

This is the final Tattler for the year; we take a break in January and return in February 2019. Next year our home delivered editions will be in March and September. Thank you to all who have contributed over the year; we love to be made aware of local happenings so please email us stories and photos any time.

Market

Our last market for the year is coming up on Saturday 8 December from 2pm – 5pm here at the Community Centre. We have lots of goodies on offer including Christmas crafts, vinyl records, eco-friendly reusable products, wildflower seed bombs, preserves and chutneys, second hand books, organic soaps, local honey and bread, to name a few; plus Andrew will be here sharpening those knives, scissors and garden tools. Juice on the Loose will be selling their amazing juices, smoothies and coffee, and Yasmeen will be returning with her delicious range of Indian food; plus no market would be complete without a sausage sizzle on the deck. We also have a bouncy castle (weather permitting) for the children, live music, a face painter and we've even heard a rumour Santa himself will be paying us a visit. So be sure to come down on the day, grab



Opening of the Harrison Street playground mural on 12 December 1998

yourself something to eat and drink, hang out with the neighbours, and get a Christmas bargain or two.

Colourful Playground Mural Turns Twenty

On 12 December 1998 the mural in the Harrison Street playground was officially opened complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Gwen Devereux was the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) president at the time and the BCA project, funded by a Wellington City Council (WCC) grant, was completed by local school children aged eight to twelve years who were supervised by artists Petajon Sissons and Ruth Donnelly. Neal Palmer, WCC Community Arts Officer helped facilitate the mural creation which still brightens up the playground across from the Community Centre twenty years later.

Christmas Close Down

Main Office Closes	21 December
Main Office Reopens	14 January
Holiday Programme Commences	7 January

During the close down period the main office and childcare phones will not be attended to and emails will not be checked. Holiday Programme requests from 5pm on 21 December will be actioned on 7 January with general enquiries from 14 January. This allows all our staff to have a complete break from work and be refreshed and energised for the New Year.

Lounge Repaint

Over the Christmas break local decorator Nick Anderson will be busy at work giving the lounge room a much needed spruce up. Due to the Childcare programmes we run at the Centre we

have a very small window each year when we are able to get work like this done. We'd like to thank Nick for fitting this much needed paint job into his schedule and look forward to seeing the finished result.

New Zumba Teacher at Vogelmorn Hall

Natasha Szalkowski has taken over the weekly Tuesday evening Zumba classes at Vogelmorn Hall from Beth Beard who is off to Auckland with her family in the near future. Beth also ran Pilates classes at Brooklyn Community Centre for many years. We have enjoyed having Beth at both centres and wish her all the best for her next adventure.

Kindergarten Fundraising Calendars

We are selling 2019 Historical Calendars on behalf of the Brooklyn Kindergarten from our office at \$15 a copy. Each calendar is packed full of photos from Brooklyn's past. These make great Christmas gifts, so call into the Brooklyn Community Centre for your calendar before we sell out. Calendars are also available from Jo's Pies, Caribe Café and other local selected outlets.

Have a Great Break

On behalf of the staff at the Brooklyn Community Centre; Julie Seevens, Euan Harris, Adam Hendry, Phillip Bolton, Chris Barry-Goss, Olly Johnston, the Childcare staff; plus our Brooklyn Community Association President Nick Ruane and BCA Council members Joelene Skelton, Sonya Bissmire, Chris Rabey, Tracy Dillimore and Megan Bibby, we wish you a stress free enjoyable Christmas, safe holidays, and all the best for 2019.

Community Lunch

Friday 14 December
12-2pm

Come along to the community centre to join us in some festive Christmas cheer.

Complimentary light lunch & tea/coffee provided.

ALL WELCOME!

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Many of us attended World War I commemorations during November to acknowledge the sacrifice made in the world's first truly global conflict. Almost 17,000 New Zealanders were killed (sometimes several from one family), and more than 41,000 wounded. To compound the tragedy, the returning troops brought home the deadly influenza virus. Brooklyn's toll was one of New Zealand's lightest, with a death rate of 2.6 (19 deaths), unlike crowded areas like Newtown (13.6 – 98 deaths) and Tory Street (13.0 – 54 deaths). Many were buried in Karori Cemetery where a group of volunteers has spent the past two years identifying and cleaning the graves.

I'm fascinated by Wellington's stories, so I'm proud to have launched a heritage plaque scheme – starting with three women, to celebrate Suffrage125 - Maud Basham (broadcaster Aunt Daisy), Suzanne Aubert (who founded the Home of Compassion), and Iris Wilkinson (better known as author Robin Hyde).

Finally, Wellington City Council is on the move, partly due to the noisy construction work that's about to start in the Town Hall. The service centre will be relocated to 18-32 Manners Street (formerly the ANZ Bank), and the Mayor's office, meeting rooms and other Council offices are gradually moving to 113 The Terrace (easily accessed by lift from Lambton Quay). Councillors will be moving in early January.

I wish you all the best for the festive season, the summer holidays, and the New Year.

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Community Market

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Kids' stalls

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JEFFERSON AND HARRISON STREETS' EARLY DAYS

Ever wondered why Harrison and Jefferson Streets are not directly opposite each other, one being off centre with the other? The answer lies in the early formation of Brooklyn's streets. When Jefferson Street was being formed in 1888 soon after the suburb was named, there was only a rough dirt track opposite which led up to the old Goathurst Farmhouse at the top of the rise, where the School and Community Centre are now. The Farmhouse property covered quite a large area and when the decision was made to move the school from its original site in Vogeltown to Brooklyn to cater for the large population of children, the Farmhouse section was subdivided to allow for the new school site to be established.

It was to be a further ten years after all the present streets were formed and metalled before Harrison Street was, and it followed the rough track that was in place which happened to be slightly south of the Jefferson Street corners.

As you can see in the two photos taken in 1911, there was already substantial development in this part of Brooklyn. The school was in place with additional buildings for classrooms, the nearby Presbyterian Church was in place, as was St Matthew's on Washington Avenue. The Post Office

wasn't yet built; however the two storey building on the west corner of Jefferson Street was, and is still standing over one hundred years later.

James Barton had a boot making business in Harrison Street, the first of a number of commercial sites there. Where the Library currently is was a simple grassed paddock for horses, right up until the 1960s. I remember as a Brooklyn School child playing there with my mates while waiting for the Brooklyn West bus to take us home. Most of the houses in Jefferson Street have either been rebuilt or heavily modified, though some of the original buildings are still standing. See if you know any houses in the photos.

Chris Rabey

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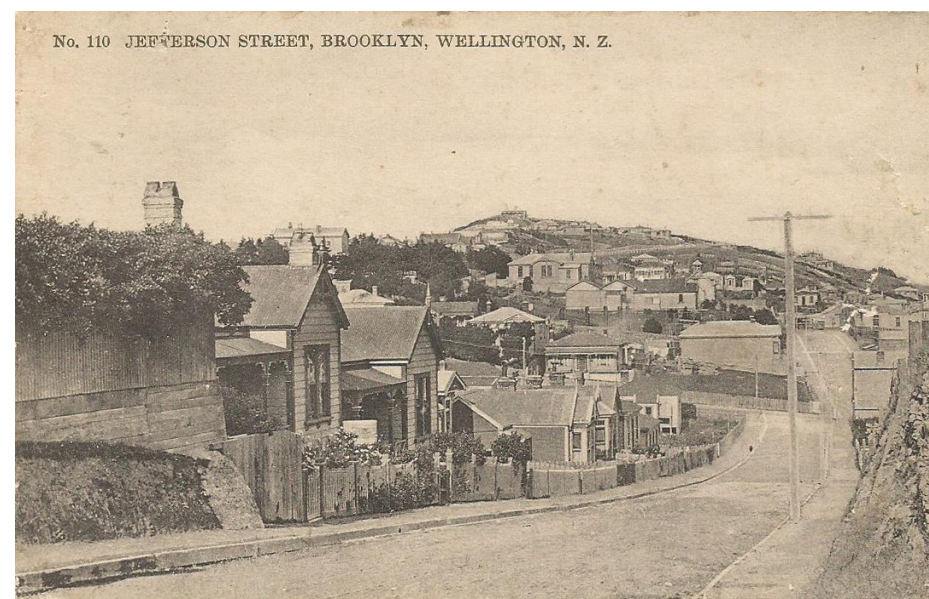
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Looking up Harrison Street in 1911



Jefferson Street in 1911

from the LIBRARY



Kia ora to tu

We're so excited to have summer on our door step. Stroll down to the library on Monday evenings and enjoy some quiet reading.

Holidays and January

Preschool story time will take a break from 18 December to 8 January 2019. Over the Christmas/New Year period we will not be opening on Monday evenings and will closing at 5pm on 24 December and 5.30pm on 31 December. Remember, you can ask us to issue your books for six weeks and perhaps this holiday period is a good time to take advantage of this. Alternatively you can of course renew your books on our website using the 'your library' tab and clicking on the 'check your card' in the drop down menu.

What's Happening

Christmas Storytime; kids come along for a fun time. This will once again be happening at the Brooklyn

Library on Monday 17 December from 6pm – 6.45pm. Wear your favourite Christmas PJs and bring your musical instruments; there will be Christmas stories and songs. Our resident musician, Sue, will have her ukulele and wants some help from budding young musicians to play along to some Christmassy songs.

Help, we need some Christmas decorations for the library. Maybe some of you Brooklyn kids would like to come in after school in the first week of December and help us make some.

We are also planning some pop-up activities over the holiday period. Check our notice board to see what is happening.

Avid readers don't forget the summer reading challenge. A list will be available soon on the kids' page, so get online and reserve some books as soon as possible; the more you read the better. Also check out the events page for what's on in the libraries over the summer break.

SALE SALE SALE

It is that time of year when Wellington Central Library has its big book sale. This is starting on 5 December and continuing for two weeks. The tables are continually refreshed and replenished with new stock.

Nga Mihi

Heather, Sue, and the team at
Brooklyn Library

OUT & ABOUT IN BROOKLYN

This month Evan Harris talks with Chris Rabey, our local Brooklyn Historian

Chris Rabey was born in Wellington Hospital three months after his parents bought their house at 55 Apuka Street at an onsite auction in 1950 for the sum of 1,500 pounds. Five years later the family was joined by the arrival of a twin brother and sister. Chris was educated at Brooklyn School and Wellington College. Growing up he remembers looking out at the panoramic view from Apuka Street and admiring the shipping traffic moving around Wellington Harbour, which inspired his lifelong interest in ships. On Saturday afternoons Chris's father would take him for walks along the wharves for a close-up view.

It was this interest that prompted Chris to begin his working life as a clerk for the Marine Department – Lighthouse Service, now known as Maritime NZ. A promotion took him to Bluff where he was in charge of the Stewart Island passenger and freight ferry service. After a year down south Chris moved up to Auckland to work for the Ministry of Transport before deciding to settle back in his home town. He took up an accounts officer position with the Wellington Harbour Board, a job he expected to hold for the rest of his working life, however an accident to his writing hand meant he was unable to continue. Eventually his injuries recovered; by then Chris was employed as a storeman for Wellington Hospital before moving into a purchasing officer role which he held until retiring 34 years later.

Chris's interest in history began in the early 1970s when he first began photographing ships and old buildings due to be demolished,



including many Brooklyn businesses and dwellings. Chris says his hobby has been helped by photography skills and a good memory. Since retiring he has devoted more time to his passion and has so far written history books on the Brooklyn School Centennial, St Matthew's Church, Central Park, and the Island Bay Bowling Club. His current long term project is on Brooklyn's past, for which he is allowing eight years to complete. During his time in Wellington Chris has developed a large network base by belonging to many clubs and societies, including historical groups in Brooklyn, Island Bay, Onslow, and Karori.

Brooklyn Tattler readers will be familiar with Chris's monthly history column. However, many will not know that his father started the Brooklyn News in 1957, a monthly publication which ran until 1963 and was the size of today's Cook Strait News. It's interesting in 2018 to now read a copy of the Brooklyn News, not only for the topical items back then, but also for the variety of adverts from local businesses.

Chris says he "loves Brooklyn and thinks it's the best suburb in the world". He has seen a lot of changes over the years and fondly remembers when the village was a one stop shop with an ANZ Bank, post office, butcher, laundry, Shoprite supermarket, and much more.

BROOKLYN SCHOOL PROPERTY UPDATE



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

It is really exciting that the build has finally started; it has been a long time coming. Stage One (extending the existing Hall and adding another exit to the Library) is well underway and the foundation works are starting to take shape. Over the summer we expect the construction works to extend the hall will be ongoing and that there will be some work happening in the Moa Block. The extent of this work is yet to be confirmed. There will be a break in construction between Christmas and New Year, with work commencing again early in 2019.



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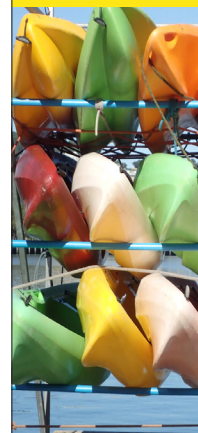


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Speed limit sign spotted in Harrison Street on 14 November when Cleveland Street was down to one lane (again!) for bus stop work. We would have presumed Traffic Management would know road speed limits before they "drop" them down to 30km but this is not the first time incorrect speed signs have been noticed around the city.



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By the time you read this article the results of the Dominion Post Wellingtonian of the Year Awards will have been announced and published. In past years many well known people have won awards in the various categories; maybe you glance at them, or maybe you read carefully in case someone you know is included. Either way, you might have noticed that this year, our very own Martin Payne was nominated in the Environment category.

Martin is a worthy nominee (and no, we don't know who nominated him, though we'd like to). The text supporting him says "Martin Payne is the coordinator of Friends of Owhiro Stream, a voluntary organisation which has been working for thirteen years to restore the stream, and which spearheaded the campaign to clean up discharge from T&T Landfill which entered into Taputeranga Marine Reserve. Martin has spent countless hours making submissions to resource consents and doing physical work on the stream."

Martin has not been there the whole thirteen years, but certainly to my knowledge at least eleven, and those of us who work with him and his wife Esther know just how countless those hours are. His energy and enthusiasm seem never ending, first to arrive and last to leave at every working bee. Apart from liaising with Council and making submissions, Martin is a tireless advocate of environmental issues within the community and especially enjoys working with young children, instilling an interest in and knowledge of environmental issues.

So a good note to end the year on. We wish all our friends and supporters a wonderful holiday season with beautiful weather and lots of fun. Thank goodness this is the last column I have to write for a while!

Janet Campbell

for Friends of Owhiro Stream

what's on at your BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

18 Harrison Street

To book Brooklyn Community Centre for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz	
BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB	Meets on the first Wednesday of the month from March to October at 7:30pm in the RSA Room. Contact Barbara on 389 4307.
BROWNIES	Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm school terms. Contact Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & After-school Care & Holiday Programmes. Phone Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am - 1pm. Contact Louise email: louisebrockway.nz@gmail.com
INDIAN COOKING	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@xtra.co.nz
EKKAAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am - 12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
QUARTERLY MARKETS	Brooklyn Market Saturday 23 March 2019 from 2pm to 5pm. Contact 384 6799 or market@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
FAMILY FIT KARATE & FITNESS	Beginners Wed 5:30 - 6:15pm & Thurs 5 - 5:45pm Adult Beginners Wed 6 - 7pm & Thurs 5:30 - 6:30pm Kardio Power Wed 7:30 - 8pm. Stretch & Tone Thurs 6:30 - 7pm. Contact Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9 - 11:30am during school terms. Contact 801 6814 or email susan.rudd@porse.co.nz
PILATES	Mondays and Fridays at 9am. Contact Liz 027 503 0211 or lizbirkett.yoga.pilates@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays 6:30-8pm school terms. Carol 0274 321 204 or 388 3838.
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays 9am - 12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Inquiries Philip on 934 7445 or email: codwgpd@gmail.com .
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GET THE BEAT	Music for under 3 year olds. Mondays at 10am in the RSA Room. Contact Lois McConnell on 973 1650.
KANGA TRAINING	Mondays 10:15am - 11:45am. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
VINYASA YOGA	Saturdays 10:30am with Jenn. All levels welcome. \$5 drop in. BYO mat. Email: jetbluenz5@gmail.com
HYPNOBIRTHING TASTER SESSIONS	Want to know more before booking a course? Free taster session for expectant parents. On Saturday 15 Dec. 11am - 12pm. Visit www.annadriverbirthservices.com email: letannaknow@hotmail.com or call 020 4122 2384.

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelmorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz	
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BABY SENSORY CLASSES	Fridays 9am - 2pm. Contact Mel on 022 510 1987 or wellingtoncitynz@babysensory.com or www.facebook.com/babysensorywellington
FELDENKRAIS	Mondays 10 - 11am & 7 - 8pm. Wednesdays 10-11am. First class free for beginners. Contact Toni on 475 3355 or temcwhinnie@gmail.com
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40 - 6:10pm Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
KANIKANI WELLINGTON	Free form dancing in the dark. Monthly on the last Wednesday. Doors open at 8 pm - Lights out at 8:15pm. Entry \$5 at the door. Go to our Facebook page for details. facebook@kanikaniwellington .
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9am - 10:15am with Victoria, filling in for Rosa. Email v.ferry4@gmail.com
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10pm - 6:40pm Patricia on 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
WELLINGTON IAIDO	Learn the art of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. Tuesdays 6 - 7pm & Saturdays 3 - 5pm. Cam 021 263 0351 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 10am - 12pm. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
ZUMBA	Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 8:30pm. Contact Natasha at: natasha.szalkowski20@gmail.com
KUNG FU CLASSES	Shaolin Kung Fu, Gao Can Mun Nam Pai Chuan. Ages 7 upwards. Friday evenings 6pm - 8:30pm. Contact email newtown@shaolinnpc.co.nz
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS





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WEDNESDAYS 9AM – 4PM

The festive season is fast approaching. We will see the year out with activities planned around a Christmas theme for the month of December. Please note we will be closed over the Christmas/ New Year period – **from Thursday 20 December until Wednesday 30 January 2019.**

WEDNESDAY CIRCLE PROGRAMME

10:30 am	Morning Tea
Noon	Lunch
1 pm	Arthritic Exercise
1:30 – 2: 30 pm	Christmas Activity
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea

SPEAKERS – WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

5 December – CHRISTMAS MOVIE

White Christmas (with Bing Crosby & Danny Kaye)

12 December – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/ BUS TRIP

19 December – CHRISTMAS CRACKER OF A MORNING 10am – 2pm

We wish you and your families all the best for the festive season and look forward to meeting with everyone again in the New Year. We would love to see some new faces in 2019; anyone is welcome to drop in and enjoy a cuppa on Wednesdays at St Matthew's Church.

Jenny Swan, Coordinator

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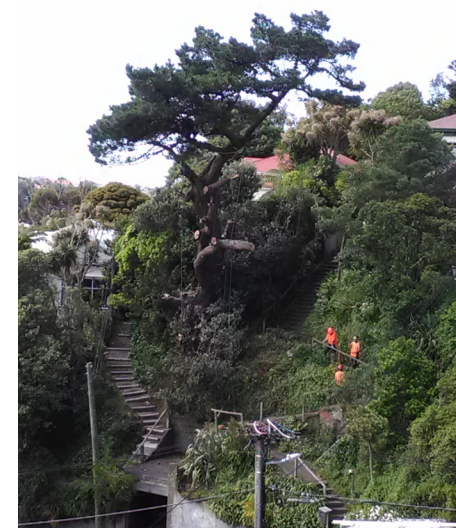
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TODMAN STREET TREE FELLING

If you have traversed up Todman Street lately you would have noticed a rather large tree opposite the kindergarten being taken down. Owner Heeni Collins filled us in on the details.

“In some ways it’s sad to see such a huge, historic tree come down; but the roots were damaging my steps, retaining wall, and drains; and the tree could have caused major damage to life and limb if it had come down in a big storm,” she said. “I’m pleased to have finally made the decision after worrying about it for some years.”

Heeni says local company Living Planet (director Hugh Underhill) were very experienced and professional and handled the task with confidence. Crew wore harnesses for safety and some branches were lowered by rope while others were taken down with the help of a Hiab crane truck. The tree



was probably planted about the same time as the house was built, so was over one hundred years old.



SCHOOL NEWS

The school year is fast coming to a close and as we head into December thoughts of Christmas and summer holidays will be at the forefront of our minds. St Bernards' pupils are currently rehearsing their annual Nativity play and getting ready to perform carols out and about in the community. They are also busy collecting used plastic bottle tops to create artworks to brighten up the school playground.

Building works are a current topic of conversation at both Brooklyn and Ridgway Schools. While work is now underway at Brooklyn, Ridgway have recently appointed Design Group Stapleton Elliot (DGSE) as the architects for their building renewal. They are now at the "master planning" stage and are working with the school community on ideas of how the works will look and progress. Brooklyn School recently held an emergency drill to ensure building works do not get in the way of an emergency evacuation. They will continue to have these drills as building continues.

There are still a few trips planned before the end of the year including walks along the Northern Walkway, Christmas card exhibition at the College of Creative Arts, and picnics. Year 8 students are getting ready for their leavers' events as they prepare to head off to secondary school, and end of year celebrations are on the way.

Our schools finish up for the year on days ranging from 14 – 18 December and all return for Term One 2019 on Monday 4 February.

Julie Seevens



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LEARNING SIDE-BY-SIDE

Nitai (3) was following Liam (5) for a good part of the morning, with Liam's map work laid out on a table next to the big atlas book. Nitai was observing from a distance but when Liam left to have his morning tea, Nitai couldn't wait any longer; he sat down and intently looked through the materials. Noticing how fascinated his younger friend was, Liam came by and sat next to Nitai to show him his work - a magical learning moment for both of them.

Montessori is very much based on learning from our friends. Our preschool classrooms are mixed age, with children aged from two and three quarters up to six. From the first day a new three year old arrives they are surrounded by caring older children who like nothing more than taking a younger child under their wing to show them the ropes. Their "I can do it, so

can you" attitude and eagerness to be a mentor, sends a clear message that in this environment children are important.

Older children are patient teachers, full of compassion and care. They enjoy showing their younger peers activities they have long mastered themselves, and they do it out of the inner human need to help, to contribute and care for their classmates and environment - burgeoning leadership of the very best kind.

In life, we rarely spend time only among people of exactly the same age. A learning environment with mixed ages is one of the differences of Montessori. Children learn easily and quickly by observing other children. They can clearly see what they are aiming for, and what comes next, and there is always someone ready to help. Learning side-by-side with friends of different ages is a fun way to learn.

Aleks Zajac, Principal,
Capital Montessori Preschool



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**Monthly update on issues
and projects impacting our
community**

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 22 January 2019, St Matthew's Church, 96 Washington Ave
Come along, we'd love to have your input

GBRAI Certificate of Incorporation achieved	Confirming that our area of representation now includes: Brooklyn, Kingston, Morningside, Vogeltown, Kowhai Park and Panorama Heights. WCC & GWRC have been informed.
Brooklyn bus hub	Business survey completed with outcome report underway for presentation to Council and potentially media. Allowing time for teething problems to settle, we plan to survey bus users early in the new year.
Kingston bus stop Quebec Street	Seeking changes to the physical locations of the current bus stops and installation of a proper pedestrian crossing NOT a pedestrian "refuge" in the middle of the road as proposed by WCC in a recent Traffic Resolution.
Brooklyn School re-development	Demolition and construction have started on the school hall; some old asbestos has been found; being removed as per Ministry of Education guidelines by a licensed contractor.
Bell Road reservoir	Preparing a submission for early 2019 to reduce impact from engineering works and increase Brooklyn's urban water awareness + resilience. Email us to contribute.
Mobility park	Success! One has been installed in Cleveland Street.
Ohio / Cleveland / Todman intersection	Intersection discussions have stalled, trying to enact changes. Very much a work in progress.
Vogelmorn Precinct - opening up the green	Design work progressing, some physical work due to commence early-mid December with donated labour. Keep an eye out for community working bees coming up.

That's it from us for 2018 folks, thanks heaps for your support.
Wishing you all a fabulous holiday season with safe travels.
Come along to our meetings to be heard or email us with your queries, concerns and ideas: brooklynresidentswellington@gmail.com

THE BROOKLYN DIRECTORY



Have you ever wondered what services and activities are available in Brooklyn, and what ages and interest groups they serve? There are many more than you might think!

Some months ago fellow Brooklyn Resource Centre committee member Beth Beard and I suggested it might be useful to have a community directory that could be made available to everyone, especially newcomers to Brooklyn. We undertook to draw up a list using the Tattler and talking to local organisations. Euan and Julie at the Community Centre were also very supportive of the idea.

We have now compiled a listing of around 85 services and activities grouped into nine categories (Early Childhood, Sports Clubs, Keep Fit, etc.) with What, Where and When, and contact details where we have them. This listing will be kept and updated at the Community Centre and made available in hard copy and

on their website.

We have also sent a copy of our initial listing to everyone we have email addresses for so they can confirm their details are correct. If you offer a community service or activity in Brooklyn, want to be included, and have not had an email from us; please email Euan at coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz so we can ensure you are included and that your details are correct. If you are in the directory please help us keep it up to date by emailing Euan of any changes to your listing.

We hope you will find this Brooklyn Directory useful. My thanks to Beth, Euan and Julie for their help with this project.

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Next Working Bee is Sunday 24 February 2019

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upstream meets from 10am – 12pm on the last Sunday of every month; join us in Central Park at The Jetty – enter the park through the main gates at the bottom of Brooklyn Road and follow the path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Lynne at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

The Marine and Freshwater team at Greater Wellington Regional Council in collaboration with Wellington City Council's urban ecology team are conducting a long-term project that commenced in 2016 and will continue annually over the summer months until 2019. During this time, GWRC is surveying a range of urban streams in Wellington City to assess habitat condition, macroinvertebrate community health and fish populations.

Using backpack electric fishing techniques, the team discovered three native fish in Central Park's Moturoa Stream - Banded

Kokopu, Koaro and Korua. This is the first time that Koaro, which are classified as an at-risk species, have been recorded in Central Park. They are a member of the galaxia family which can climb and prefers fast flowing, forested streams – well we have some forest and the stream was definitely fast flowing in November! It appears that the Banded Kokopu and Koaro are moving through the piped stream sections under the city to

access the park to get into the stream.

The stream environment was also assessed as a habitat for macroinvertebrates (stream creatures with no backbones, ranging in size from 1mm – 10cm and can be seen with the naked eye) e.g. small crustaceans and molluscs. The results overall were "Moderate" due partly to the effects of urban run-off (e.g. fine sediment), which is common in urban streams.

What is being found in Wellington's urban streams shows the importance of looking after our city waterways to protect the fish and macroinvertebrates living in them. You can help protect Wellington city's waterways by disposing of paint, oils and other chemicals at the landfill, putting litter and cigarette butts in a bin, washing your car on grass, stopping sediment from washing down the drain, and picking up your dog's poo.

PLEASE LEAVE THE FISH IN THE STREAM – THEY DO NOT MAKE GOOD PETS!

CHRISTMAS TIME ACTIVITIES

Christmas is almost upon us. Like most families, my household is already in a flurry of activity—decorating, purchasing gifts, preparing for guests and baking etc. At this particular time of year it's important to keep learning and have quality time with the family while your children are on holiday from school.

Research shows that families who spend quality time together and who connect activities at home to what children are learning in school have a stronger emotional bond and better communication—and the kids do better academically. The holiday season provides great opportunities to expose children to new ideas and information, reinforce skills and knowledge, and encourage creativity, which supports their success in school.

Here are some ideas to mix quality time with learning:

Create a Budget — encourage kids to write a list of people they want to buy gifts for. Have them allocate a certain amount for each person. While shopping, help your kids keep track of spending and their remaining budget.

Cook Together — include children in meal prep and baking for holiday gatherings. While cooking practice maths and reading skills—and demonstrate cool science concepts.

Make Cards and Gifts — have kids write holiday cards or letters to family and friends. It's a great opportunity for children to practice their handwriting, as well as their grammar, spelling and creative

writing skills. Making gifts at home is a way to encourage creativity.

Explore Your City — when cabin fever strikes plan a family outing. Visit a local museum, historic sites, go for a walk in the city, on the beach or in the bush.


Play Games — playing board and trivia games during holiday get-togethers is a good way to enjoy time together. Look for ideas online. There are a variety of games—for all ages—that are fun, and educational as well.

Read Daily — take your kids to the library and borrow books to read over the summer break. Spend time reading together, it helps children develop their literacy skills and excel academically.

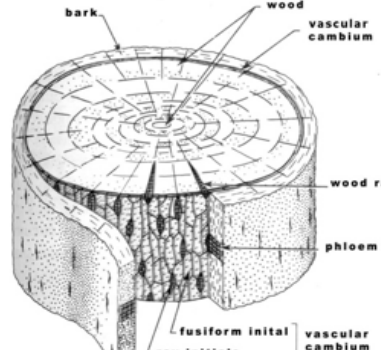
Remember, the most important part of the season is spending time with the people you love. When you add learning to your quality time, it will enhance the special moments with your children and support their success.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal,
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Contact Ivan Moss – ivancmoss@gmail.com or 021 417 025

BROOKLYN BROWNIES, GUIDES AND PIPPINS Pippins

Nicola Burdon 971 1265
Brownies
Margaret 389 3028
Brooklyn Guides
Kathryn Marsh 802 5049

BROOKLYN FOOD GROUP

Local food and community. Working Bees held weekly on Monday evenings from 5ish, at the Brooklyn Orchard, end of Harrison St.
thebrooklynfoodgroup@gmail.com or
www.facebook.com/BrooklynFoodGroupNZ

BROOKLYN GARDEN CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm from March to October at Brooklyn Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. Contact Barbara on 389 4307

BROOKLYN GECKOS HOCKEY FOR KIDS

Years 1-6 and new entrants. Fridays 4-5:15pm at the Brooklyn Bowling Club astro turf at Tanera Park,

8 Tanera Crescent. Just turn up on practice day <http://brooklyngeckohockey.weebly.com>. Come and join us for free summer hockey training.

BROOKLYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next meeting 2pm Sat 16 February at Brooklyn Library. Everyone welcome.
Chris Rabey 3849293
ships.pubs@gmail.com or Sharon Macintyre 027 634 4455 or evenings 388 8088 sharonmacintyre42@gmail.com

BROOKLYN MAINLY MUSIC

Fun affordable 30 minutes, for parents or care givers to enjoy with their pre-schooler(s). Morning Tea provided.

Wellington Reformed Church 34 Harrison St. Rachel 022 407 9652
St Matthews' Co-operating Parish 96 Washington Ave. Lynne 027 248 9349

BROOKLYN NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Email inquiries to bnufjc@gmail.com or visit us at www.sporty.co.nz/brooklynbnufjc

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUP

Fun group for parents & caregivers with preschool children. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during the school term at the Korean

Church - 184 Ohiro Road. Turn up on the day.

BROOKLYN SCOUTS

Scout Hall, Harrison St. Scouting is for boys and girls who love adventure. Keas 5-7 yrs, Cubs 7-11yrs, Scouts 11-14yrs, Venturers 14-18yrs. Contact Gillian Boyes 972 9904 or gillianmay68@gmail.com

BROOKLYN SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Ages 14+ Sundays 6.30pm-8pm mid-March to early October at the Royal Tiger Range, 131 Russell Terrace, Newtown. To join contact Dianne Grain on 0274 449 641 d.grain@xtra.co.nz www.bsrrc.org.nz

BROOKLYN TABLE TENNIS

9am-12pm Tuesdays and 8pm Wednesdays. We welcome new members of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Phone Philip on 934 7445.

BROOKLYN TOY LIBRARY

Rear prefab at Capital Montessori School, Camrose Grove, Kingston. Open during school terms. brooklyntoylibrary@hotmail.com brooklyntoylibrary.org.nz

BROOKLYN WALKERS

Meet Monday mornings (except public holidays) outside Brooklyn Library. Phone Susannah 384 7412 or Clare 384 9054.

3 December Walk through High School, Wellington

Hospital grounds, Alexandra Rd, City.

10 December CHRISTMAS LUNCH

17 December Central Park, Tanera Gardens, Aro & Norway Sts, Kelburn, City.

24 December Paekakariki to QE11 Park and return via beach. 9.03 No 7 bus, 9.53 train

BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

At the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. More details online at www.bjcc.co.nz

FRIENDS OF OWHIRO

STREAM Working bees on the second Saturday of the month 10am-12:30pm. Contact Martin on 389 8995 or email: owhirostream@gmail.com

LIONS CLUB Help build your community and make new friends along the way. Vicki 022 033 0031

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THE KUNG FU SCHOOL

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Penguin Program 6-8 yrs. Karen 389 4060
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TURBINE TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Your local chapter of Toastmasters International. Tuesdays 7:15pm-9:15pm fortnightly in St Matthew's Church lounge. John 029 771 3171, Paul 027 324 8213 turbine@toastmasters.org.nz <http://6879.toastmastersclubs.org>

UPSTREAM – FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK

Working bees on the last Sunday of the month 10am-12pm at the Jetty, a few hundred metres along the main path. Come along for great conversations, meet new people, fab morning tea

and contribute to the care of Central Park. debbie_vanh@yahoo.com

VOGELMORN COMMUNITY GROUP

Volunteer-run group based at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Rd. Workshops, rehearsals and events. For what's coming up or to enquire about hire, visit vogelmorn.nz or email vogelmornbc@gmail.com.

VOGELMORN TENNIS CLUB

Welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Join our social, family-friendly club. Club days, competitive play, professional coaching. vogelmorntennisclub.com call in, or email secretary@vogelmorntennisclub.com

WELLINGTON SWORDS CLUB

Based at the Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Park off Tanera Crescent. Contact Vicki Lamb, Head Coach on 970 7496 evenings Email: president@fencingcentral.org.nz

EVERY GIRLS' & BOYS' RALLY

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