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what's happening in your community



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Hi Everyone

What's On By the time you read this school term 3 will have ended and our busy fortnightly holiday programme will be well underway. All our regular groups at Brooklyn Community Centre and Vogelmorn Hall will be back in term 4 starting Monday 16 October. Check the What's On section in the middle of every Brooklyn Tattler for regular group listings or online at brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz

Several new activities started this year at Vogelmorn Hall including 'No Lights No Lycra.' As the name suggests, 'NLNL' is held in the dark, so you can dance with nobody watching. I know of several people who've been and they thoroughly enjoyed it. If you're up at the crack of dawn, then 'Wild Workouts' may be just the thing to start your day, with 45 minute fitness boot camps at 6am Mondays and Wednesdays. Fun classes open to all fitness levels.

Markets, fairs & calendars Our next monthly market is on Saturday 28 October 9:30am to 1pm. Our pre-Christmas market is in early December, so as not to clash with the biannual Brooklyn School Fair on Sunday 26 November. Our pre-Christmas market will feature extra stalls including the Brooklyn Kindergarten 2018 community fundraising calendars full of historic Brooklyn photos, many provided by local historian and regular Tattler contributor, Chris Rabey. The calendars are expected in October and will be available from local outlets including the Brooklyn Community Centre office. Have a great month.

THANK YOU KAY MILLER

At the Brooklyn Community Association's (BCA) recent AGM, previous President Kay Miller was thanked by current President Nick Ruane for her tireless work since she joined the BCA council in May 2013. Kay took over as President in May 2014, resigning at the end of June this year.



During her three years as President Kay has achieved much, including strengthened relationships with the Wellington City Council, local businesses and community groups; review of staff hours and pay increasing where needed; and encouraging staff to pursue personal development with BCA backing.

Kay proactively planned BCA's taking over of the Before School Care programme should the opportunity arise, which it did in July 2015; drove changes to financial reporting and management to better understand BCA's financial position for decision making; lead the development of a business continuity plan; and proposed the BCA establish the new roles of Manager BCA and Senior Childcare Supervisor, which were both implemented this year. Kay's other two outstanding accomplishments have been the community centre mural and the revamped Brooklyn Tattler.

Kay is continuing on as a BCA council member and you will often see her walking her dog Kodak around the village.

Thanks Kay!

BCA NEWS

Brooklyn Community Association held our 69th AGM on Sunday 17 September.

It was well attended with a very well received talk by one of Brooklyn's local councillor's, a local himself Brian Dawson. Cr Dawson spoke about his role as councillor and the portfolios he has as councillor and the important place that community centres have within a community.

BCA is about to start a new year with our newly elected council committee. I am excited to begin a full year as president with a council to support the great work that our staff do each and every day at the community centre.

Important focuses this year for council will be improvements to the community centre to ensure that the building is warm, dry and safe, and continuing work to promote and develop the monthly market.

I am also interested to start a conversation about the role that community centres play within communities. I would like to gain a deeper understanding from our community, and from the people who use the Brooklyn Community Centre, what our community see as its purpose today and going into the future what its purpose could become?

Many thanks,
Nick Ruane
President
Brooklyn Community Association

from the COUNCILLOR

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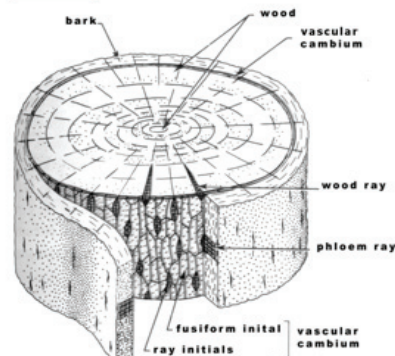
Council is now deep in the Long-Term Plan, including major projects such as the Convention and Film Museum, and a new arena to attract big ticket items to our city. As a city councillor, I am focused on getting things done, including small things such as improvements for pedestrians at the Todman Street/Owhiro Road intersection which is treacherous for anyone approaching at the side of the Salty Pidgin.

I am responsible for Central City projects, which includes the laneways that many Wellingtonians use on a regular basis.

Lombard Lane, which runs off Manners Street, has had a major upgrade and will be opened on October 20. Wellington has about 75 laneways, so upgrades are important for pedestrians, personal safety - and they make the city more interesting.

I am also working on a heritage plaques scheme, akin to the English Heritage scheme, to increase people's knowledge of Wellington's history. Our city's topography is challenging for the plaques' location! We want criteria that will stand the test of time, so need strict guidelines to ensure a robust process.

As one of your local ward councillors, I take pride in responding to your concerns so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a problem relating to the Council. I recommend use of the Council's Fix-It app (for those with smart phones) as it's an easy way to log problems that can often be solved easily.



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BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.



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Hi Residents

We are into Spring!

We held our Meet the Candidates event at St Matthew's and what a night, with over 100 residents with positive vibes. It was a credit to Katie who chaired the meeting with great control and humour.

One of the tip operators is the major offender of dirt on Ohiro Road. The road is being cleaned 3 times a week. The operator does not yet have a wheel wash. Enforcement personnel are monitoring the situation but if you find the road dirty phone the council and report it.

The intersection of Ohiro Road, Todman Street and Cleveland Street is problematic. BRAI have worked on potential changes, however, council has other plans which will be out for public consultation shortly. We require your help to get residents' input into changes at this dangerous intersection.

Sam has been working hard and put forward an alternative transport plan (without buses turning outside the Library or passengers crossing the road to change buses). We will also continue to look at safety and usability improvements to GWRC's current proposal.

Our next meeting is 7:30pm 22 November at St Matthew's Church, Washington Ave (our new meeting venue).

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WELLINGTON FISH MARKETS

In the early 1900s Brooklyn had just one fish shop, in Cleveland Street, selling fish caught from Cook Strait. This was brought mostly into Island Bay, while some went to town wharves. Steel hulled trawlers, pre-WW1 vintage, were sent out to fish the Strait waters, and wooden fishing boats joined them.

During the colder months of 1913 fish catches around Wellington were quite low. In May, Wellington fish sales totalled 2919. By October sales totalled 18119.

On May 29th, a large consignment of snapper was sent from Nelson. However, on arrival, the majority was unsaleable and had to be destroyed, though the balance was sold. It later transpired the fish had been put into large packing cases, packed under general merchandise with no ice added.

Once a smoke house was erected this proved a great advantage in dealing with fish arriving at the market from French Pass. The method of packing was not suitable for selling fresh, but good for smoking purposes. However the first shipment sent yielded little return for the fishermen, so supplies from this source declined.

The fish that arrived fresh at the markets were all sold from 6am to 1pm, in lots varying from 3 pence to two shillings.

Some fishermen in trawlers were catching large loads of fish, then putting them in sacks without being washed in seawater. The sacks were placed on top of each other, without any ice. On arrival at the wharf, the fish was generally only fit for smoking.

Artificial ice was obtainable from England, at 1/6d per ton crushed, and delivered on

board the ship. Imported natural ice from Norway cost a pound per ton. Therefore, fish in Wellington were cheaper than ice, and often fish were allowed to go bad for lack of proper cooling.

Many decades would pass before ice was produced locally and boats could load up with the ice prior to setting sail for the fishing grounds.

Once the fishing boats berthed, fish was unloaded into carriers using horse and carts, or motorised vehicles. Refrigerated trucks were unheard of then, so the time taken to travel to the fish market meant the fish were beginning to deteriorate quite quickly. Once at the market, ice was used, and it was then sent to the various shops in the suburbs for retail sale. The fish species we enjoy nowadays are much the same as 100 years ago, though we see a greater variety these days.



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PEA STRAW FUNDRAISER

Brooklyn Scouts is bringing back its popular pea straw fundraiser, this time to help our Scouts participate in the January 2018 Staveley Adventure Camp in South Canterbury.

Last year we sold out quickly so get in quick to secure your supply this year!

The pea straw bales will cost \$50 for 2 bales (much cheaper than bagged pea straw!) or \$90 for 4 bales. Additional bales after this will be \$20 each.

One bale will cover about eight square metres and provides a nutrient rich mulch to suppress weeds and preserve soil moisture.

Please note, the pea straw has been



sourced from a Kimbolton farm in the weevil-free Manawatu.

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The winners from Brooklyn Youth and Penguins. Back row, left to right: Archer and Toby (Junior Team). Front row: Phemie and Esther (Penguins), Anne and Rosa (Junior Team).

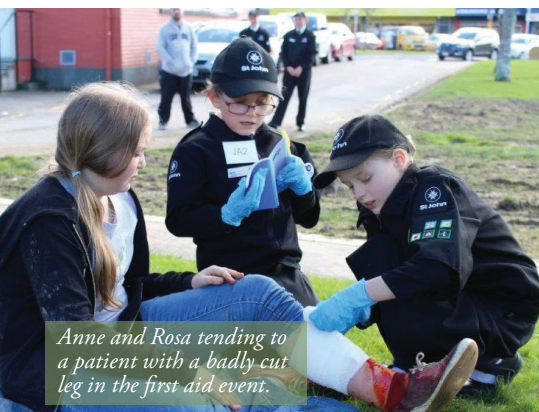
Centre, the competition saw all the Wellington District Competitors participate in several events where they were judged on their first aid, caring, communication, team work and other skills.

The Brooklyn Youth and Brooklyn Penguin teams were the overall winners of both the 6-8yrs old Penguins competition, and the 8-10yrs old Junior competition. The Brooklyn Senior Team are the current 2017 Regional Champion Team, and are looking forward to defending their title in September in Hamilton at the 2018 Regional First Aid Competitions.

A GREAT DAY OF FUN AND LEARNING

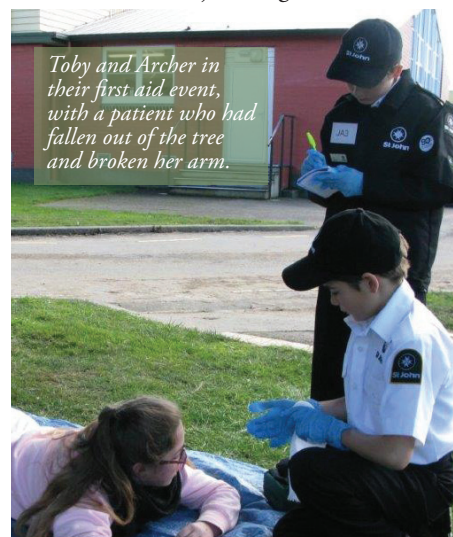
First aid emergencies were dealt with and patients fixed up swiftly and efficiently on Saturday 5 August when children aged 6-10 joined together for the St John Youth Wellington District First Aid Competition.

Hosted by the Wainuiomata Youth Division at the Wainuiomata Community



Anne and Rosa tending to a patient with a badly cut leg in the first aid event.

If you'd like to learn more about St John Youth and the Penguin programs run in Brooklyn, please contact Karen 389 4060 (Penguin Program 6-8 yrs) or Carol 0274 321 204 (Youth Division 8-18 yrs) or check out our website, stjohn.org.nz



Toby and Archer in their first aid event, with a patient who had fallen out of the tree and broken her arm.

from the LIBRARY



Kia ora koutou.

Greetings from the Brooklyn Library.

We hope you are enjoying the start of daylight saving. The blossoms have been beautiful in Brooklyn this spring and I have particularly enjoyed the magnificent magnolias in Central Park. We have a great selection of gardening books in the Library so if you feel the urge to get into the garden drop by and have a look at our shelves!

Dyslexic Books for Children

Wellington City Libraries has been increasing its collection of dyslexic books for junior readers. There is a display section for them at the Central Library - which you can browse - and they can be searched for on the catalogue in two ways:

First - search using the key words "dyslexic books" which will bring up books put out by the Dyslexic Books imprint. Once you've brought up the list on the catalogue you can refine it by choosing "Kids" and "Fiction", for example, at the top of the screen. This will narrow the list to a more appropriate selection.

Second - type in the key words "little gems". This is another publisher who have a great selection of junior dyslexic books. Once you

have the list up, you can narrow it in the same way described above.

If you need any help with searching for dyslexic books for your children please ask one of our friendly librarians for help. We can show you the search process - and examples of the books - and help you reserve any that you like the look of but can't find on the shelves. And remember - it is free to reserve on a child's or young adult's card. And, if the item is on the shelf at Central, you can have the reserve sent to Brooklyn Library for no extra charge. Free and convenient!

Braille Books for Children Our wonderful children's book buyer has also been purchasing a fantastic range of braille books. These expand the diversity of our collection so that we cater for all users and even sighted children enjoy the challenge of reading braille. Check out the board book section at Brooklyn for some great examples, or ask one of our librarians to help you find braille books in the Wellington City Libraries collection. We look forward to seeing you at the Brooklyn Library!

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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	
BROWNIES	Mondays 6-7:30pm during school terms. Call Margaret 389 3028
CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES	Before & Afterschool Care & Holiday Programmes. Ph Adam Hendry 385 0089 or childcare@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz
CRAFT CONNECTIONS	Crafters social group. Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm. Contact Louise at brockway@paradise.net.nz
INDIAN COOKING CLASSES	Saturdays & Sundays at 6pm depending on class numbers. Contact Anu at anugupta@extra.co.nz
EKKAALLAM CHURCH	Tamil Christian worship and service. Sundays 10am-12pm. Contact Robert tec.wgtn@gmail.com or 027 858 9916
HIP HOP & DANCE ACADEMY	Hip Hop + Junior Jazz Mondays 4:45-5:45pm. Contact Stephanie on 027 292 9921 or stephanieamandalee@gmail.com Fun Fairy Ballet for pre-schoolers and primary school children Tuesdays 4pm-5:30pm. Contact Fiona 476 7046 or 021 721 020
MONTHLY MARKET	Next market is on Saturday 28 October 2017, 9:30am-1pm. To book a stall contact Euan Harris on 384 6799
PATRICIA REILLY REMBUDEN	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. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
PILATES	Mondays 9-10am & Fridays 9-11am. Beth at renewpilates@gmail.com
PORSE PLAYSCHOOL	Wednesdays 9-11:30am. Contact Lyn Coutts 801 6814 or email lyn.coutts@porse.co.nz
ROCKING POPPING BODS	Fridays at 11:30am. Music and motion for 3 & 4 years. Contact Moya 021 050 3075 or rockingpoppingbods@gmail.com
ST JOHN CADETS	Tuesdays in school terms 6:30-8pm. Call Carol on 388 3838
TABLE TENNIS	Turn up Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm or Wednesdays 8pm. Open to people of all ages and ability. Tables, bats and balls provided. Philip 934 7445 or email codwg@paradise.net.nz
TAI CHI	Fierce Tiger Tai Chi Chuan School. Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm. Beginners welcome. \$10 casual and \$35 per month. Contact Ferne McKenzie on 389 1433 or ferne.david@extra.co.nz
ENCORE! TOTS MUSIC CLASS	Tuesday mornings. Music learning and heaps of fun for 1-2 year olds and 3-4 year olds! www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz Contact: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz or 04-976 8742.
KANGA TRAINING	Mondays 10:15-12. Postnatal workouts. Hannah 021 030 6981 http://www.facebook.com/KangatrainingWellingtonCentral/
ZUMBA FITNESS	Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15am. Contact Leia on 020 41109308 or cohenleia@gmail.com

what's on at VOGELMORN HALL & GREEN

Cnr Mornington and Vennell

To book Vogelhorn Hall & Green for classes, groups or events contact Euan Harris on 384 6799 or coordinator@brooklyncommunitycentre.org.nz	
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
FIONA HAINES DANCE	Wednesdays 4:30-7:30pm. Contact Fiona on 021 721 020 or f.haines.dance@gmail.com
GO KART (KIDS ART)	Go Kids art and craft classes for 7-12 years Thursdays 3:15-4:45pm. Contact Rowena at: rowena.fry@slingshot.co.nz
KARDIO POWER	Mondays 5:40-6:10pm. Patricia 383 9371 or 027 297 6049
NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA	Wednesdays fortnightly 8pm sharp (best to arrive before the doors close at 8pm) on 11 & 25 October, 8 & 22 November. www.facebook.com/NLNLWellington/
KOHA YOGA	Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am. Contact ming.janssen@gmail.com
SPIRIT TAEKWON-DO CLUB	Sundays 9:15am-11am. Thursdays 4:45pm-6:45pm. Contact Brett Kraiger via email: brett@spirit.net.nz
STRETCH & TONE	Mondays 6:10-6:40pm. 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 0361 info@wellington-iaido.com facebook.com/wellingtoniaido
WELLINGTON NAGINATA	Martial Arts Group Saturdays 9am - 11am. Contact Alice at alice.graham@compasshealth.org.nz
WILD WORKOUTS	Boot Camps 6am Mondays & Wednesdays for all fitness levels. Contact Annaliese 027 528 6833 or wildworkouts.co.nz
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RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

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OPEN WEEKDAYS 9AM-4PM

We would like to say a Big Thank You to the Brooklyn School volunteer army, years 7/8 for sharing their time and morning tea with us at the Resource Centre.

We really enjoyed your company. Thank you all for making our day.

Kirsty our Podiatrist has now scheduled monthly clinics and will be at the Centre on the 27 October. Please call for an appointment on 384 4299.

As our members are aware the Brooklyn Resource Centre has been sold.

The new family will move into Jefferson Street during mid January 2018.

Our new dedicated and supportive committee will keep you informed on how we intend to offer our core programme for 2018.

As soon as we have confirmed our plans we will advise our members and local community.

Hope to see you at the centre soon. Jenny

SPEAKERS - FRIDAYS 1:30-2:30PM

6 October - Cath Lyders

Heart Foundation Advocate

13 October - Richard Lucy
An introduction to contaminated sites

20 October - Veerle Heijnen
A breath of fresh air from the Netherlands

27 October - Utility Disputes

MONDAYS 9.30am Get the Beat: Music for Babies. Contact Lois Ph 973 1650

1-3pm Mah Jong

6-7pm Yoga

TUESDAYS 12-1pm Community Lunch.
Inexpensive lunch, everybody welcome.

WEDNESDAYS Garden club
1st Wednesday of the month

THURSDAYS Wgtn Handweavers & Spinners Guild Thursdays (1st & 3rd) 1-4pm
2nd Saturday 10.30-4. Val 389 7516 or 0274 364 741 or laybourns@clear.net.nz

FRIDAYS Podiatrist Ph 384 4299
27 October

FRIDAY CIRCLE If you know anyone who'd like a day out we'd love to have them join us, only \$15.

9am: Craft activities

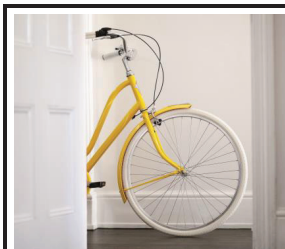
10.30: Morning Tea

Noon: Lunch

1pm: Arthritic Exercise

1:30-2:30pm: Speaker

2:30: Afternoon tea



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SCHOOL NEWS

JULIE SEEVENS

Lots of fundraising has been happening this month. St Bernards' science quiz raised over \$1,200 to go towards new Chrome Books. Ridgway School participated in the recent Onesie Day fundraiser for Wellington Free Ambulance, raised funds for Daffodil Day, and had a Market Day where children raised funds for organisations including Women's Refuge, SPCA and Wellington Children's Hospital. Brooklyn School's fair is on 26 November, so next term will be a big focus on fundraising for them.

St Bernards had a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) in September and also held a Cultural Day where the students dressed up in colours of their national countries. National dishes were brought in for a shared kai which made for a yummy day.

Brooklyn School have been fortunate to receive, from New World, a bee hive containing leafcutter bees. The bees remain dormant until the temperature has reached 21 degrees for 21 days. Luckily they don't have to be consecutive or we could be waiting a while to see them! New World have also provided the school with classroom resources to educate students on how important bees are to our environment. The school also recently had volunteers from BNZ painting fences and gardening.

Finally, our schools have been busy with Art Splash and Dance Splash performances at the Michael Fowler Centre. This is an annual event where primary and intermediate schools get to showcase their artistic talents to a wider audience. Term 4 runs from 16 October to 15 December for Ridgway and St Bernards schools and from 16 October to 19 December for Brooklyn School.

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friends of OWHIRO STREAM

By the time this issue of the Tattler appears, all the excitement of the election will be over. Whatever the result, we hope that there will be a slightly greener tinge to government decisions for the next three years.


In keeping with their electioneering promise to plant 1.2 million trees, about a dozen members of the Green Party came to our last working/planting bee on Saturday 9 September, giving up their time to help plant an area just south of Jamieson's Towing.

The results can be admired as you drive down to the south coast, or the tip. We could be cynical and say they were mainly there to help their campaign, but we thoroughly enjoyed their cheerful company and hardworking efforts. A group like this somehow generates an energy of its own, encouraging us all to work harder and longer, especially when the results are very obvious.

While working there, some of us discovered a new most non-favourite weed. *Tradescantia* of course is omnipresent, but it is quite satisfying to pull out great swathes of it. Other plants are more difficult to deal to, blackberry of course, but also hops and scrambling dock have been a problem.

On this day though, we were 'releasing' - and releasing is a very appropriate word - shrubs from Japanese honeysuckle. While I always knew it was a rampant climber, having seen it smothering everything in sight on the road to Wairoa, I had not realised that it had stems as tough as number 8 wire, that were impossible to pull by hand, but had to be cut. As for the roots - I am afraid to say, we didn't get that far, but we have been told they are just as much of a problem.

Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



*Brooklyn School students
weeding the daffodil bank.*

friends of CENTRAL PARK

The Student Volunteer Army helps Upstream Sharp at 9.30 on the morning of 11 February, the Student Volunteer Army invaded Central Park. It was the friendliest invasion imaginable, 55 students at Years 7 and 8 from Brooklyn School, with a clear objective, to help clean up the Park.

**Next Working Bee
Sunday 1 October**

The SVA was a student-led initiative. The students developed the concept and did the planning; they got in touch with Upstream about the help they could offer; they sent emails to parents to tell them about the plan and to ask for parent helpers.

The jobs were grouped into four work-stream: collecting rubbish (of course!); removing self-sown plants from the bank where the spring bulbs have been displayed, under the lime trees; clearing the drains alongside the tracks of twigs and plant litter; and using a benign mix of vinegar and baking soda, and lots of elbow grease, to scrub the surface of the deck beside the stream. Before arriving at the

Park, the students had sorted themselves into four groups so that no time was lost on site. It was an impressive performance.

The students worked consistently hard all morning and made a substantial difference to the appearance of the Park in that time: a spruced-up deck, rubbish collected, drains cleared and ready to cope with the next

shower or two, and unwanted seedlings removed to the compost heap. The group's activities were documented and there'll be a record of their experience going up on the school's website. One thing it will show: working in the Park and helping with community projects can be a lot of fun!

Upstream meets from 10am -12 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 right hand path upstream for a few hundred metres. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Lynne on 027 6311160 or at all.whites@xtra.co.nz

MATHS AND NUMERACY

Learning never stops. You can help your child's learning every day by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning.

Here are some ideas and easy fun activities that you can use to help your child to develop their numeracy skills at home.

For younger children:

find numbers around your home and neighbourhood – clocks, letterboxes, speed signs. Count forwards and backwards (clocks, fingers and toes, letterboxes, action rhymes, signs, stairs).

For children aged 8-11:

look through junk mail - find the most expensive and cheapest items advertised. Find and read large numbers in your environment, e.g. nineteen thousand, three hundred and twenty-three.



For Children aged 11 and over: talk about sales in town - 15% off, 33%, 20%, half price. Look for the best value. What would the price of the item be after the discount? Work out the floor area of your home, sports stadium or whare nui - how many square metres is it? Maths teaching has changed a lot since

many of us were at school and that can sometimes be a barrier to helping your kids with their homework and learning.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING

As a parent you want your child to succeed and to enjoy school. But education has changed since many of us were at primary

school. Inquiry-based learning is one of the biggest changes, active learning where children explore and research questions, problems or situations that excite their curiosity. If your child is working on an inquiry topic, how can you support them at home? Use open-ended questions:

Observing: Invite them to notice small details: "What shapes do you see in that spider web?"

Classifying: Put things in groups based on their characteristics: "How could you divide your toys according to a pattern?"

Predicting: Put ideas about how the world works into words and test them: "How long will an ice cube last sitting on the counter?" "How long might it last on another surface?"

Quantifying: Encourage children to quantify the world around them: "Who is the shortest person in the family? By how much?" "How many steps big is your room? The living room?"

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Research repeatedly shows the important role parents play in building children's positive attitudes, motivation, enjoyment and confidence as learners. I hope these ideas might help you with the great job you're already doing with your kids.

Andrew Pozniak, Principal, St Bernard's Primary School, Brooklyn

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Phone Susannah 384 7412

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9 October Pukerua Bay to

Mana via Te Ara Harakeke

walkway 9.08 No 8 bus,

9.44 train

16 October Walk to

Adelaide Rd. through

High School, No 3 bus to

Kilbirnie, walk around the

bays to city

23 October Labour Day

30 October Simla Cr,

Lucknow Tce. into

Nairville Park, Cockayne Rd,

Punjab St. into Odell

reserve, Old Porirua Rd.,

Lower Ngaio Rd., 9.18 No

7 bus, 10.02 train

6 November Strathmore

Heights/Ataturk Memorial.

Walk to Adelaide Road,

Catch 10.04 No 43 bus to

Strathmore Heights. Get

off at end of Kekerenga St

(at entrance to Forts and

Pa site). Walk to Ataturk

Memorial, down to coast

and airport.

13 November

Paekakariki to QE11 Park

and return via beach. 9.08

No 8 bus, 9.44 train

20 November Seatoun,

Pass of Branda, Breaker Bay,

Lyall Bay. 9.57 No 11 bus

from Wallace St.

27 November Mana,

Acheron Rd, Mana View Rd,

Penryn Dr, through reserve,

Pendennis Point, down

to waterfront and along

Cambourne walkway back to

Mana. 9.08 No 8 bus, 9.44 train

4 December Petone

Esplanade to Lower Hutt,

via Shandon Golf course

and Sladden Park. 9.38 No

7 bus, 10.07 No 83 bus

from railway station

11 December Xmas lunch

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