



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

**14 May 2020**  
**Newsletter**



## **PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

### Alert Level 2

On Monday May 18 we will be ready to welcome back our students. We have been preparing the classrooms and our systems to ensure we are able to minimise the risk of someone getting infected, and second, ensuring we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact if someone in the school is infected. Today, the staff and I finalised the processes and I am sharing them with you to ensure you know what we are doing to make Browns Bay School safe.

### **The key messages are:**

- Ensure people feeling generally unwell stay away from school
- Maintain physical distancing (students are not breathing or touching each other)
- Good hygiene practices
- Keep track of who is in school

### **First Day Back**

Monday will be quite a change for the children – some will be excited, others nervous and some quite anxious. To support the children please check their bag the night before to check it has a book bag, raincoat, lunch and drink bottle (perhaps a little extra for lunch), ensure uniform is ready to go, school shoes still fit, etc. - all the stuff we are out of the habit of doing. Let them know there will be an adjustment period and that this is okay! Teachers will be focusing on student well-being and setting up good hygiene practices.

### **Hygiene Focus**

Teachers will continue to encourage students to regularly wash and dry their hands, and to cough / sneeze into their elbows. Each classroom will have supplies of soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser, wipes and disinfectant spray. All surfaces will be cleaned daily.

### **Physical Distancing**

Students and staff will be asked to stay away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Teachers, to ensure students have their own space, have reviewed classroom seating. We have also replaced Full School Assemblies with Team Assemblies in the Hall and painted markings on the ground by entrances to show correct distancing.

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## **Parents Onsite**

Everyone coming into the school, including parents, must sign a School Register. Adults onsite must use safe distancing practice (1 metre where practicable). At Alert Level 2 we would ask parents when on site to stay outside the classrooms.

## **DROP OFF**

The school day will begin as usual at 8.50am for all students. There will be an increased number of staff on duty around the school and teachers will be in their rooms from 8.30am.

## **Students are not to arrive at school before 8.30am**

We ask parents to drop children off outside the gate and remain in their cars because we are required to register EVERY ADULT coming on to the school site. If a parent needs to walk into the school grounds between 8.30 and 9am you will need to use either the Office (Masterton Road), or the ESOL / Room 8 (Masterton Road) entrances. At these entrances, the parent (please only one per family) will be required to register before coming on site. The other entrances will be for students only.

**Our preference is parents do not come on site in the morning and drop students off outside the gate.**

## **PICK UP**

Parents coming on site at PICK-UP time must use either the Office gate (Masterton Road) or the ESOL / Room 8 gate (Masterton Road) entrances from 2.40pm – please wait in your car until that time. You may exit via any of the gates.

Students will be released at staggered times over the week of May 18 – 22.

**Year 1 and 2** will be available for collection at **2.45pm** from the classroom (if you come onsite then you must register with your classroom teacher).

**Year 3 and 4** will be released at **2.55pm** and collected from outside the gates.

**Year 5 and 6** will be released at **3.05pm** and collected from outside the gates.

**Our preference is only parents of Year 1 and 2 students come on site for pick – up.**

We ask that everyone vacates the school grounds as soon as possible. The school grounds are not available for public use at this time.

It would be appropriate to talk about this with your child and make sure they know what their arrangements are for the end of the day.

## **Stay home if sick**

Parents are asked to keep sick children at home. Symptoms to look out for are a cold, head cold, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, sore throat, chills and a fever. Anyone with these symptoms should not enter school. If a child is showing these symptoms then the parent will be asked to collect them from school.

## **Distance Learning**

The expectation is all students will be attending school at Alert Level 2. Distance Learning will only be available for students who are required to self-isolate due to Covid-19 or are vulnerable to serious illness.

## **School Lunches**

School lunches will be available from Monday 18 May. The morning tea and lunchtime counter sales will not be available. EZI-lunch and Subway will operate as normal from May 18.

## **Teacher Meetings**

We would ask that over the next two weeks parents do not ask for meetings with teachers before and after school. We would like the opportunity to firmly establish the routines around school drop off and pick-ups. Teachers can be contacted by email.

## Summary

I would like to acknowledge the Browns Bay School Community for their patience and positive attitude over the past weeks. Teachers, have worked very hard to provide Distance Learning over the Lock-down and maintain communication with families. The students have given their best in a trying situation. I look forward to everyone being back on site because a school without its children, teachers and parents is quite a dull place.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday 21 May – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm

Monday 01 June – Queens Birthday (School closed)

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## SCHOOL NOTICES

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### Sports

All Inter-School/Super Cluster Sports events have been cancelled this term.

Our after school organised sports competitions are currently suspended/on hold as we are waiting on directives and further information from the organising sporting bodies.

Basketball/Miniball

Netball

Hockey

Flippa Ball

As soon as we have been advised from the above sporting bodies we will be in contact with the coaches/managers who will advise their teams of the outcomes and decisions made.

While we work through Level 2 restrictions and health and safety guidelines/procedures Team training/practices are not permitted on school grounds until further notice.

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## FOTS

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### FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with BBS? For news, photos, updates, and event information, go to: [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/)

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Creating  
**OPPORTUNITIES**  
for your

children's awesomeness  
**TO SHINE**

sKids Browns Bay @ level 2

We are very excited to be re-opening Before  
and After School Care from Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
May.

sKids will be operating under the same level  
2 Guidelines as Browns Bay School.  
This will include regular cleaning, good  
hygiene practices and if students or staff are  
sick they will be asked to stay at home.  
Everyone that enters sKids will be registered.

We operate 7am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm  
weekdays

For information and bookings

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