

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers Kia Ora Koutou

It has been a challenging year with Covid – 19 and all the various lockdown levels associated with this but it has been a challenge that the school community have met. The school community, especially our children, have displayed resilience and a positive attitude to all the barriers they have faced in 2020. We spent a few more days at home than expected though we did manage to learn new skills with the Distance Learning. We were also able to participate in outdoor education days, camps, class trips, some sports and fun was had by all at the movie night and disco. It was great to see so many families enjoying the Jingle night – thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped put it all together so we could have a great finale to the year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As this is the last newsletter, I would like to acknowledge the three groups in our community: our children, our parents/caregivers and our school staff. The school staff are a team who work hard and put in a great effort to provide our students with the best teaching. They also find time for the extras in the classroom, on the sports field, in the studio, in the office and in the school environment. Our teachers know learning is life-long. They know an education is very important for a successful future. I thank them for that effort and commitment to the students.

The second group in our team are our parents. They are a very active group who support the children with their learning at home and at school. You have participated in Zoom meetings and helped your children with distance learning. You have attended conferences, continued sports coaching and management, helped in the classrooms and supported us at our special events. I have been fortunate to be part of a Board of Trustees, led by Jane Retimana, which has worked as a cohesive team to govern the school exceptionally well. The Board is continually establishing goals that will set Browns Bay School up for a wonderful future. I would also like to single out the FOT's group, led by Christine Wilson, for particular recognition for supporting our school with fundraising and helping with special events.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of our students for their attitude and aptitude towards their learning. I have seen their enthusiasm and motivation in the classroom and their politeness and caring nature in the playground. Every day I see examples of

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our school values on display through their actions and their wonderful attitude to learning. It is great for all the teachers to see. Keep it up.

Please keep safe over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the new school year on Tuesday, 9 February 2021.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS

It is with a touch of sadness, yet with high expectations, that we farewell our Year 6 pupils as they move on to Intermediate School. Many of these pupils have been at Browns Bay School since they started as 5 year olds, some have come to us from other schools and others have come to us from other countries. However, they all have in common the fact that they are Browns Bay School pupils.

We thank all Year 6's for the contribution they have made to our school. We hope that in the future they will look back on their time at Browns Bay School with fondness.

PROPERTY UPDATE

TEMPORARY CLASSROOM

You will have noticed that temporary classrooms are being sited on the school field for the 2021 school year. We understand that this will temporarily restrict the use of a small area of the field in the short term. However, the hard work of our school management and board has allowed us to secure these six temporary classrooms, avoiding the situation faced by many schools having to conduct classes in their school halls and library buildings while their school builds are being completed. We hope you agree with us that this is a good result for all our students in 2021.



ROOMS 18 - 20

When we return in 2021, the four classrooms by the Hall (Rooms 18 - 20) will be gone. We are expecting Rooms 20 - 21 (closest to the Hall) to be demolished while Rooms 18 and 19 are being relocated to the field and added to our "Village on the Field". At the end of the Building project, planned to be completed in 2022, all the classrooms will be removed from the field. The photo below shows the four rooms that are being removed to make way for the new 12 classroom block.



ROOM 1 – 7 DECK

This is a view of the progress on the deck outside Rooms 1-7. The sound barrier covers are effectively blocking the noise.

My office provides a great window to view the steady progress of the work being done here. The preparation stage is nearly finished with the building work starting very soon. Over the holidays a wooden deck will be built that will run the length of the building. The brick walls will remain. Once the deck is built the two sets of windows will be replaced with sliding doors to enable the covered deck to be used as an outdoor learning space.



The canopy is expected to go up in the Term 1 break.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2021

In 2021 all schools are entitled to Teacher Only Days as part of the Teacher's Collective Agreement agreed to with the Ministry of Education. These days mean the school is closed to students and they are not added on at the end of the year. There are six of these days to be utilised by June 2022. The Primary and Intermediate schools in our Kahui Ako Cluster (our Kahui Ako involves Murrays Bay Intermediate), have agreed on the following days next year. These are: Term 4: Oct 26

Term 2: June 4 Term 3: Sept 3

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The final school reports will be available on the Parent Portal on Friday at 3.15pm. It is recommended that you log onto the Parent Portal prior to this to ensure you can get access. The link is https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login

I hope you all have a lovely break with family and friends.

Peter Mulcahy PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2021 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 10 December – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm -		Friday 11 December - Final Yr 4-6 Assembly - 11am - Hall	
	Staffroom	(Yr 6 leading)	
Friday 11 December – Reports online – 3.15pmThursday 28 Jan – School Office open – 10am-2pm		Tuesday 15 December – Term 4 ends – 1pm	
		Tuesday 09 February – Term 1 2021 Starts	

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DATES FOR 2021

5 March Junior Outdoor Education Day – In school 8-10 March Year 5 Camp 1 (Classes TBC) – Peter Snell Youth Village 10-12 March Year 5 Camp 2 (Classes TBC) – Peter Snell Youth Village 8-10 March Year 6 Camp – Carey Park Camp 26 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day by MERC (Classes TBC) - In School 29 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day by MERC (Classes TBC) - In School 10-11 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days - (Classes TBC) - MERC 17-18 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days – (Classes TBC) – MERC

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER STARS

At the last school assemblies, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements: YEAR 0/1 TEAM - Elle Turner 1,



Henry Yu 2, Veronica Zhou 8, Rita Hu 9, Ivory Tichen 10, Nell Brown 11, Isabella Sheridan 12

YEAR 2 TEAM - Minnow Parkinson 3, Aiden Lawrence 4, Millie McKenzie 5, Meekah Swanepoel 6, Finley Brown 7 YEAR 3 TEAM - Abbie Lyons 26, Max Andrews 13, Maddie Neville-McIntyre 14, Zain Al-Sakini 15 JUNIOR VALUES AWARD – Alexander Gao 10



YEAR 4 TEAM - James Peng 24, Sophia Dai 25, Sofia Klun 27, Ahana Verma 28 YEAR 5 TEAM - Isla Watson 16, Emily Wainhouse 17, Ethan Cooper 22, Leelan Russell 23 YEAR 6 TEAM - Daisy Coe 18, Rylan Van Der Loo 19, Jessica Xu 20, Daniel Tennant 21 SENIOR VALUES AWARD - Xavier Badland 21 ARTS AWARD – Elizabeth Stanger 20, Emily Armes 18 ACHIEVEMENT CUP - Yihan Lu 24, Jonathan Xu 24 SERVICE TO SCHOOL AWARD – Hope Williams 18 SPORTS CUP – Cooper Baker 18 SPORTSMANSHIP CUP - Ruby Smith 18



ICAS RESULTS

In Term 4 many of our older students challenged themselves academically by taking part in the ICAS Educational Assessments for Schools. Because of Covid-19 they sat the exams later in the year and had to wait for their certificates to be posted out. However, we do have the results and there are a large number of Browns Bay School students who have received a Distinction (in the top 10% of students in their year level in New Zealand) or a High Distinction (in the top 1%). I would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements:

MATHS HIGH DISTINCTION	MATHS DISTINCTION	MATHS DISTINCTION CONT	ENGLISH HIGH DISTINCTION	ENGLISH DISTINCTION
Bosco Jin	Daniel Fang	Lawrence Ma	Sophie Lau	Sophie Herde
Yihan Lu	Jun Jiang	Alex Su	Yihan Lu	Sophia Brandolino
Cody Yang	Primo Du	Edison Jiang	Jonathan Xu	Edison Jiang
Sophie Herde	Sophie Lau	Noah Li		Chris Kumala
Jessica Xu	Lucas Liu	Bella Liang		Jessica Xu
Jonathan Xu	Elaine Chen	Samantha Ridgely		Aidan Hutchinson
Roy Deng	Kieran Dong	Joe St Johanser		
	William Keesing (as	Lucy Gao		
	a Year 3 sitting the Year 4 exam)	Caleb Stuart	_	

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES HIGH DISTINCTION	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES DISTINCTION	SCIENCE HIGH DISTINCTION	SCIENCE DISTINCTION	SCIENCE DISTINCTION CONT
Alex Su	Roy Deng	Bella Liang	Emmie D`Aguiar-	Sophie Lau
			Sanders	Jessica Xu
Sophie Herde	Rocky Hang	Sophie Herde	Roy Deng	Yihan Lu
	Edison Jiang		Edison Jiang	Jonathan Xu
	Bella Liang		Samantha Ridgley	Kieran Dong
	Samantha Ridgely		Jun Jiang	Andrew Feng
	Yihan Lu		William Keesing (Y3)	Aidan Hutchinson

Very special mention must be made of Sophie Herde for receiving a medal for the ICAS Science exam. Sophie achieved the top score across New Zealand for the exam. This is only the third time we have ever had a medal recipient from Browns Bay School. In non-Covid times the medal would have been awarded to Sophie at a special ceremony at the University along with all of the medal winners across the country. Sophie, we are extremely proud of you and your achievement and we know there will be many more for you. Congratulations!



<u>JINGLE</u>

Yay it went ahead and what a great night! Thank you for all the wonderful performances and great food! A huge thank you to everyone involved in making Jingle such a great night, including the enthusiastic audience! Well done Browns Bay School.









<u>YEAR 6 RAINBOWS END TRIP</u> The Year 6 students enjoying their fabulous day out at Rainbows End.



























YEAR 1 AND 2 CULTURAL DAY

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their Cultural Day which involved a yummy shared lunch and a decoration day.





THE STUDIO ACTIVITIES Room 10 with ribbons.

Room 4 with bucket drums.



NETBALL

Covid-19 in 2020 made sport very difficult and saw lots of codes cancelled and seasons cut short. Netball was no exception with no netball being played in Term 2 and only a handful of games taking place in Term 3 - the 2 normal netball terms. Kidzplay was able to carry on into Term 4 so some of our younger girls managed to get a few games under their belt – and finished the season with dress up games. See below some of our Year 4s as Minions, Year 1s as superheroes and our Year 5s who won 4 out 6 games this season! We would like to thank everyone who was involved in netball for their flexibility, patience and support. We would also like to acknowledge all of those parents who coached and managed teams for the school and their children, and especially thank the ex-pupils from Northcross, Long Bay College and Rangitoto College who gave their time to coach teams this year. Without volunteers like this, running a sport with over 12 teams would not be possible. Wishing our Netball community a great break and looking forward to having some netball played in 2021!







BARRY JOHNSTON REGATTA

Arran Begic, Matthew Fleming, Tehya Harris and Sofia Andrews represented Browns Bay School at the Barry Johnston Regatta. Arran and Matthew won their races and came first overall individually. Well done boys. Browns Bay School came second overall in the relay race and second overall for the whole regatta.





ROOM 24 TREE PLANTING

The Year 4 team were lucky enough to plant 2 native trees each, a Kowhai and a Totara. Sarah and Ben Sheeran kindly organised the trees and then helped us to plant them. We are hoping to attract native birds and insects to the area behind our rooms. We are also looking forward to caring for our trees and watching them grow while we are at Browns Bay School.











ECO WARRIORS



If you have been around the middle school area in the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed a new vegetable garden outside Room 25! In week 7, our BBS Eco-Warriors (plus a few Year 3 helpers) planted a few small seedlings to grow into tomatoes, capsicums, lettuce and spinach. A big thanks to our local Browns Bay New World for donating the Little Garden seeds as well as the wood to put together the veggie garden itself! Our small team has been watering these plants every day to ensure they grow. If anyone in the Browns Bay School community happen to be around the school over the summer holidays, feel free to give these plants a good watering – they're going to need it over the hot summer months ahead!!







GINGERBREAD HOUSES BY ROOM 22







SCHOOL NOTICES

EDUCATIONAL ESSENTIALS STATIONERY PACKS 2021

2021 school stationery packs can be ordered through our Kindo online school shop from Monday 14 December 2020. It's open 24/7 so you can make your purchase at a time that works for you. Stationery lists are ordered according to the main **Year Group** your child is in.

<u>Click here to login or register</u> and place your 2021 stationery orders from Monday 14 December 2020.

Need assistance?

Call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

ALL Online School orders made before 01 February 2021 will be delivered DIRECT TO THE SCHOOL for distribution to your child when school starts

Stationery lists can also be viewed on the school website from 14 December 2020.





SCHOOL LEAVERS - NOTICE RE EZLUNCH/KINDO SCHOOL SHOP

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to <u>hello@mykindo.co.nz</u> requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

- 1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
- 2. State the current balance on the account
- 3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school) *Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February.*

Menu changes for Term 1 2021

Go-Deli has advised they will be making the following menu changes for next term:



Catering

Items to be added:

- Tuna sandwich tuna, may, cucumber, wholemeal bread
- Ham & cucumber sandwich ham, mayo, cucumber, wholemeal bread
- Sweet & Sour Noodle Salad egg noodles, cucumber, carrot, capsicum, Wakame seaweed, sweet & sour dressing
- Vietnamese Style Fresh Vegetarian Spring Roll vegetables, dressing
- Edamame beans steamed, served cold
- NZ Natural lightly sparkling water NATURALLY FLAVOURED, NO ADDED SUGAR (Mandarin & Passionfruit flavour 250ml)*
 * please note if you do not have drinks on your menu, this drink will not be added.



Items to be added:

- Ham, cheese & tomato croissant
- Banana Bread
- Carrot Cake

UNIFORM/LOANED UNIFORM

Please ensure your child's uniform items are **clearly labelled** for the start of the New Year. We also ask that you please check that your child is not wearing another student's item of clothing. Please check this before the end of the Term.

If your child has been loaned any uniform items from the office throughout the year, please could these be returned to the office as soon as possible as we only have a limited supply to draw from. *Thank you*.

FOTS – Friends of the School

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

Thank you to the entire school community for supporting us this year. With your help (and an amazing \$7,500 raised at Jingle) we will be donating a revised figure of \$18,000 to Browns Bay School!! This will go a long way towards helping enhance the current property developments taking place at Browns Bay School.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

A big thank you to our FOTS members for all the time and effort they have given over the year, in particular Christine Wilson, Angela Hutchinson, Michael Corbett, Amy van der Loo, Holly Thomas, Sarah Sheeran, Louise Rich, Camille Smith, Rebecca Gourlay, Siobhan Richards, Jacky Carr and Peter Mulcahy.

JINGLE JINGLE JINGLE

What a great night we had at Jingle. We hope you all enjoyed the entertainment and catching up with other Browns Bay families. Our food stalls once again sold out, and a special thank you must go to our Chinese and Korean families for their generous contributions. Thank you to all the teachers for taking on the Jingle Jar stand again, a mammoth effort. Thanks also to everyone who helped set up and run the stalls.



DRAGON BROTHERS BOOKS

This fundraiser has now closed. Thank you to all families who have purchased these books. We hope you really enjoy them. All ordered books have been distributed to classes this week. **STUDENT ARTWORK CALENDARS & STATIONERY**

We are expecting delivery of the 2nd order of calendars & stationery this week.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We are now accepting donations at the school office for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held early next year. **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK** For news, photos, updates, and event information, go to: <u>www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/</u>





COMMUNITY NOTICES



The Chess Power Coaching Programme will continue to operate from the ESOL room from 3.10-4.10 on Thursdays after school next year. The sessions are run by a trained coach and include formal instructions, learning new strategies and skills, and then having opportunities to practice these in a game.

The first session will start on the 11th February and will continue for 10 weeks.

If you'd like to register your child for the term 1 programme, go to this link <u>www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration</u> then choose your school/group and fill in your child's details. Payment can be made online.

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is open from 1pm Tuesday 15th December (last day of school)

options available: 1pm to 3pm - 1pm to 4.3opm

1pm to 6pm - Choose special day

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Also

OUR. SUMMER. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS NOW OPEN FOR. BOOKINGS:

16eh - 18eh DEC 2020

11thJeh- 05th Feb 2021

We have a fabulous programme lined up. We have really enjoyed putting together this summer holiday programme for your Children.

To Check out our Holiday programme aCtivities and all bookings NB: Limited bookings this year.

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For any queries email or Call Sue: <u>brownsbay@skids.Co.nZ</u> ph:021384030

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