



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

07 February 2019  
Newsletter

CHINESE ZODIAC  
**Year of the Pig**



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

Happy Chinese New Year – the Year of the Pig

Welcome back to the new school year, and a particularly warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined our school community this year.

The School year had a great start on Monday and students settled quickly into their new environments. We had a brief school assembly on Monday to remind students about our school values, with a particular emphasis on the value of Taking Responsibility (*Takohanga*) to start the year. I also spoke about the wearing of correct uniform, and the importance of wearing both a hat, and shoes with this warm weather. The concrete/asphalt areas are too hot for children not to be wearing shoes.

As many of you are aware our Principal, Peter Mulcahy, has been awarded a TeachNZ Principal Sabbatical and will be on leave for Term 1. Peter will be spending some of this time investigating classroom designs and how they can be best used to ensure improved outcomes for student learning.

In Peter's absence I will be taking on the role of Acting Principal, and the Associate Principals will take on responsibility for the Year levels – Liz Day (Year 1-3) and Jacky Carr (Year 4-6).

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### MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

**Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 February**

The Meet the Teacher evenings are a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about the programme that will be operating in your child's classroom. The scheduled days/times are:

<b>Tuesday 12 February</b>	6.00pm	Rm 20
<b>Wednesday 13 February</b>	6.00pm	Rms 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12
	6.45pm	Rms 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23
<b>Thursday 14 February</b>	6.00pm	Rms 2, 3, 14, 15, 24, 25, 27, 28

If you are unable to attend, information will be made available through the class pages on our website [www.brownsbay.school.nz](http://www.brownsbay.school.nz)

### NEWSLETTER

The newsletter, along with the Notice sent out by hard copy the first day of school, aims to inform you of the start of the year details. This information will also be available on our school website. In two weeks I will send out our second newsletter for the year. Newsletters are sent out electronically via email so please advise any change to your email address since December 2018 to [terrym@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:terrym@brownsbay.school.nz) with **Newsletter** in the subject line, to ensure you receive the next newsletter.

## KIA KAHA

One of our focus areas for 2019 is the whole school implementation of the Kia Kaha Programme. This is an Anti-bullying programme supported by the NZ Police. Teachers will be implementing this programme throughout the year, with support from our Police Education Officer. The Programme is designed to help young people learn and apply a range of safe practices that they can use to build and maintain successful relationships throughout their lives.

Jo Hewitt

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 12 February – Pre-school visit Rm 12	Tuesday 12 February – Meet the Teacher Rm 20
Wednesday 13 February – Meet the Teacher (scheduled rooms)	Wednesday 13 February – International Student’s Parent Orientation Meeting – 9.00am
Thursday 14 February – Meet the Teacher (scheduled rooms)	Wednesday 20 February – Board of Trustees Meeting

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## SCHOOL EVENTS

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### OUTDOOR EDUACTION PROGRAMME / CAMP DATES

Year 0-2	Outdoor Education Day	Friday 8 March
Year 3	Outdoor Education Day	Wednesday 8 May (Rooms TBC) Thursday 9 May (Rooms TBC)
Year 4	Camp	Monday 6 – Tuesday 7 May (Rooms TBC) Monday 13 – Tuesday 14 May (Rooms TBC)
Year 5	Camp	Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 March (Rooms TBC) Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 March (Rooms TBC)
Year 6	Camp	Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 March

A reminder that Police Vets are required if a parent is intending to stay overnight at a camp. If you are unsure if you have a current police vet please contact the school office or email Jo Hewitt – [joh@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:joh@brownsbay.school.nz). Police vets are taking a number of weeks to be returned so please action this asap if required.

### WATERWISE – Level 5 Sailing Programme – Waiake Beach

Those Year 5 and 6 children who are on Level 5 of our Waterwise Programme will begin their sailing programme at Waiake Beach on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Information will be sent home with these children shortly. The Programme relies on parents who are able to volunteer – most especially those that are our trained instructors. Thank you to those parents who have undertaken the training to support us with this valuable programme – we couldn’t do it without you.

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## SCHOOL NOTICES

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### SPORTS

Over the next few weeks students will be given the chance to join various sports teams. This is advertised in our daily notice that goes to all classes. Information and registration is generally online through our school website. Information has already been advised with regard to Miniball / Basketball and Flippaball – these sports start very early in the school term. Specific information with regard to these sports was included in the notice that went home on Monday, and is available on our school website [www.brownsbay.school.nz/sports](http://www.brownsbay.school.nz/sports)

**Registrations for Basketball (Year 5/6) must be made online via the school website and are due by Friday 8 February.**

**Registrations for Miniball (Year 3/4) and Flippaball are due by 9.00am on Monday 11 February.**

### **LUNCHROOM**

The lunchroom will continue to open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Children will need to bring their lunch order in a named envelope and put it in the lunchbox in their classroom. Ezilunch will also continue to operate on those days and Subway will continue on a Thursday.

### **FOOD ALLERGIES**

We have a group of children who can react seriously to various foods. PEANUTS and TREE NUTS are two such foods. Severe allergies present a considerable challenge to schools, children and families. Symptoms can cause significant health problems for allergic students.

We encourage parents to monitor the food that is placed in your child's lunchbox. We would appreciate you not including those items if at all possible.

### **WHOOPIING COUGH**

Auckland Regional Public Health Service expects a spike in whooping cough cases to continue, after 28 schools in Auckland were affected late last term. Whooping cough is a highly infectious disease and can cause serious illness for young children. • Vaccination is free and offers the best protection against this disease - please check with your doctor if you are unsure of your child's vaccination history. • If your child has symptoms of whooping cough, please keep them at home away from school. They should be seen by a GP. • Whooping cough starts like a cold with a runny nose, cough and fever and is spread by coughing. After 7-10 days, the cough becomes more severe and prolonged coughing spasms occur that may end with a whoop, dry retching or vomiting. • Students with suspected whooping cough are excluded from school and this is disruptive to their learning and often parents' work schedules. • If you are pregnant, protect yourself and your baby - see your GP for a free vaccination in your third trimester of every pregnancy (28-38 weeks). Protect new babies by immunising on time at 6 weeks, 3 months and 5 months. If you or your children are experiencing symptoms or you would like more information, visit your doctor or call Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.

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## ***FOTS – Friends of the School***

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### **WELCOME!**

Hello! It's great to see our new and returning families to BBS for 2019! If you don't already know us, FOTS are a voluntary committee of parents/caregivers and BBS staff who create activities and events for our students and families and fundraise for BBS. We're currently focusing fundraising on more Shade Cover, Junior Outdoor Education Days, School Camps and more!

To keep progressing our fundraising efforts and to continue to host favourite events like Discos, Family Movie Nights, Jingle etc, we need more volunteers to help plan and organise activities. Developing FOTS events is very flexible and can fit around commitments to work and family, so please consider getting involved. Your time and effort is really valued, and it's really rewarding to help create memorable experiences and outcomes for our BBS kids and families. We look forward to seeing you soon.

President: Christine Wilson; Vice-President: Rebecca Gourlay; Treasurer: Amy van der Loo; Secretary: Angela Hutchinson.

Please contact us for more info: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

**NEXT FOTS MEETING – THURSDAY, 21 FEB from 7:15pm in the school office conference room**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

In March we'll be holding the FOTS Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted in for a 1 year term. The AGM marks the start of the new committee for the year and is a great time to get involved.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any BBS school uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate to us for the uniform fundraising sale later this term? Please bring them in to the office over the coming weeks. We'll be holding the sale towards the end of term 1 when the weather is a little cooler and the abundance of fleeces we have in stock will be needed!

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/)

## *Community Notices*

### THINKING CAPS

Maths tutoring is working at Browns Bay School every Thursday morning. If you want extra help for your child's maths, we have spaces available. Years 3-6. Sessions based on the school curriculum with friendly and experienced teachers. Phone: Julie 027 2453870 or Office 09 424 3536 [www.thinkingcaps.co.nz](http://www.thinkingcaps.co.nz)

### LEARNING MUSIC CAN ADD AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Our school partners with the Music Education Centre to offer students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument here at school. These lessons are offered by specialist instrumental teachers and also means that busy parents don't have to worry about transporting their children long distances to music lessons. Enrolments close on February 18<sup>th</sup>, so follow the link below or phone the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39 for more information.

<https://goo.gl/forms/OP2vW34Cpbn00jkr2>

## Girls Pre-season Football Camp

Do you want to have fun?



AGES 5 TO 16 YEARS

Thursday 7th, 14th & 21st of February 2019  
4.30 - 5.30 pm

At East Coast Bays Football Club Andersons Road, Browns Bay

**This camp will also be the trial period for girls  
ages 8 to 16 years old**

Whether you have never played before or already play for a team, come and join us to learn new skills and play fun games.

Football is a fantastic way to keep healthy and to make new friends.

Modern facilities and great coaches

To find out more contact: [jeremisbouvet@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremisbouvet@hotmail.com)

## Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

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