



10 February 2022
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

Happy Lunar New Year – the Year of the Tiger.

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.

COVID-19 RED UPDATE

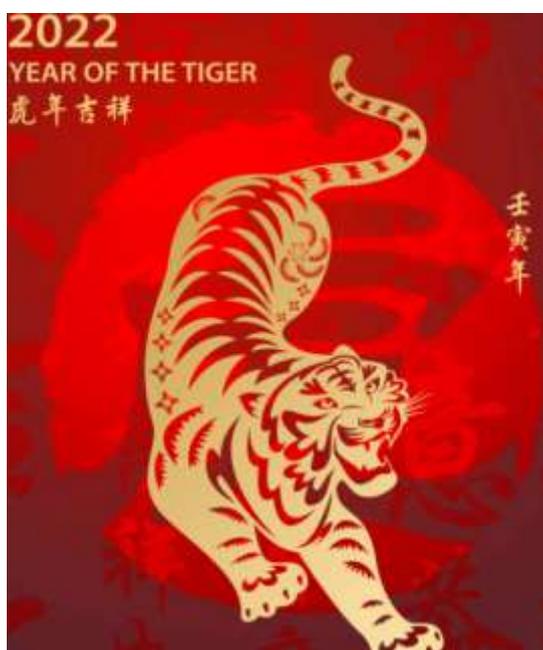
I would like to acknowledge the support from parents while we navigate the Red level expectations for our school. I appreciate parents waiting outside the school, wearing masks, and not coming on to the school grounds.

The Ministry of Education has provided guidelines on the processes we are to follow if we have a case connected to the school. What we already know is that:

- Close Contacts must isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status
- In Auckland, household members of Close Contacts do not need to isolate. (Note: that this differs to the advice on the Ministry of Health website and is a change specifically for the Auckland region).
- Casual Plus Contacts are no longer traced.
- If there is a case in a class, it may mean that only that class will be Close Contacts and only those students and teacher will move to Home Learning while they self-isolate for 10 days.

We will also continue to:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- monitor for illness and ask anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID-19 if recommended to do so



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- reinforce the importance of good hand washing practice
- reinforce wearing masks for Year 4 to 6 students, and any person coming on site
- regularly clean all areas of our school
- restrict access to the school to Essential persons only

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Over the holiday break we have had a busy time on the school site with projects completed in readiness for the start of the year.

Room 20 and 21.

These rooms have had roof leaks repaired, ceiling and walls painted, and wall linings replaced. The final autex wall lining will be installed in a few weeks on a weekend.

Air Conditioning

Air conditioning units have been updated in the Office and Administration blocks and installed in the Hall area.

Boiler Room

The boiler was removed from the school late last year. The coal shed and boiler room have been lined and shelved to be used as a storage area.

Room 1 to 7 Development

We are still waiting on the canopy over the deck. The company constructing the canopy have a significant backlog of jobs due to the restrictions last year.

Pool Redevelopment

The swimming pool shed is being rebuilt by the Ministry of Education (artist impression shown on the right).



The school is developing this area with a shade sail and bench seats.

The PE shed has been demolished and a site is being set for a new shed.

NEW BUILD

The New Build, consisting of 12 classrooms, has continued construction over the holidays. The Woodview Team have been completing the roof install and joinery for the walls.



BOARD NEWS

Our previous Board Chair, Daniel Smith, has stood down from the Board as the family have moved up North. I would like to acknowledge Daniel's leadership of the Board over the past two years in a busy time for the school with the Property Development.

Stacey Strang is our Interim Chair until our meeting on 24 February. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting beginning at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please email peterm@brownsbay.school.nz before Monday 21 February 3pm.

MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences for the start of the school year will be held on Thursday 10 February and Wednesday 16 February from 3.15pm to 7.30pm each night.

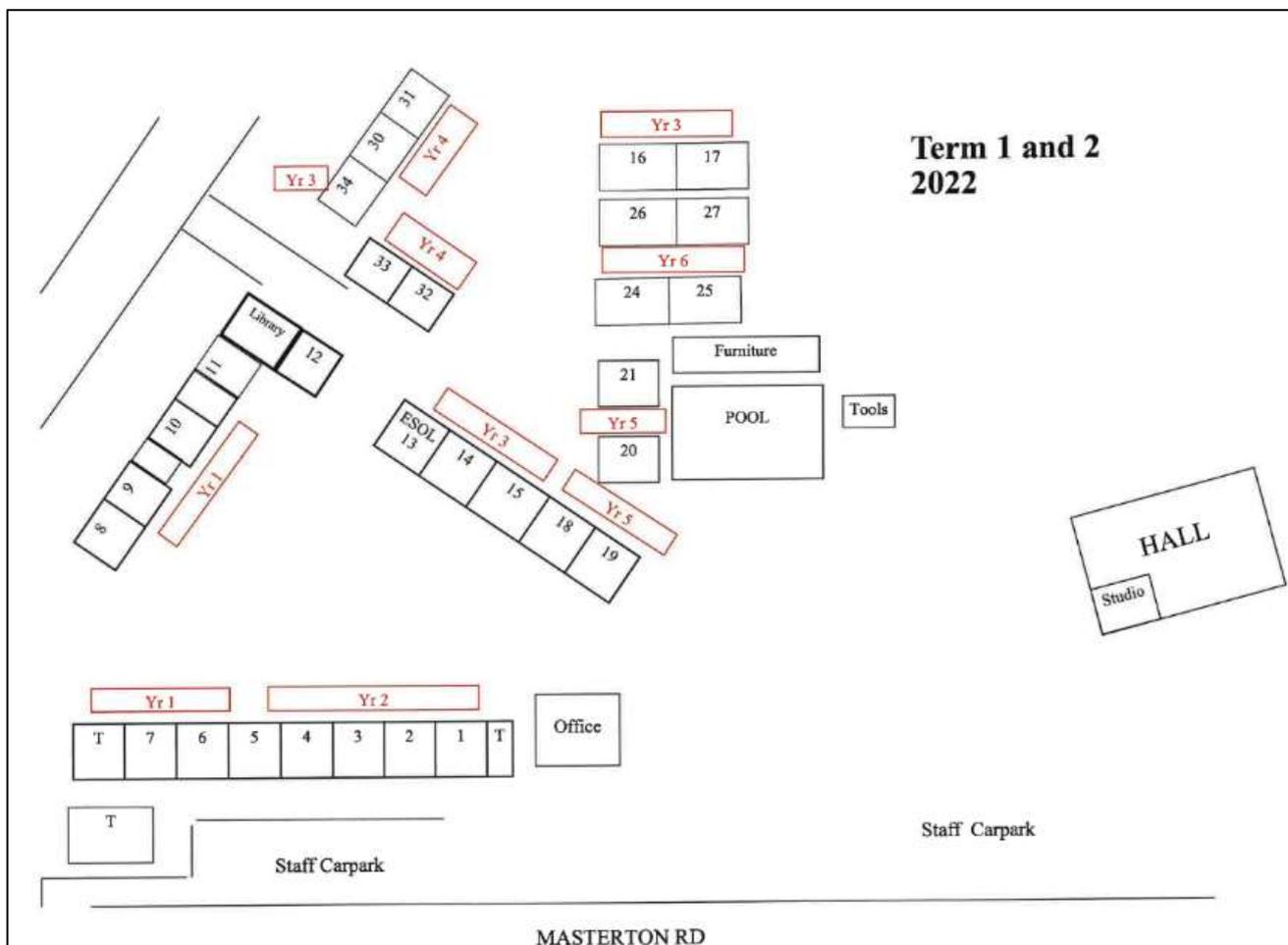
The purpose of this conference is for parents to share information with the teacher about their child, and for the teacher to talk about how the class is organised for the year. Each conference is 15 minutes long, yet this will also include a transition time so please plan for a 10-minute interview.

We ask that you please:

- Wear masks and sit at an appropriate distance from the teacher
- Only have ONE family at a time in the classroom
- Leave the school grounds promptly after the interview (it is not a time to play on the playground)
- Be socially distant from other families if waiting outside

SCHOOL CLASSROOM MAP (TERM 1 AND 2)

The classroom numbers have been re-arranged in preparation for the New Build so you may notice that rooms from 15 and above will be out of sequence. The room numbers are shown in the map below.



Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 10 February – Meet the Teacher Conferences	Wednesday 16 February – Meet the Teacher Conferences
Thursday 24 February - BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Zoom	Thursday 14 April - Teacher Only Day (school closed)

SCHOOL EVENTS

STAR STUDENT

CONGRATULATIONS!

We want to congratulate William for achieving four Merits and an Excellence towards NCEA level 1 Maths in 2021. His dedication, perseverance and hard work through his Te Kura studies has certainly paid off.

All the very best for this year William.



SCHOOL NOTICES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GLENDA BRADLEY

It is with great sadness that we let our school community know of the passing of one of our much-loved past staff members, Glenda Bradley.

Glenda passed away last Wednesday morning. Glenda taught at Browns Bay School for 20 years as a Classroom Teacher, Team Leader, Sports Co-ordinator, and Curriculum Leader. She retired at the end of 2017.

Our thoughts are with Glenda's family at this very sad time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Parents wanting to order scholastic books, to do so online by Friday 18 February.

There will be no cash orders at school.

Online book orders: www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP

Magazine Issue 1 went out this week.

CAMP CANCELLATION – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

After much consideration, we have made the decision to cancel our Year 5 and Year 6 overnight camps due to be held later this term.

We have made this decision in light of the current and pending situation around the Omicron virus outbreak.

We appreciate that there will be some disappointed students – however we need to put the health and safety of our students and staff as a priority.

We will look to replace these camps with some further EOTC experiences for our Year 5 and Year 6 students later in the year if the situation allows us to do so.



BYOD



BYOD – is operational in our Year 4-6 classrooms. All information about BYOD can be found on our school website on <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/teaching-learning/elearning>. The FAQ on this page can be very useful.

Classroom teachers will be able to answer most questions around the use of devices, however, you can also contact Cherie Bibbie with specific questions cherieb@brownsbay.school.nz.

STUDIO UKULELES



Many of our Studio ukuleles were lent out last year, to enable students to practise at home...unfortunately they haven't returned. If you have a coloured ukulele that looks like it really wants to come back to the Studio, please drop it into the office – we would so like to have all our ukuleles back for classes to use.

Thank you, Karen Warren.

SPORTS

During the year students will be given the chance to join various sports teams. These are advertised in our daily notice that goes to all classes. Information and registration are generally online through our school website.

Information has already been advised with regards to Miniball / Basketball and Splash Polo (Flippaball) – these sports start very early in the school term and registrations close tomorrow, Friday 11 February at 9am.

Specific information with regards to sports is advised to children and information is available on our school website www.brownsbay.school.nz.



North Harbour Waterpolo are running Splash Polo Clinics this Sunday 13 February for all ages Years 2 – 6. This is a great chance to have some game time and know what splash polo is about prior to games commencing the following week. Register here for clinic's: <https://forms.gle/j7DewusUyPbrvyUG7>

They will also be running a 2022 Coaching Course on Wednesday 16 February. This is a great session for all new and current coaches and managers, as well as any parents who may be interested.

Register here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/194326>

SCHOOL REMINDERS

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

We are asking that parents please discuss pick up arrangements with their child/children and make a plan before school. The School Office has been experiencing a high volume of calls and are struggling to get messages to children. Classes are spending more time outside. Also, if doctors/dentist appointments etc can be made outside of school hours, this would be helpful though we understand that this is not always possible. Please email the class teacher in advance.

SUNHATS

Sunhats are compulsory for all children for Term 1 2022. It is also recommended that sunscreen be put on your child each day. Students may also wear sunglasses.



LUNCHROOM

The lunchroom will continue to open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Orders through Kindo only. Ezlunch 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 possible.

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问题

只需向我们咨询或给我们打电话。

- "我可以在工作中进行支付 - 孩子不必早上匆忙地排队等候, 并确保其交付."
- "非常方便 - 在孩子工作和陪孩子玩乐时, 不用担心担心这件事."
- "我家收集学校各方面工作于一体的图表, 包括捐款, 订单或待办事项, 我感到有了保障, 付款历史记录, 而且我还可以快速完成交易."

好处

- 通过学校实体店在任意时间, 随时随地。
- 没有现金或纸质表格, 无需查找银行信息, 也不必亲自到办公室, 只需登录并单击即可, 即使捐款量较少也可以通过Kindo快速安全地支付。
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- "결제 사항이 어떻게 되는지, 비용은 제대로 있는지 확인하는 것 걱정부터 바쁘게 움직이지 않아도 되고, 직장에 출근해서 결제하면 더 편해요."
- "정말 편리해요, 밀려서 아이를 돌보다 바쁜 와중에 걱정거리가 하나 줄었어요."
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FOTS – Friends of the School

CURIOS ABOUT FOTS?

- **What is FOTS?**

Formerly known as the PTA, we are a registered charity made up of parents/caregivers who volunteer their time to raise funds for Browns Bay School and help connect our School Community through events.

- **How is FOTS managed?**

We have an Executive Committee that leads the group which is voted in at our AGM each March for a 1-year term.

- **How often does FOTS meet?**

Once a month, currently Thursday nights at 7pm in the staff room (dates TBA).

- **Who goes to meetings?**

Parents/caregivers of Browns Bay School children and members of Browns Bay Schools' Senior Leadership Team. It's a great way to learn more about the school and meet other parents/caregivers.

- **What happens at the meetings?**

The meetings are chaired by the FOTS President who follows an Agenda of items. There's always an interesting report from the Principal, Peter Mulcahy, and we discuss our fundraising progress and event planning for the Term.

- **If I come to a FOTS meeting, will I be expected to start organising something right away?**



No one expects you to sign up to something on the spot unless you really want to of course!

- **Can I join FOTS without attending meetings?**

Yes. Volunteering on FOTS activities can be completed by email and phone. You are welcome to be sent a copy of the meeting minutes, if requested.

- **How much of my time will FOTS take?**

Whatever is realistic for you! Every little bit of help makes a difference. You might help coordinate one event or choose to do more. Most of our volunteering can fit around commitments to work and family.

- **Will I have to work with a large committee?**

No. FOTS activities are managed by smaller sub-committees of 2-5 people. This keeps things manageable; the tasks are shared as a team, and you get the opportunity to volunteer alongside others. Some great friendships have formed from FOTS volunteers working together.

- **How do I find out more?** Please email the FOTS Secretary Michael at fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

If you want to know more, please contact us: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with Browns Bay School? For news, photos, updates and event information, search www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Vacancies for in-schools lessons are filled on a first come, first served basis with enrolments closing on Friday 11th February.

To make sure your child does not miss out, complete the google form

<https://forms.gle/7qYTy3w4MU5Mo5sh8>

If you have any questions about the music lessons, please contact the Music Education Centre directly on 0800 89 39 39

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