



**Browns Bay School**

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

**21 February 2019**  
**Newsletter**



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

The roads around the school have been very busy in the mornings and afternoons and we have witnessed some concerning 'traffic behaviour'. I would ask that everyone be mindful of the message they are sending to the children, particularly in regard to crossing the road. We have two Pedestrian crossings in operation in the morning and afternoon and we ask that you please use them with your children. Crossing on the corner of Browns Bay Road and Masterton Road in between the traffic is **not** a safe message to pass onto the children.

The drop off/pick up zone is not a place that cars can wait at – please move on if your child is not ready for you – as queues of cars waiting to get into the pick-up area cause a huge amount of traffic congestion on both Masterton Rd and Browns Bay Rd. It is often a good idea to wait until around 3.15pm to pick up your child from the pick-up zone.

### SCHOOL DONATIONS

I would like to acknowledge the payment of donations recently. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can offer your children. Although our school is funded through an Operation Grant which covers fixed running costs, we are very reliant on donations to maintain the standard we expect with extra Teacher hours, Teacher Aides, professional development for staff, computer equipment and new classroom resources. Please note that there are various ways to pay this donation and it can be claimed as a tax rebate at the end of the financial year.

### MOBILE PHONES

We would prefer that students did not bring mobile phones to school. If they are brought to school they must remain in their schoolbags and only be used after school for the purpose of contacting parents. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phone during class and break times. If your child is one who brings a mobile phone to school, I would appreciate that you reinforce this with them.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

This year we will be having the triennial Board of Trustee elections. The date for the election is 7<sup>th</sup> June. A Returning Officer has been appointed and will manage the election process. If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees you are welcome to be an observer at one of the monthly Board Meetings to get an understanding of the role. The current Board members who are listed on the website are available to discuss their role and there is a list of Board meeting dates. [www.brownsbay.school.nz/our-school/board-of-trustees](http://www.brownsbay.school.nz/our-school/board-of-trustees)

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The Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the Staffroom from 7.30pm. The dates of the meetings are on the website, and also advertised through the school newsletter. If you would like to communicate with the Board regarding the upcoming election, either write a letter addressed to: The Chairman, BOT Browns Bay School or contact the school.

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.

Friday 22 February – Year 5 Hikoi	Tuesday 26 February – Parent Conferences (R2, R9)
Wednesday 27 February – Parent Conferences	Thursday 28 February – Parent Conferences
Friday 1 March – Full School Assembly	Friday 8 March – Junior Outdoor Education Day

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## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

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### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent Teacher Conferences for the start of the school year will be held on Wednesday 27 February and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3.20pm to 6.30pm 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 your child has settled into class. Each conference is 10 minutes long and this timing must be strictly adhered to. Teachers have been requested to stop conferences on the bell to ensure they do not run late.

#### **Conference times can only be booked online:**

Parents log on to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Enter our school code – **h42zs**

Enter your details – name/email/number of students/students names

Choose your child's teacher

Choose the days and times you wish to attend (available times will be indicated)

You will then receive an email confirmation of your appointment time

Bookings opened at 9.00am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and will close at **noon on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

If you are unable to access this site from home, the school office will be able to arrange an appointment for you.

**PLEASE NOTE: Room 2 (Rachel McIver/Kylie Engleback) and Room 9 (Michelle Crabb) will have interviews on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February NOT on the Wednesday night.**

### **BBS SWIMMING SPORTS 2019**

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March BBS will be holding our annual swimming sports event.

This swimming event is for swimmers from year 4 - 6 who are **competent swimmers and can swim 25 meters at speed in deep water.**

The swimming sports will be held at the Owen Glen Pool off Apollo Drive. If you would like your child to compete at this event please visit the Sports page on the Browns Bay School Website to **register your child before the cut-off date, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

Children can enter events in one or more strokes - Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

For us to run this event, we will require interested parents that are able to help and assist during the morning.

From this event we will select a team of swimmers to represent Browns Bay School at the 2019 Cluster Schools Swimming event held in week 10, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Northern Arena, Silverdale.



## **NETBALL**

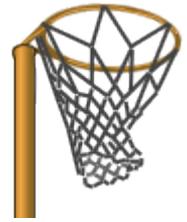
Registrations for netball for Year 1-6 are now open.

The information and registration forms can be found on the school website:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/student-information/sports/>

Otherwise paper copies can be collected at the school office or from Mrs Bibbie.

Although teams don't start until Term 2, registrations must be made this term by the dates stated on the information sheets.



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## ***SCHOOL NOTICES***

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### **RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL**

Please note only Year 5 and Year 6 children, with a signed '**Application for Approval to ride a Bicycle to School**' may ride their bikes to school without adult supervision. The form is available from the school office.



### **AFTER SCHOOL**

There appears a large number of children remaining behind, with parents, after school to play on playgrounds etc. Can we please ask that you are mindful that the teachers are still working in their classrooms at this time and are finding the noise quite distracting. It would be appreciated that everyone is off the school grounds by 3.30pm at the latest, unless there is a scheduled team practice, or you are using the school pool.



### **TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETINGS**

The Primary Teachers Union, NZEI, has notified all schools of their intention to hold Paid Union Meetings in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March. No further correspondence has been received at this stage with regard to dates and times. These meetings will have an impact on our school as the vast majority of our staff are Union members and must attend the meetings. We will keep parents notified of any potential disruption to the school once the dates/times are known.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

As mentioned earlier, this has been a real concern for us since the start of the year. PLEASE

- Use the pedestrian crossings
- Obey the road signs ( e.g. broken yellow lines mean NO PARKING)

I would like to share an email sent to me by a concerned parent at the start of the school year.



### **MUST READ: Confessions of a Browns Bay School jay walker**

*I remember when my kids started at Browns Bay School. We didn't bother to use the crossings. We had after-school activities to get to and it seemed like a major, inconvenient time-waster to go to the crossings. We always crossed through the traffic to get to our car on the far side of Browns Bay Road.*

*One day, I misjudged the gap between oncoming cars on Browns Bay Road. There I was trying to drag my small children, clumsy with their enormous backpacks, through oncoming traffic. While holding their hands I was screaming at them to "run" hoping no one was going to trip up as a car came hurtling towards us, throwing on its brakes. The kids were freaked, I was freaked and so was the driver, who had managed to slow down in time for us, thank goodness. It's fair to say it was a pretty low parenting moment when I realised the danger I had put everyone in.*

*It dawned on me the kids would need to learn how to start crossing roads by themselves soon enough and here I was teaching them (and other people's kids who were observing us) exactly how not to cross a road! I realised there was no way young kids would be able to make good judgments about when and where to cross an extremely busy road - heck, as an adult I was doing it badly! I decided I needed to be a better role model, not just for my kids but for the safety of everyone in our neighbourhood.*

So, we started using the school crossings. Simple! The kids groaned a little to begin with and then quickly accepted it was just part of the school day. It became a regular habit and soon no one even mentioned walking any other way. And do you know what? We got to our after-school activities at exactly the same time as before!

**Use the school crossings. Always! No excuses! Keep all of our kids and community members safe. Show your kids the safest way to get to and from school.**

From a Browns Bay School parent.



# Travelwise!

Our School is a Gold Travelwise school!

This means we are recognised for encouraging our students to use sustainable transport. We encourage you to walk your children to and from school.

## The benefits include:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours!)
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn
- Keeps the school area clear of parked cars and traffic hold ups
- Helps your child to become familiar with their community and to learn road sense skills
- Saves you money spent of petrol
- Helps you and your children meet other community members

We also welcome older children using bikes however a bike license is required. Please see the school office for information on this. Younger children may use scooters however they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. We also have a Walking School Bus operation in the Rothersey Bay area. If you would be interested in starting a Walking School Bus from other areas, please contact Jacky Carr or Tanya Loader.



## HELP NEEDED!!! To fix puzzles

We have a number of wooden jigsaw puzzles and as hard as we and the children try, occasionally pieces get lost. We desperately need someone to make replacement pieces. They do not have to be a perfectly identical piece but just something that completes the puzzle. We can pay for the materials needed but desperately need someone who is good at this type of thing. Please email [tanyal@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:tanyal@brownsbay.school.nz) if you are able to assist.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

In late 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. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along and find out what we do. We're a friendly group and always welcome new faces. This year, we're planning some fun events and aiming to fund more shade around school, so come along and see how you can help!

If you want to know more, please contact us: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS**

FOTS are now inviting applications from within the school community for the FOTS Discretionary Fund. We have funds available for small school projects that need support in Terms 1-2.

If you are a staff member, coach, or helper and require financial assistance for students or their activities, please pick up an application form from the school office or download here:



[https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/application/files/1315/5070/8238/DF\\_Form\\_2019\\_Term\\_1.pdf](https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/application/files/1315/5070/8238/DF_Form_2019_Term_1.pdf)

Applications must be submitted to the school office by 3pm on Friday 22 March. For further information, please contact Jacky Carr: [jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz) or the FOTS Discretionary Fund Sub-Committee: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

These are the 14 initiatives we funded in 2018:

- First aid kit for camps & day trips
- Lunchtime play equipment (pogo sticks)
- Year 3-4 feedback stamps
- Multi-sport tournament uniform
- Year 1 junior engineer kits
- Year 1-2 sand/water play tables
- Materials for an outdoor education space
- Technology Club EPro8 Challenge
- Library vests
- Teacher aide equipment
- Kapa Haka/drama storage containers
- Year 2 play-based learning equipment
- Year 3 play-based learning equipment
- Gardening club supplies

**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!

**CLOTHING LABELS**

Have you got all uniform items, swimming and sports gear, stationery, etc well labelled? Precious Labels has great stick-on and iron-on labels that will ensure nothing gets lost. Order here and your purchase will support the school (please enter Browns Bay School in the 'Notes' box at checkout): <https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/?aff=BBSFOTS>

**WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

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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## EAST COAST BAYS JUNIOR RUGBY & RIPPA RUGBY

2019 Registrations Now Open

### Thinking of enrolling for Rugby or Rippa Rugby?

East Coast Bays is the largest junior rugby club on the North Shore! And for good reason!! We love our kids and our families, and fun is right at the heart of our core values, ensuring all kids are supported, get a go, and most importantly, they have FUN! We also have family fun club nights every month with great activities for the kids, and dinner in the club afterward! A great family night out.

### Not keen for tackle!! That's Okay!

We have awesome non contact Rippa Rugby for Boy & Girls of all ages!

- 5-7yo Rippa - the largest on the Shore with all games played at ECB.
- U9, U11 & U13 Girls Only Grades
- U9, U11 & U13 Boys & Mixed Grades are also now available!!

### Registration Nights - Come Along.

Head along to any of these dates with your child.

- Tuesday February 19th 4pm – 6.30pm
- Saturday February 23rd 8am-11am
- Wednesday February 26th 4pm -6.30pm
- Saturday March 2 8am – 11am

For more info visit [baysrugby.com/juniorclub](http://baysrugby.com/juniorclub)

**GO BAYS!**

East Coast Bays Rugby Football Club 496 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay | PO Box 307-011, Windor Park, Auckland 0758 | [www.baysrugby.com](http://www.baysrugby.com)

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Touch Rugby
- ✓ Volleyball

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For year 0 – 4 students.

### PRICE \$80 FOR 7 WEEKS

Programme starts in Week 2 of Term 1.

All Session Starts at 3:05 pm and finish at 4:05 pm

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mairangi Bay School – Mon | Milford School – Wed     |
| Browns Bay School – Mon   | Forest Hill School – Wed |
| Glamorgan School – Tue    | Lang Bay School – Wed    |
| Campbell Bay School – Tue | Tarabay School – Thu     |
| Murrays Bay School – Tue  | Takapuna School – Thu    |

*"We endeavour to run this programme rain or shine, however in the event of extreme weather parents/caregivers will be informed before 2 pm if a session gets cancelled. A make-up session will be advised."*

*"For more information, meeting places and to book please go to our website."*

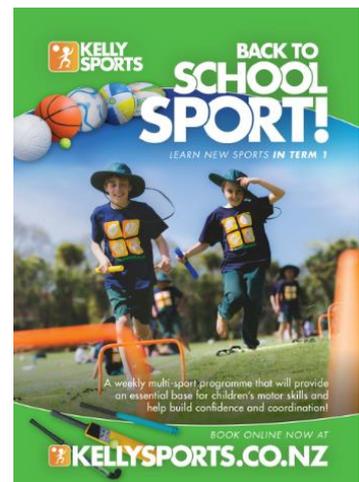
Website: [www.kellysports.co.nz/ecb-takapuna-devonport](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/ecb-takapuna-devonport)

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