



Browns Bay School

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

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Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

The weather has shown some slight improvements (better than last term) and we are able to see the children enjoying the field more – please remind your children to make sure a hat goes into their bag for wearing during the break times.

Thank you to FOTS and its supporters for organising the Disco last week. The children had fun with lots of dancing and eating. The photo booth was a fun addition this year.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2018

On November 6th each student will bring home a notice requesting your input into the classroom placement of your child in 2018.

The process takes several weeks with class lists drafted by the Leadership Team after input from the 2017 classroom teacher. For each class of children we consider:

- Social (where at all possible the child will be kept with at least one nominated member of their social group)
- Teaching/Learning Style – an attempt is made to match the child with the teacher who will best facilitate their learning style
- Age of the Child
- Academic level of the child
- Number of boys and girls
- Class placement in the previous year

Please understand that your information is considered as one part of a bigger picture. These notices can be returned to the classroom or Office.

The Board is confirming teaching staff in readiness for next year. The Board have allocated money from school funds for extra teaching and support staff in 2018. This funding will allow us to plan confidently for lower class sizes and the continuation of support programmes.

This time last year we were planning for two new rooms to be added to our school. They arrived, with much difficulty in August, so we now have rooms to cater for our school size. The two rooms on the field are “leased” classrooms so they will eventually be removed. The MOE has provided funding to manage a complete review of our

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our site and buildings to develop a comprehensive plan to cater for future growth. Due to the shortage of classroom space the enrolment zone will continue to be enforced to ensure we can accommodate our existing roll.

SAFETY

One of our key Health goals is to teach the children to be safe. I would like to ask parents to reinforce this message over Guy Fawkes. Have a good time with fireworks on Guy Fawkes yet please be careful as they can be unpredictable. My family found this out one year when a large rocket tipped over in its bucket and then proceeded to “shoot” around our section bouncing off the fence and side of the house. Fortunately no one was hit yet it was quite scary. Needless to say, the rockets went a lot deeper into the sand bucket the next time!

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 4 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 03 November – Full School Assembly	Monday 06 November – Dental Van at school until 17 November
Monday 06 November – Y4 Zero Waste Management Trip	Tuesday 07 November – Pre-School Visit 9.30am
Wednesday 08 November – Heart Kids Mufti Day	Wednesday 08 November - Waterwise
Thursday 09 November – Road Patrol Training	Thursday 09 November – Firewise – Y3
Friday 10 November - Y4 Zero Waste Management Trip	Tuesday 14 November – Cluster Touch

SCHOOL EVENTS

BREAKING NEWS

BROWNS BAY SCHOOL WON THE NORTH HARBOUR GYMNASTICS PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2017 FOR THE 7TH YEAR IN A ROW! HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED – WELL DONE!!



EPRO8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE 2017

Two Year 5 teams from the technology club attended the EPRO8 Tecnology Challenge at Murrays Bay Intermediate at the end of term three.

On arrival we were bubbling with excitement and a little nervous about what was in store for us.

We were competing against Year 5 and Year 6 teams from 9 other schools in the area.

First the judge explained the rules and briefed us on how to use the equipment. Each

team had to complete a series of different challenges that they could choose from and at the end of each stage you earned points if your designed worked.

The two hours flew by and the tension was rising as each team tried to complete

their final challenges and earn a placing in the top

three. Our hopes rose as each teams points appeared

on the score board and we waited patiently to see if

we would be going to the semi finals. What did we

take away from attending this competition? Team

work was the key to success because everyone had a

role to play in the design ideas, construction and problem solving solutions.



Our teams placed really well for their first time at the EPro8, placing 5th and 6th overall. We had a fantastic experience participating in this challenge and even though we were all exhausted we walked away proud of our teams efforts. This is an experience that we are all keen to attend again next year.

A huge thank for the support from the schools Discretionary Fund which provided us with the opportunity to purchase equipment to practice with and to Ms Fearon and Mr Jordon for guidance and support in preparing us for this event.

By: Eliana Heard, Ruby McDonald, Trichelle Tablang, Katelyn and Lizzie Boyce, John Lee, Arnold Quhu, Mitali Jakwetz and Kate Ashton



CHOPSTICK CHALLENGE

This first week of this term was Chinese Language Week across NZ. We have many Chinese families here at school, so it was a great time for those of us who don't speak Mandarin to try to learn just a little. Each day classes were given one of the Chinese words on the chart to try to learn and use.

On Friday at lunchtime the children had the opportunity to play a Chinese game – the Chopstick Challenge. Anyone who was able to use chopsticks to pick up 10 marshmallows in 30 seconds earned a level 1 card. If they picked up 10 Jellybeans in 30 seconds they earned a level 2 card, and if they picked up 10 marbles in 30 seconds they earned a Master level 3 card. You may want to have fun with this at home too! Special thanks to Cecilia Chen, Gemma Lee and our Year 6 helpers: William, Matthew, Tonglin, Leo, Michael, Haruto, Kai, Ema, Haruna and Zita.

- Karen Cebalo



PIRATE SHOW - WATER SAFETY

The Junior school enjoyed the Maritime Museum Water Safety Show teaching them all about water safety!



HEART KIDS MUFTI DAY

Next Wednesday the 8th November, we will be having a mufti day to raise money for Heart Kids. The only charity nationwide that supports children and families affected by congenital heart defects right through their lives.

Heart kids 'colour' is red, but given red is pretty uniform around here we would instead love your children to wear something that celebrates their uniqueness, something bright and cheerful as we appreciate the 652 beating hearts our school is lucky enough to educate.

Your gold coin donations would be appreciated to help Heart Kids continue their amazing work.

CALLING FOR SECONDHAND SANDPIT TOYS

Do you have sandpit toys you no longer need that you would like to donate to our school for the new junior sandpit? We're looking for buckets, spades, moulds, dump and digger trucks or any other similar items in good used condition. Please bring cleaned items in a bag to the School Office so our juniors can put them to good use when the sandpit opens soon!



KIDS FOR KIDS



'Kids for Kids' – we are less than a week away from this year's performance on Tuesday 7 November at Takapuna's Bruce Mason Centre, which looks like it is going to be a complete sell out. We have 87 singers in our group and they have worked with impressive commitment and enthusiasm to train into a group that sounds fantastic. I have the unenviable task of choosing some soloists to audition at our rehearsal next Tuesday – the high standards our students are setting for

themselves makes this a very difficult task! We are still waiting on a few permission slips and the odd bit of bus money to dribble in – please send this in before the end of the week. Looking forward to an entertaining and wonderfully enjoyable evening next Tuesday – Karen Warren.

JINGLE 2017

We will barely have sung our way through next Tuesday's 'Kids for Kids' concert...and then we are straight into Jingle prep. Although every student will be involved in their year group performance I will be calling for Year 4, 5 & 6 students who are also keen to be part of the 'stage singers' group. These singers link our year group performances and sing in groups, with microphones, on the stage we set up. I am putting the music programme together now and will send out the call to any interested singers in a week or so – *Karen Warren*.

Dancesport @BBS – our two sessions with Harry, a professional dance tutor from Ucan2, have revealed the twinkletoes amongst us!



Our Year 6 students have the basic steps of both cha cha and salsa and are confidently beginning to put routines together using what they have learned. We have one session to go...

TOYS

Students are able to bring toys to school yet we ask that they are small and not special toys nor expensive toys. The school takes no responsibility for the toys and they will be expected to be put away during class time. In some instances the class teacher may request students to bring toys for a special day/reason which links with our topic.

Toys are "If you love it, leave it at home"

MOBILE DENTAL VAN

To All Parents –The Mobile Dental Van will be visiting your School this term to examine children who are due to be seen. If you wish to discuss further, please ring your local Dental Clinic (Motutapu TDU situated at Murrays Bay Primary) on: (09) 838 1761.

Donate your TALENT!

Logan Coulam in our neighbourhood, 10-year-old, was diagnosed with Cancer. Now you can help this family by either donating your money or your TALENT!

Come to Crafty Wonderland to make a craft that can be sold for a gold donate, and pass on the love! Thank you!

Add: 2/38 Clyde Road, Browns Bay
Ph: 094755335

FOTS – Friends of the School

FOTS UPDATE & NEXT MEETING – WED, 22 NOV, 7.15PM, STAFF ROOM

This will be our last meeting of the year (wow, that went fast)! Collectively we've made some amazing progress in our fundraising for the junior playground- more of which we'll fill you in on in the coming weeks. We've been scoping next year's activities, along with Blast in the Bays, but events like Discos and Family Movie Night will be dependent on more people getting involved next year in the early stages of planning to make them happen. Feel free to join us for our last meeting. As always, everyone is welcome!

GLOW CRAZY DISCO

Enormous thanks to the loads of parents/caregivers and staff who volunteered their time to help make the Glow Crazy Disco a success last Friday night. It was a busy but fun night and has raised approximately \$3000 for our school! Many thanks to Marcus Bailey of Glimpse Photography (and also a parent within our school) for snapping off pics at the new Photo Booth, which proved to be very popular. A special thanks goes to FOTS' Katy Dakin, Amy Van Der Loo and Jacky Carr for their efforts to create a fun night out for our kids.



We have received feedback from some junior student's caregivers about the Disco and it being a kid's-only zone. We've taken this on board and will review how we can achieve a balance between crowd management, safety and meeting the needs of our youngest school students in the future.

We'd like to thank FLOW Academy of Motion for their sponsorship of the Photo Booth and for providing prizes for our disco participants.

**1 DAY LEFT
TO GET
TICKETS FOR
LADIES**



MOVIE NIGHT 'A BAD MOM'S CHRISTMAS' – THURS NOV 9, 8PM

Next Thursday it's your turn to have some fun ladies! Come to ladies movie night and you'll be able to enjoy a drink with friends, nibble on some treats AND there's a high chance you'll win a great spot prize! This is not the night to stay home! You just might win the raffle of an awesome pamper package and you'll be entertained watching the hilarious 'BAD MOM'S at Christmas! So much fun! You're welcome! There's still tickets left and the RSVP date has been extended to tomorrow, Nov 3. Tickets are \$30 and include a drink. Please join in!

Thank you to Amanda Baker Hair & Make-Up for making this night out possible and supporting our school. Thanks goes to Browns Bay School SKIDS for contributing a fabulous massage voucher for our raffle.

Ticket and online payment info available here:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/uploads/File/Bad%20Moms%20Tickets%202017.pdf>



Many thanks to the organisations who have contributed product for the raffle and spot prizes or supplied goodies.



A TASTY FUNDRAISER IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Delicious alert! You have absolutely got to try these amazing pastries from Little Greece in Browns Bay, donated to help fundraise for our school! For just \$10 you'll receive four, large-size frozen pastries - a delicious bargain! Savoury fillings include mushroom, tomato and olive, feta and cheese, gouda or potato. Sweet fillings are apple, sweet pumpkin or hazelnut praline. We'll be taking orders each week (through KINDO and paper forms) until Thursday right up until Dec 7 (see KINDO) or visit:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/school-information/latest-news/now-heres-tasty-fundraiser-1>

Start making room in your freezer now to stock up for convenient holiday season catering!



HERE'S A TASTY FUNDRAISER!



4 AMAZING PASTRIES FOR \$10!

CHOOSE FROM SAVOURY OR SWEET.
PICK UP FROZEN FROM LITTLE GREECE B. BAY.
100% OF YOUR PURCHASE DONATED TO SCHOOL.
ORDER BY EVERY THURS UNTIL 7 DEC
VIA KINDO OR USE ORDER FORMS.
www.brownsbay.school.nz

BBS CHRISTMAS JINGLE IS COMING – TUES, 5 DEC!

In association with BBS students and staff, FOTS is excited to help bring you this year's end of year celebration, Jingle. Book this date in your family's diary now. Every child within their year group performs a song to entertain family and friends at this early-evening, outdoor event (think Christmas in the Park - Browns Bay School style!). With the help of parent volunteers, FOTS provides a variety of food and treat stalls. We're planning this event now and will be calling for volunteers to help out with setting up and managing stalls soon.

JINGLE JARS

Jingle Jars are an annual Browns Bay School tradition! Every child is encouraged to decorate and donate a glass jar filled with treats and small fun, new and unused items to be sold at Jingle. Children donate a jar and may buy a Jingle Jar back through a lucky draw. There's always a lot of interest in finding out what's in the jars so they sell out fast! Funds raised from Jingle Jars are donated to the school. Please start saving glass jars now. This year we will be offering a prize to the class who donates the most jingle jars. More information will be coming home soon.

FOTS CONTACT

Need to get in touch? Would you like to know more about FOTS? Please email us: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

FACEBOOK

Be sure to follow BBS & FOTS on Facebook for news, photos, updates and event information, check out: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

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



Little Bats NZ

Fancy trying a new and fun sport? Then come along to our NEW Rounders after school programme running this term.

Where?	School field
When?	Tuesday's 3-15pm to 3-45pm starting 19 th November for 3 weeks (last session is 28 th November)
Who for?	Open to all ages (Foam bats/balls for year 0 - 2)
Cost?	\$22.50 for three weeks

Email: nataliebullent@gmail.com

Call or text Nat on 0275 118822

