



07 April 2022  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

**Please remember we have a Teachers Only Day on THURSDAY 14 APRIL and the school is closed.**

### **RAMADAN**

Ramadan Mubarak to all our staff, students, parents and caregivers who are participating in this holy month.

### **COVID-19**

Term 1 ends on Wednesday 13 April and Term 2 begins on Monday 02 May. It has been a steady term of schooling apart from Omicron causing home isolation and sickness for some families. The number of school cases this week has dropped considerably, and I hope it is an indicator of a more "normal" Term 2. I can report that from April 02 to April 07 we had 2 students who tested positive over that week.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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We have one support staff and one teacher who have tested positive or are in home isolation. I was pleased to see 94% of our students at school today learning in their classrooms.

The Government will be updating the Covid-19 Levels on 14 April. If the Level is lowered to Orange, then I will advise parents of the changes before school starts on 02 May.

### **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

This year, as part of our Recovery Learning plan following the disruptions of the previous years, teachers have completed assessments on children this term to determine where they are with their learning. In a normal assessment cycle these assessments would have been done at the end of last year but due to the split days in the later part of 2021 this was not possible.

Teachers will be available for Parent Conferences in Week 3 of Term 2 (May 18 and 19) to share with parents and caregivers the students next learning steps. The organisation for these Conferences will be sent out at the start of Term 2.

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There are a small number of students whom the teachers have been unable to assess due to lack of attendance at school. The parents of these students will be advised of this, and their mid-year report will be later in the Year (possibly early Term 3).

### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2022/2023**

Do you have a child/ren who will turn 5 in the next 12 months? If so, please enrol them as soon as possible as we need to know numbers now for our future roll growth planning.

Please use the following link for more information about our enrolment process and to access the enrolment form. All enrolments are now online: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/enrolments/process-forms>.

### **WELCOME ROOM 12**



I would like to welcome our new students and Jane Kelly to Browns Bay School. This group is forming our latest class in Room 12.



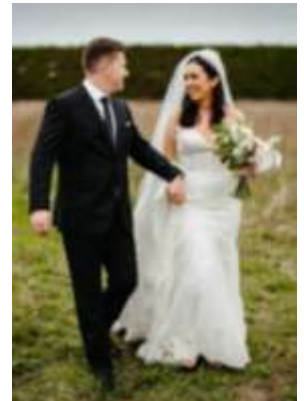
### **STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to Charlotte Whooley (Year 6 teacher) who celebrated her wedding on Friday to Andrew Marychurch.

Charlotte returned to school today and will now be known as Mrs Marychurch (if the students and staff can remember to call her that).

`Congratulations` Charlotte and Andrew.

Kerry Jowett, in our ESOL Team, is going on maternity leave at the end of this Term and Marilyn Bridger will be taking over her role. We wish Kerry all the best and look forward to some baby news later in the year.



I hope you all have a relaxing Easter and Term Break.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 3 2022 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Tuesday 12 April – Travelwise Event – Easter Bonnet/Crazy Hat Day – see Upcoming Events	Wednesday 13 April – Level 5 Waterwise
Wednesday 13 April – Last day of Term 1	Thursday 14 April - Teachers Only Day (school closed)
Friday 15 April – Good Friday (in school holidays)	Monday 18 April – Easter Monday (in school holidays)
Tuesday 19 April – Easter Sunday (in school holidays)	Monday 25 April – Anzac Day (in school holidays)
Monday 02 May – Term 2 Starts	Wednesday 04 May – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
Monday 09 May - Tuesday 10 May – Y4 Outdoor Education Programme - MERC – Rms 31/32	Thursday 12 May – FOTS Second-Hand Uniform Sale – 8.30am - School Hall - *subject to Covid-19 Restrictions*
Monday 16 May - Tuesday 17 May – Y4 Outdoor Education Programme – MERC – Rms 30/33	Monday 06 June – Queens Birthday – (school closed)
Friday 17 June – FOTS Disco – Save the Date	Thursday 23 June – Teacher Only Day - (school closed)

## **TRAVELWISE**

We are a gold school!

This means we promote and use sustainable transport very well as a school community. Our aim is to encourage families to keep traffic away from the school and the children safe around the roads. We promote this with a special event each term and have an active Travelwise student team who have one event per term where we ask everyone to participate. A gold coin donation is required to participate in order to keep the programme running.



**THIS TERMS EVENT** takes place next week on **Tuesday 12 April**. The theme is **Easter Bonnet/Crazy Hat Day**. Decorate a hat and walk to school. There will be prizes for the most creative bonnets/hats.



### **Did you know?**

There are 3 drop off points around the school which qualify you for our Travelwise incentives.

- Park by the testing station on the corner of Beach Road and Browns Bay Road and walk along to the crossing.
- Park anywhere along Philson Terrace and walk up to the crossing.
- Park around the block at Miri Road and walk right to the school gate with no roads to cross.

OR park anywhere outside of these 3 areas to be Travel Wise!

There are 5 Travel Wise ways to come to school: Bus, Park & Walk, Scooter, Walk and Bike.

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## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

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### **YEAR 3 WITH BAREFOOTED NZ**

Here are a few photos from the Year 3's day with Harry from Barefooted NZ. This is Room 34 making and launching rockets. It was a continuation from their Outdoor Education Day, and everyone loved it.



## **YEAR 6 ROMAN CATAPULT CHALLENGE!**

As part of their Inquiry about Ancient Rome, the Year 6 students have been learning about how catapults work and have engineered some of their own. The students had to work through the process of designing, planning, creating, testing and improving (over and over) and then sharing!

After some engineering successes and some frustrating failures, they held the Great Catapult Challenge! Take a look at some moments of construction and the champion catapult teams.

- Featherweight Champions – Milla, Bayleigh, Niamh & Marlena
- Middleweight Champions – Jayden, Jana, Sean & Aidan
- Heavyweight Champions – Jonathan, Yihan, Micah & Owen



#### **ROOM 4 COLLABORATIVE ART PIECE**

Room 4 recently completed this collaborative art piece. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.  
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

These two Manaia link together to signify working together. By completing this poster, Room 4 worked collaboratively and represented the Whakataukī message of “Mahitahi” working together.



#### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

#### **TEACHERS ONLY DAY – THURSDAY 23 JUNE – (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

The Board of Trustees has approved this day as a Teachers Only Day for professional development. This means the school will be closed for instruction.

All teaching staff will be attending a professional development day. This is the day before the Matariki weekend and may be an opportunity to make it a slightly longer weekend.

**IMPORTANT**  
dates to remember

## **WATERWISE ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

To run our Waterwise Programme, the Torbay Waterwise Society has many helpers that we are very grateful for. Recently, our Maintenance Man for the Waterwise equipment has retired. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping with maintaining equipment, please contact [rachelm@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:rachelm@brownsbay.school.nz). We offer an hourly rate for time spent on the work done. The summer months have the most requirement.

The Torbay Waterwise Society is also looking for someone to help, with their yearly accounts. If you or someone you know can help with this, please contact [rachelm@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:rachelm@brownsbay.school.nz) with your name and phone number.



## **ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**



The school has been advised there is no 2022 Anzac Day Ceremony in Browns Bay this year.

Regardless of the lack of parade it would still be worthwhile talking to your children about the significance of ANZAC Day on Monday 25 April, and why we celebrate it.

## ***FOTS – Friends of the School***

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Thanks to everyone who attended the FOTS AGM last night. I am pleased to announce that Michael Corbett will continue as President for 2022, Amy Van Der Loo as Treasurer, and Louise Rich as Secretary. Sabrina Nagel is our new Vice-President.



### **FOTS SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

Thursday 12 May 8.30am in the SCHOOL HALL.

We've gathered enough stock to hold a second-hand uniform sale.

Mark the date in your diaries and make sure you get there early to grab the best items! Sales are cash only. Most items will be \$5-10.

If you have any Browns Bay School uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate for the fundraising sale, please bring them into the school office. Thanks for your support! \* Depending on Covid-19 restrictions this event may be postponed to Saturday 14 May\*



### **HELLS PIZZA LUNCH**

Give your parents a break ... and order a Hell's pizza for lunch. We have set some dates for Pizza lunch days in May, look out for more details to come out shortly.



### **DISCO WINTERWONDERLAND**

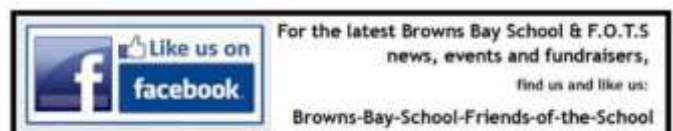
Save the Date! The first Disco for the year has been scheduled for Friday 17 June!

### **CONTACT FOTS**

If you would like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more please email [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz), or find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School).

Please come along to our next monthly meeting **Wednesday 04 May at 7 pm** in the staffroom. All welcome.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)






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**Holiday Programme**



Ask to see our April Holiday Programme Planner today or go online!

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Parenting courses in English and Mandarin

# Parenting courses for parents of all cultures

**Term**  
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 2022

**Positive Discipline for Under 4's**

From birth to 4th Birthday

**Effective Discipline**

Children aged 4 - 11 years old

**Parenting Adolescents**

Teens aged 12 - 18 years old

These three courses in English are delivered by **Facebook Messenger** for one hour per session per week by a parent educator with over 30 years of experience. You will be able to learn from the comfort of your home at a mutually suitable day and time prearranged between parent and parent educator. Daytime and a limited number of evening options are available.

2022 - Term 2 Course					
courses in English	8 to 10 weeks each course	day time and evening	start anytime	Facebook Messenger	\$ 100 each course

**Effective Discipline 有效的教导**

有效的教导 (24个实用的技巧)

**Parenting Adolescents 教导青少年**

教导青少年 (24个实用的技巧)

2022 - Term 2 Course   2022年第二学期			
全中文课程	周四 (拜四)	9:30am - 12:30pm	5月5日开始 至 6月30日结束

2022 - Term 2 Course   2022年第二学期			
全中文课程	周五 (拜五)	9:30am - 12:30pm	5月6日开始 至 7月31日结束

For further information about any of the courses, please check under Courses on [www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz](http://www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz)

## ENROL ONLINE

[whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz](http://whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz)

Whānau Mārama Parenting Courses are based on the 6 Principles of Effective Discipline from the Discipline and Guidance of Children: A Summary of Research.

All of our courses are skill and strategy based and carry strong positive parenting messages which promote the use of non-physical discipline.

If you have any questions about any of these courses, or if you wish to enrol, please find the desired course on our website and click on either ENQUIRE or ENROL.

**Whānau Mārama Parenting**

Whānau Mārama Parenting is an approved and audited service under Section 413 of CYPAJ Act 1989. We are a not-for-profit organisation with charitable purposes.

## Chess Lovers ONLINE Holiday Program

- Week 1: 19 - 22 April
- Week 2: 26 - 29 April

When: 9:00am - 12:15pm

Cost: \$45

- Why Join: Develop thinking and problem solving
- Learn great new skills
- Interactive hands-on lessons
- Experienced professional coaches
- Make friends with like-minded kids
- This program is suitable for kids who have some experience with chess



[Read More & Register](#)

## Msports Newsletter Takapuna AFC Holiday Programme

With the season just around the corner get the kids back into football with our fun football holiday programme at Takapuna AFC. Girls and boys from 4 to 13 are welcome. The week is full of exciting games and tournaments. Our team of highly qualified staff will ensure your kids have a ball in a positive and safe environment.

Holiday Camp Details

Venue:

Takapuna AFC, Taharoto Park, Taharoto Rd, Takapuna, 0622

Dates:

Week 1: Tues 19th to Fri 22nd April

Week 2: Tues 26th to Fri 29th April

Times/Costs:

- 9am to 12pm \$29 per day

- 9am to 3pm \$49 per day

Register Your Child:

Go to <https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore/book-now/185-Takapuna-AFC-Holiday-Programme>

Queries: Contact Chris Bryson on [adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz](mailto:adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz)

We look forward to seeing you soon!