



26 August 2021
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

I hope you are all well and managing the Alert Level 4 – I hope we have good news on Monday's announcement. If we do move down a Level then we will plan for that change and will let you know the details as soon as we are ready.

DISTANCE LEARNING

This is our third time in either Alert Level 3 or 4 and we all know the Distance Learning format is not the same as if your teacher was teaching your child in a classroom. Teachers are aiming to maintain your child's academic levels as well as providing some fun learning activities. We also know many of you will be working from home and that we do not expect you to act as "teachers" in the way we do. Please be led by your child as to what they can and cannot do – also by the availability of devices in your bubble.

The Learning Grids are for you to work through at your own pace at home with your children. The Grids have activities for each 'subject' and contain three learning activities. You may pick and choose what you are able to do from home. The priority subjects will be Reading, Writing and Maths. We have tried to make the templates as easy as possible to navigate. You can choose whether you complete the tasks using a device or you may like to print/copy down the templates provided, to do manually.

To help prepare for this it would be helpful if you:

- Have an area set aside for the children with equipment they may need (e.g. pencils, paper, pens, devices)
- Sort out a device for them to use (if you have more than one child needing a computer you may need to organise a schedule).
- Set a schedule with your child – they will not need to work from 9 am to 3pm. The schedule could be specific times throughout the day or a block in the morning.

I have shared two possible schedules below:

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Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ready for the day: check your Zoom time and check emails. • Plan your day and complete a Grid activity (especially Writing)
10 – 10.30am	Get Moving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do something that gets your heart rate up • Have a quick snack and get a drink
10.30 – 11.30am	Learning Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an activity from the Learning Grid • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Morning tea		
12 - 1pm	Learning Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an activity from the Learning Grid • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Lunch :)		
2 – 3pm	Free Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore curiosity - things you are interested in • Explore creativity - make or create anything you want • Explore skills -practise a skill you have that you'd like to get better at • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Optional Activities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play outside • Cooking/baking • Play a game with your family bubble • Watch learning channel on TV • Read / sing / dance • Help around the house

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning (especially Writing) or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc.
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm Lunch :)		
12:30	Helping at home	wipe all kitchen tables and chairs wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops, wipe bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Educational TV show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bike, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00 Dinner :)		
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

SeeSaw and email will be used to communicate with you. Please stay in touch and reach out if you need any support from us. Teachers will be available to answer questions and check up on learning sites from 9am-3pm.

HARD PACKS

We have delivered over 50 Hard Packs to homes this week. The Hard Packs have quite a bit of home learning in them and should last 2 to 3 weeks. The Hard Packs are for students for whom there is no device in the house or have had difficulty in accessing a device. They are an alternative to the Distance Learning Grids, not an addition. I am very aware teachers are breaking their bubbles to go to school to prepare this work and we cannot continue to put them at risk.

LIVE AND ON-DEMAND TV

Teaching and learning opportunities on TV start this week with the return of Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV and are a great addition to Distance Learning. Details of the coming week's lessons are on the [Learning from Home website](#) so you can plan ahead. For the first two weeks there'll be a mix of brand-new content and some more familiar favourites, such as Karen welcoming you back to Karen's House. The Learning from Home website also has print-friendly, online resources that parents can use that are great for [supporting learning from home resources](#).

WELL-BEING

The Ministry of Education has developed a web-site to support whanau [well-being](#). It includes information that will be helpful for you and the wellbeing of your children and young people learning from home. Children and young people will again look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If parents or teachers seem overly worried, children and young people's anxiety may rise. Parents and teachers can reassure children and young people that everyone is working together, from the Prime Minister down, to help people throughout the country stay healthy and to limit the spread of this virus.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The planned Teacher Only Day on Friday 03 September has been postponed. The teaching teams will again be planning and preparing grids on Friday afternoon (tomorrow) from 1pm and will not be available online. This time is known as classroom release time and is provided during school weeks for all classroom teachers.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 3 2021 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 26 August – BOT Meeting 6.30pm – Zoom

Friday 03 September – Teacher Only Day - **POSTPONED**

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER CLUSTER BASKETBALL

The boys and girls Super Cluster basketball teams showed great grit and determination during the recent sports cluster event. The girl's team played some great games, improving every time they stepped out onto the court. The boy's team (and Madi) played some tough matches and had some great results throughout the day. Congratulations to the boys team (and Madi) on placing 3rd overall.

A huge thank you to the parent support, coaches and managers.



ROOM 16 VISUAL ART WORK

As part of the Launch! workshop rotations, some students have spent some time working on various visual art pieces including 'Falling in Space' and Watercolour 'Squares in Squares'. Some students have now begun working on a 'Stitched Sampler' using wool and a variety of different stitches.



ESOL CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

Our Korean students thoroughly enjoyed making paper chain Chinese dragons and designing their own dragons for ESOL class this week!

(이번주 이술에서 몇명의 한국 학생들이 즐겁게 종이로 중국 드래곤을 만들고 각자의 드래곤도 디자인을 했어요.)

Image 1: Ron (Room28) & Olivia (Room18) Image 2: Ron (Room28) Image 3: Olivia (Room18) Image 4: Yerim (Room 24)



YEAR 3 PICASSOS

Last week, the Year 3 children were set a challenge to create their own unique Picasso drawings. Check out some of their amazing masterpieces!



OUR STUDENTS AT HOME

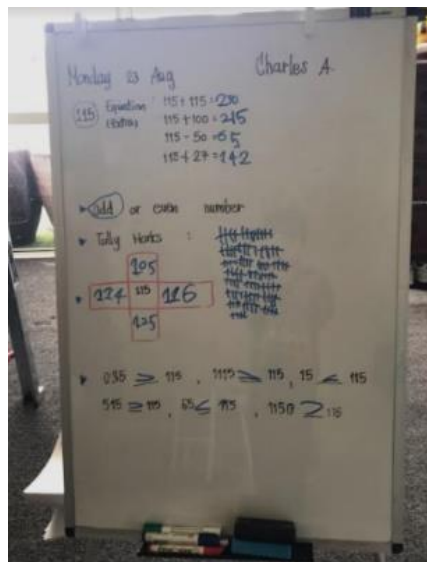
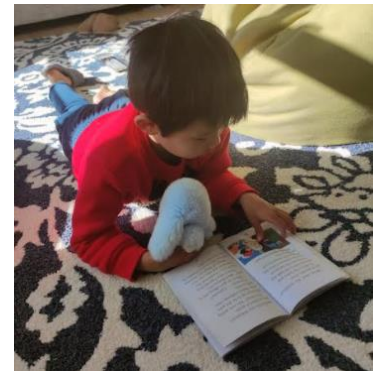
Our students have been busy at home this week and have provided us with an amazing array of photos for us all to enjoy.

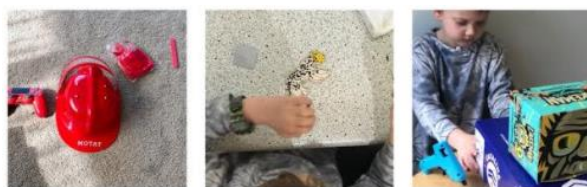


This is a sign that me and my mum made to stick in our native garden. I did the drawings and she did the writing. Hope you enjoy!

We used silver sharpie to do the words and drawing.

Here is the translation:
Welcome,
plants growing,
insects hiding,
birds visiting,
enjoy!





SCHOOL NOTICES

TOUCH REGISTRATIONS

Registrations remain open for Touch 2021.

For any Year 2 to Year 6 children interested in playing Touch for the school in Term 4, please go to the school website (sports/Touch) for more information on Touch, and how to register.

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/sports/touch>



PRODUCTION UPDATE



Launch! Well, our countdown has been delayed a little with this Level 4 Lockdown but our committed crew are still preparing to Launch! All our Year 5 and 6 students have access to the Launch page on the Studio website which has clips, practices and tips for all our performance groups. This page is updated regularly – watch for the rehearsal update by Thursday lunchtime for what would be usual rehearsal times this week. Enjoy!! Take care, be kind and stay safe everyone. Launch teacher crew.

Here's our bucket drummers rehearsing in the Studio last week. They have done an amazing job learning tricky new drumming patterns and putting them together, with impressive coordination for their routine. Hopefully there are some soft drumming instruments around home that will ensure sanity prevails amidst drumming rehearsals!



2022 ENROLMENTS



Browns Bay School
1000 Browns Bay Road, Browns Bay, Auckland

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BROWNS BAY SCHOOL

Browns Bay School advises that applications from parents wishing their child / children to enrol at

Browns Bay School
at any time during 2022 close on:

30th SEPTEMBER 2021

All enrolments are now online. Please see the school website for more information on the enrolment process.
www.brownsbay.school.nz

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- All children turning 5 in 2022 need to be enrolled by **30 September 2021**
- All of our enrolments are now completed online
Please go to our website | <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/> and click on enrolments- all the information you will need can be found there.
- Please note children need to reside in the Browns Bay School defined demographic zone to be eligible to enrol.
Our zone is clearly shown on the website under the enrolment tab.

LEVEL 4 WATERWISE – MILLENNIUM CENTRE - POSTPONED

The Level 4 Waterwise Programme scheduled to take place next Wednesday 01 September has been postponed. A new date will be determined once we return to school.



DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER - CANCELLED



Due to the Level 4 lockdown the Daffodil Day fundraiser scheduled for this Thursday will not take place. The Cancer Society has cancelled its annual street appeal for this year. We will look to reinstate a fundraiser to support them at a later date.

FOTS – Friends of the School

FOTS WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO – POSTPONED

We are extremely disappointed that the Lockdown has occurred just days out from the Term 3 Winter Wonderland Disco. At this stage we are considering this event postponed and we will be working to secure a new date. Once this date is set, payments already made will be honoured as long as the new date still suits you.



FOTS YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PIZZA DAY - POSTPONED

We are extremely disappointed that the Lockdown has occurred just before the Year 3 & 4 Pizza day. At this stage we are considering the event postponed and we will be working to secure a new date. Once this date is set, payments already made will be honoured as long as the new date still suits you.



CONTACT FOTS

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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.



Resources To Help Explain COVID-19 To Children

Looking for something to help your child make sense of COVID-19? Check these resources - from videos for kids about the science behind coronavirus to online stories that can be important conversation starters in your household. The resources cover the range of Alert Levels in New Zealand. <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/resources-help-explain-covid-19-children>



JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAY

 Browns Bay Racquets Club
4 Woodlands Crescent Browns Bay



Friday 4-5pm (5-12 years)
September 3rd 5-6pm (13-17 years)

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