

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

SCHOOL CHARTER

At the last meeting the Board accepted the 2018 Charter and Annual Plan. This document is on the school website at <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/teaching-learning/charter>. This is our guiding document that maps out a direction for the next three years and supports our vision of Building Leaders and Learners.

This year we have added two new Strategic Principles to the Charter:

- To develop innovative learning environments and opportunities to unlock the potential of our students, and develop in them the capacity for life-long learning.
- To acknowledge that education of a child involves three key relationships - the child, the teachers and the family/whanau. All three must collaborate together to ensure learning occurs.

A main area of teacher professional development this year is in Mathematics with consultant Marie Hirst (Special Addition), and funded by the Ministry of Education. The teachers will be looking at adopting an Accelerated Learning in Mathematics (ALim) approach with their students. Another key area of development is investigating Innovative Teaching Practices with Jo Robson: Learning in the 21st Century - *Who do we need to consider? Why do we need to consider it? How can we adapt? What can we investigate?*

A sub-committee of the Board is having regular meetings with the MOE Property Infrastructure team on planning for our Roll Growth and classroom replacements for the leased rooms on the field. This group is in the early stage of a long process that will give a 'blue print' for Browns Bay School for the next 20 years.

Some of the other parts to the 2018 Annual Plan are:

- Survey: Community and student (Year 5 – 6)
- eLearning: Y4 Bring Your Own Devices, Digital Technologies Curriculum, iPad apps
- Property: new fence on Browns Bay Road, Pool repainted, Heat pumps, new furniture, roof repairs, Junior Playground

NATIONAL STANDARDS

The Board of Trustees received the 2017 National Standards Report at its recent meeting. The National Standards

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Report was a requirement by the Ministry of Education for all schools over the previous year's, yet is now no longer a requirement to report on.

The table below shows the percentage of students AT and ABOVE the standards and shows the continuing high levels of success the children are having at Browns Bay School.

2017	All	Female	Male	Maori	Asian
Reading	88%	91	85	86	85
Writing	79%	88	69	80	77
Mathematics	84%	86	83	80	90

UNION MEETING

The Primary Teachers Union, the New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI), has advised the Board that Paid Union Meetings are being organised for members. NZEI members are entitled to attend the Paid Union Meetings, where they will discuss industrial issues before negotiations over the new Collective Agreement. The meetings for the members are during school time. In our school we have a significant number of teachers who are Union members. The teachers who are members of NZEI are attending the PUM on the afternoon of **Friday 23 March**. I have discussed the arrangements with the Board and am inviting parents, if they are able to, to collect their children on **Friday 23 March at 12.30pm**, or give them written permission to walk/cycle home at that time. **The school will remain open** for the afternoon and any students remaining at school will have an alternative programme until 3:00pm.

The teachers on the Year 6 (Rooms 18 to 21) and Year 5 (Rooms 16 and 22) camp will be staying on camp with those students. They will return to school as planned and gather in the Hall or classroom where they can be collected as per the camp organisation.

A notice regarding this will be going home next week.

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Monday March 5 – Year 6 Netball Trials	Tuesday March 6– Pre-school Visit
Wednesday March 7 - Waterwise	Friday March 9– Junior Outdoor Education Day
Monday March 12 – Year 5 Netball Trials	Tuesday March 13 – Year 4 to Stardome Rms 24 & 27
Wednesday March 14 - Waterwise	Wednesday March 14 – Year 4 to Stardome Rms 25 & 28
Thursday March 15 – Cluster Tennis	Thursday March 15 – BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Friday March 16 – Cluster Tennis Save	Friday March 16 – FOTS Uniform sale
March 19 – 23 – Year 5 and 6 Camp Week	Friday March 23 – Union Meeting

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER STARS

At the last full school assembly, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

YEAR 0/1 TEAM – Sergio Bavastrello 9, Phoenix Eketone-Te Kanawa 12, Alpha Zheng 10,

YEAR 2 TEAM – Ava Marshall 4, Jun Jiang 5, Jenna Els 6, Yi Hsiu Lo 7

YEAR 3 TEAM – Lucas MacFarlane 1, Amy Noh 2, Samantha Ridgley 14, Reno Horsfall 15

YEAR 4 TEAM – Chris Ahn 27, Caleb Stuart 24, Ryan Meyer 25, Cooper Baker 28

YEAR 5 TEAM – Elia Pollitt 16, Dennis Wu 17, Wian Van Wyngaardt 22, Gi Gi Lam 23

YEAR 6 TEAM – Sophie Harkness 18, Santiago Cruz 19, Cruze Gillbanks 20, Lechuan Xiao 21

VALUES CUP – Keira Labuschagne R20



SHORE TO SHORE

The 2018 Shore to Shore Fun Run is not far away! This year it is scheduled for Sunday 8th April. It's a fantastic morning out and every entry registered to Browns Bay School earns us money to spend on equipment for Sports and P.E. sessions! It is super easy to register. Just go to www.shoretoshore.co.nz and look for Browns Bay School. We will have a school tent at the Milford Beach finish line, with a free sausage sizzle for all BBS entrants. There are also spot prizes and activities to keep everyone entertained! We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL NOTICES

CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Parent Teacher Conference over Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers are available to meet with parents during the year to have discussions about student's progress and concerns. Please be aware that two afternoons per week are reserved for Staff and Team meetings. An email or note with a variety of times and a brief precis of the request would help facilitate the meetings. Staff email addresses are listed on the school website <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/contact/staff-directory>

ROAD SAFETY

Last year we had a school parent helping out at the Masterton Road Crossing. He took on a support role with our Crossing on a volunteer basis most mornings and afternoons.

If you are interested in helping in this role or as a Walking School Bus person please contact either Jacky Carr jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or Tanya Loader tanyal@brownsbay.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY

The photo illustrates the mountain of lost property that has accumulated at school over last year and the start of this year.

Any items that are named are returned to owners.

It really helps if you name your children's clothes.



FOTS – Friends of the School

NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR BBS INITIATIVE?

FOTS are calling for applications from within the school community for the FOTS Discretionary Fund for Term 1. If you are a staff member, a coach or a helper and require financial support to assist your work or initiative for our students, please collect an application form from the school office. Applications close Friday, March 16, 3pm. For further information please contact either Jacky Carr by email: jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or Jan O'Connor-Brown: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOTS)

AGM

Parents/Caregivers Invitation:
Come along to our Annual General Meeting &
wine and cheese evening

Wednesday 28 March
7pm in the Staff Room

- Meet & greet
- Drinks & nibbles
- Reports from the Principal & FOTS Exec
- New Exec elections
- Plans for 2018

**Find out how you can support
BBS through FOTS!**

It's a great time to join the Committee!

All parents/caregivers of BBS students can become part of the 2018 FOTS Committee. So come along, get involved, and make a difference at BBS!

Make a difference!

Nominations for FOTS Exec 2018 (1 year term):

All parents/caregivers of BBS students are eligible to be nominated for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nomination forms and position descriptions can be collected from the school office. Nominations must be returned to the office by Tuesday 27 March, 3:30pm.

For more information:

www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school
or email: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz



Interested in joining Friends Of The School (FOTS)? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year. Ahead of the AGM we're calling for nominations from school parents/caregivers for the FOTS Executive Team roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. These roles have a 1-year term. FOTS information, Constitution and forms can be found [here](http://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school).
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SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE – FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 8.30AM, THE STUDIO

We've gathered enough stock to hold a second-hand uniform sale. Mark the date in your diaries now. At last year's sale, we had a queue waiting at The Studio door before we opened and despite having quite a lot of stock, we sold out in record time (12 minutes)! Sales are cash-only and we cannot hold items. Most items will be \$10 and under. If you have any BBS school uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate for the fundraising sale, please bring them in to the office over the coming week. If you can help with set-up and sales on the day, please get in touch: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz Thanks for your support!

FACEBOOK

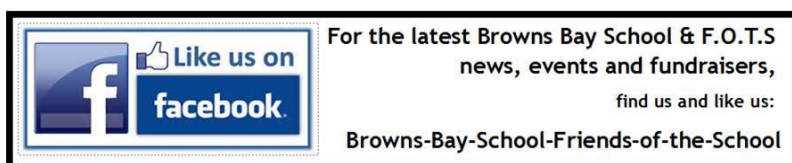
Did you know FOTS shares a Facebook page with BBS? For news, photos, updates and event information, search FB: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

Keen to follow what's happening with our Blast In the Bays fireworks event in October this year? We've set up a separate page for this event. Please follow it and share it with your family and friends. www.facebook.com/blastinthebays



FLICKS & FUN

Flicks & Fun is on this weekend in Browns Bay, Saturday March 3 and Sunday, March 4. There are market stalls, food trucks, movies and more! Brought to you by the Browns Bay Business Association and Seven Events (they're the great people behind BBS, helping to get Blast In The Bays off the ground). It's going to be a great weekend of fun!



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

THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Thursday 22nd March - 7pm

WILLOW PARK SCHOOL HALL

Come and hear Rawdon Christie gives us his take on the Digital Revolution. Tickets are on sale now through Event Bright by following the following link.

(Click here or copy and paste <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/o/willow-park-school-15839769634>)

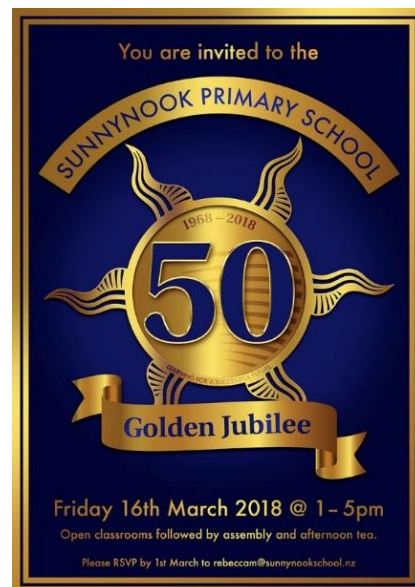
Rawdon Christie is an award-winning broadcaster with twenty years' experience in communication and media. His career started with the BBC but he is best known for his five years presenting TVNZ Breakfast show, where he interviewed hundreds of guests, from senior politicians and business leaders to Oscar winners and Olympic champions. Rawdon has now transferred his love of story-telling - and of talking - to helping others communicate. **He believes that effective spoken communication is essential in building any successful relationship**, be it personal or professional, but he is worried that the digital revolution, while making communication easier than ever before, is also stopping us from talking to each other. **His presentation WE NEED TO TALK will look at our digital future and the challenges it presents.**



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**READY YOUR NETBALL
SKILLS for SCHOOL**

SUNDAY 4 MARCH
9.30 - 12.30PM
OR 1.30 - 4.30PM

**WESTLAKE GIRLS HIGH
PRE-SEASON
COACHING CLINIC FOR YEAR 1 - 8**

Ready your children's netball skills, improve their understanding of the game and increase their competitive prowess in one of two unique coaching clinics at Westlake Girls High School on Sunday 4 March, 2018.

Under the guidance of the Westlake Girls Premier NETBALL team and their coach April Ieremia (ex Silver Fern), players will have a chance to push themselves as they improve their basic skills of passing, attacking, defending and shooting while gaining a greater understanding of tactics and positional play.

Get ready for your the season with Westlake Girls.

To register go to www.westlakegirls.school.nz then ONLINE PAYMENTS and Netball Coaching Clinic Sunday 4th March 2018. Make sure you select your preferred time. Payments will received online only.

COST: \$35

If you have any questions please call April on 021300020



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