



**Browns Bay School**

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

**09 August 2018  
Newsletter**



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

### **STRIKE – SCHOOL CLOSED WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15**

The letter below was sent to all parents by email on Tuesday morning:

*The Board of Trustees can't provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike*

*The NZEI (New Zealand Education Institute) has advised the Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15 for the full day.*

*The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.*

*The school will need to close during this strike. I know this is inconvenient for parents and students, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.*

*Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Peter Mulcahy  
[peterm@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:peterm@brownsbay.school.nz) if you have any queries regarding this situation.*

*Yours sincerely  
Aaron Cooper (Chair Board of Trustees)*

If you are interested in researching the background of the strike then information can be found on the [NZEI website](#).

Please see the advertisement from SKIDS regarding a possible option for parents on the Strike Day.

### **KAHUI AKO**

Last week we had a group of Year 5 and 6 students take part for the first time in a MidBays Kahui Ako Festival at Rangitoto College. This new event was developed under the umbrella of the Mid Bays Schools' Community of Learning (Kahui Ako). This community involves all state schools from Campbells Bay School to Browns Bay School including Murrays Bay Intermediate and Rangitoto College. This cluster has been working together since 2016 with a joint

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Achievement Plan. This Achievement Plan is currently being reviewed and updated and we hope to share it with our communities soon.

We are now sharing information between the schools across a range of areas such as curriculum achievement. We are also exploring other ways to work together for the benefit of our students. The first ever festival referred to above, is an example of providing opportunities for our students to work with students from other schools through the Arts and a variety of year groups.

Peter Mulcahy

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday 13 August - Y6 visit to Murrays Bay Intermediate School	Tuesday 14 August – ICAS Maths
Wednesday 15 August – Strike Day – SCHOOL IS CLOSED	Thursday 16 August – Rippa Rugby
Friday 17 August – Full School Assembly	

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## SCHOOL EVENTS

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### **PRODUCTION 2018 – 1 SUMMER**



2018 Production – '1 Summer' is happening – we are three weeks in and all the drama and dance groups are humming along beautifully! Please watch out for a note about this year's production fee and t-shirts that should be at your place by now and there will be one asking for parent help very soon. A reminder that our evening performance dates are 18, 19, 20 September and at this stage our technical rehearsal is planned to be on Sunday 16 September. Signs will be outside school in the next

few days - Karen Warren.

### **KAHUI AKO FESTIVAL 2018**

80 of our Year 5 & 6 students volunteered last term to learn music and dance items for the Kahui Ako festival at Rangitoto College last week. Our local schools including MBIS and Rangitoto College participated and gave our kids the opportunity to work collaboratively with other teachers and mentor students in the process. Singers had to learn two songs, our ukulele players had to learn two songs which really challenged them and our dancers had to learn a complicated dance routine. Every performer worked hard to master what was required of them and showed our BBS values in the way they contributed their skills and personal qualities to make their groups a huge success. Thanks to all our supportive families for encouraging our performers and making sure they got home again! – Karen Warren



### **MATHS WEEK**

Next week is NZ's Maths Week from Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August. Our school will be participating in many activities during this week, from participating in activities on the NZ Mathsweek website, to trying to solve daily estimation problems on our Today Notices, to competing in a Matific competition on line for some year groups and also having lots of fun with Maths Trails and Maths fitness.

We would love to see families becoming involved as well, so why not go online to the maths site with your children or come up with your own daily estimation problems, add up the total sums on number plates of cars as you come to or from school, or even just play a board game.

“Oh look! Look! Look! I’ve found a cook. She can make my bed. She can bake my bread and she can clean my house like a mouse and she will never get away!”

By Conor Brown R2



### **TE AO MAORI DAY**

On Friday 03 August the second Te Ao Maori Day was held at the school. This day was a collaboration between the school and the Maori Whanau community to support Maori students in their cultural knowledge.



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### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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#### **JUNIOR PLAYGROUND**

The new Junior playground is very busy before and after school. We would appreciate parents keeping an eye on their children, especially the pre-schoolers, as no teacher is on duty in that area at those times.

#### **SUMMER 1 PRODUCTION**

**Year 4, 5 and 6** children in the production need to pay their Production Fee by Wednesday 15 August (see note that came home this week). Kindo is our preferred method of payment. Please remember to note your child's name and room number when making payment.

This fee includes a production T-Shirt. If you wish to try T-shirts for size the time and dates below are when T-Shirts are available to try on in Room 13.

**Wed 8 Aug 8.00-8.30, 3.00-3.30      Thurs 9 Aug 12.30-1.00**

**Fri 10 Aug 8.00-8.30, 3.00-3.30      Mon 13 Aug 8.00-8.30, 12.30-1.00, 3.00-3.30**

**Year 3 children** will wear the production T-Shirt as the main part of their costume for their part in the production (see note that came home this week). These need to be ordered and paid for by Wednesday 15 August. Kindo is our preferred method of payment. Please remember to note your child's name and room number when making payment.

See dates above if you would like to try on T-shirts for size. (Room 13)

#### **TOUCH RUGBY**

If your child is interested in playing Touch Rugby in Term 4, please get a form from Room 1 and return it to the sports box by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August**. Forms are also available to [download](#) here.

#### **VISITING THE SCHOOL**

To ensure the safety of all our students it is very important that we know who is on the school site at all times. Of course, immediately before and after school we have many parents and caregivers visiting the school and this is expected. We also have occasions when parents/caregivers are invited to attend an event, such as cross country. However, outside of these 'drop off' and 'pick up' times and 'special occasion' times it is very important that all parents/caregivers who come to the school 'sign in' at the office before going anywhere else on the school site.

The signing in involves wearing a visitor sticker. This then helps the teachers to ascertain the visitor has recorded their presence at the office.

The wearing of the sticker does not apply to parents/caregivers who are helping in the class alongside the teacher, who are recorded by the class teacher and wear a lanyard. As a school we welcome parent/caregiver involvement and this, clearly, means we will have numerous visitors to the school at any given time. With your help we will always know who is on the school site. This is also useful should an emergency evacuation be needed as we must know how many people need to be accounted for. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation

### **LOST PROPERTY**


At this time of the year, due to the change in weather, we have a 'mountain' of lost property in the Junior corridor, particularly polar fleeces.

Please could you check your child's bag and follow up any items that are missing.

We have many items that are not named with current BBS children and these things have likely been purchased second hand.

We will put the lost property out in Room 4's bay on Friday, if the weather is fine.

Thank you



## Trash or Treasure

# Walk for the Environment Day

**GOAL:** For all children to come to school by sustainable transport so that no cars drop children off at our school gate

**When:** Friday 24 August 2018


**Dress:** Trash or Treasure... come dressed up as some environmental trash or treasure... Ideas for recycling. E.g. a flower, plant or tree or a rubbish bag, newspaper or reusable bag!

**How:** Walk to school or use sustainable transport such as walk, bike, scooter or park 'n walk to come to school.

**What's it about?** On your way to school find a piece of trash (rubbish) and a piece of treasure (Fallen leaves, flowers, sticks, bark, things that are good for our environment).

**Get involved:** bring a gold coin donation to go towards our Travelwise projects.

**Aim:** We will have two marked areas to fill with our trash and treasure... let's see if we can clean up our environment and save it by using sustainable transport!!!



## ***FOTS – Friends of the School***

### **!! FOTS MEETING TONIGHT !!**

#### **THURSDAY 9 AUGUST, 7.15PM IN THE STAFF ROOM**

Come along to our meeting tonight and find out what's going on around school during the second half of the year. If you can't make it to our meetings, but want to get in touch or help out, please drop us an email: [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 3-4. Last term, we approved 7 great projects, including the junior engineer kits and sand/water play tables. As you can see, these are already being enjoyed by our Year 1 and 2 students.

If you are a staff member, coach, or helper and require financial assistance for students or their activities, please click here to download an application form:

[https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/application/files/3215/3352/5563/DF\\_Form\\_2018\\_Term\\_3.pdf](https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/application/files/3215/3352/5563/DF_Form_2018_Term_3.pdf)



This will be our final funding round of 2018, so don't miss out! Applications must be submitted to the school office by 3pm on Friday 7 September.

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)

### **DEAL OF THE MONTH FROM PRECIOUS LABELS**



With warmer weather just around the corner, make sure you are prepared for the inevitable lost clothing! This month, Precious Labels are offering their mighty iron-on labels for an amazing price of just \$14.99 (half price!). You get 75 personalised name labels of different sizes to cover all your clothing needs. For your purchase to benefit the school, please go to: <https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/?aff=58> then click 'Deal of the Month'.

### **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

For news, photos, updates, and event information, check out: [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/)

For the latest Browns Bay School & F.O.T.S news, events and fundraisers,  
find us and like us:  
**Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School**

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## ***Community Notices***

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**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](http://www.thinkingcaps.co.nz)

'We're working together to grow great kids'  
E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki

Visit [kidslink.co.nz](http://kidslink.co.nz) for more info

### **Fun Athletics activity for Chinese Kids**

To promote sports in Chinese Community, Athletics NZ will deliver a fun training for children aged 5-11, from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> September, every Wednesday afternoon. The programme provides educational, developmentally-appropriate, fun activities that build and develop children's basic fundamental movement skills.

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Venue: Pinehurst School

Please contact Crystal for more information, mobile: 021658499, wechat: crysalleng58

2018年8月22日-9月26日，每周三下午4:30 – 5:30，田径协会将专为华人5-11岁小学生提供趣味田径活动，帮助孩子学习基本的运动技巧。

地点：Pinehurst操场

详情请联系Crystal，手机：021-658499，Wechat: crystalleng58



**Wednesday  
Teacher's  
Strike  
SKIDS IS**



**15<sup>th</sup> August  
Union  
OPEN!!**

As you may be aware, Browns Bay School will be closed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August due to the teacher's union strike. The good news is sKids Browns Bay will be open all day!

If you would like to book your children in for a day of fun and games, it's very easy to make a booking just head to our website [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) (choose special day)

Short Day (7.30am – 3.00pm) \$40

Full Day (7.30am – 6.00pm incl Afternoon Tea) \$50

Also Breakfast available until 8am.

Please contact us for our family discounts.

Any queries please contact Sue [brownsbay@skids.co.nz](mailto:brownsbay@skids.co.nz) - 021384038 -



### Community Planting Day

**Make a positive difference to Browns Bay's  
Tiaotea Stream**

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board are working with community groups to protect and enhance urban streams in the East Coast Bays area.

Join our community planting day at Tiaotea Stream and find out more about how we can work together to make a positive difference to water quality in our streams and beaches.

Bring your family and neighbours and stay for a free sausage sizzle

**Where:** Browns Bay Reserve (next to the Clyde Road bridge)

**When:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018: 10am – 12.30pm

**What to bring:** Gumboots/closed toe shoes, appropriate clothing, favourite spade.

**Please note:** Children are to be accompanied and supervised by an adult. There will be no rain date - planting will proceed rain, hail, or shine.

Find out more: Contact project coordinator Ben Sheehan

021 452 777



### RANGITOTO KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL FAIR

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10am-1pm  
2a Hythe Tce, Mairangi Bay**

Lucky Dip \* Pony Rides \* Face Painting \* Bouncy Castles \*  
Police Car & Fire Engine \* Haunted House \* Photo Booth \*  
Beauty Parlour \* Books & Toys \* 2nd Hand Clothing \* Coconut  
Shy \* Preserves \* International Food \* Coffee & Drinks \* Sausage  
Sizzle \* Sweets & Cakes \* Candy Floss

We have a fantastic range of products and vouchers up for tender, from weekends away at popular hotels to entries to family events, photography packages, restaurant vouchers, signed memorabilia and lots more exciting things up for grabs!



Be part of the celebrations on  
Friday 28 September 2018.

Register your interest at  
[www.northcoteprimary100.co.nz](http://www.northcoteprimary100.co.nz).

### Mud Monster Mud Rush

8th & 9th September at Massey University



- 20 different muddy obstacles to complete.
- Suitable for everyone above the age of 6.
- There'll be slipping, sliding, climbing, crawling, splashing and lots of mud!

Check out the website and register now  
at [www.mudmonstermudrush.co.nz](http://www.mudmonstermudrush.co.nz)

**Mud Monster Mud Rush:** 8th & 9th September - 2.5km run at Massey University. 20 different muddy obstacles to complete. Suitable for everyone above the age of 6. There'll be slipping, sliding, climbing, crawling, splashing and lots of mud! Check out the website and register now at [www.mudmonstermudrush.co.nz](http://www.mudmonstermudrush.co.nz)

