

#### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers Kia Ora

The photo above shows the Kapa Haka group at the Onepoto Festival last Friday. As you will read later in the newsletter the performance had to be performed off-stage. Although this was a huge change, our children need to be acknowledged for how they managed the disappointment and performed like professionals.

I am often told how well behaved and trained our children are at events e.g. Athletics, Y6 Rainbows End, Kids 4 Kids and we tend to take it for granted yet they do stand out where ever they are with their attitude and behaviour – we are very proud of them (and you as parents should be too).

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

I would like to congratulate Kelly Shields and Sarah Pyke on their graduation this Friday at the North Shore Principals Association ceremony. Kelly and Sarah can be very proud of their achievement in becoming Fully Registered teachers.



## **READ-A-THON**

Tomorrow at the School Assembly we will be announcing the **GRAND TOTAL** raised by the Read-athon for shade at Browns Bay School. We are really impressed with the amount the children raised by "reading around New Zealand" and I would like to acknowledge our generous school community for their support.

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I would like to thank the children for participating in the read-a-thon. At the assembly we will be recognising some children in our special prize draw.

A special thanks to our FOTS parents who came in regularly to count the money and teachers for your in-class support and encouragement.

#### **TE AO MAORI ART**



The art work produced by our Maori Whanau in 2018 has finally been installed on the exterior wall of the classrooms facing the Junior Courts. The art work has been installed as the painting of the school has now been completed.

On the Te Ao Maori day the children were split into three groups, identified by colours. These colours were whero/red, kikorangi/blue and kakariki/green. These colours were used in the background and colour of the birds. The line of the branch connects each bird together, beginning with the Kereru/Woodpigeon, Piwakawaka/Fantail and Tui.

This Whakatauki/Moari proverb was used as our inspiration for these pieces. Mate huruhuru karere te manu "Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly."

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board met last week and began the planning for 2020 by confirming our Strategic Goals and Principles. The Board also discussed specific actions for 2020, for example, the key focus for professional development will be on the teaching of reading and developing collaborative teaching practices. The Board has completed the appointment of teachers for 2020 and we are fully staffed for next year. The next meeting is on Wednesday 18 December at the new time of 6.30pm in the staffroom.

## **2019 END OF YEAR**

Please note that the school year will finish at 1pm on Thursday 19 December.

We have a Final School Assembly on that day at 11.15am.

## **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

This week the Senior Leadership Team and I have been reading all the December reports prior to them going home on December 13th. The report is to be read alongside the Pupil Portfolio which will also be going home. These reports are for parents/caregivers and are addressed to parents/caregivers with the intention that they will be the first to open them. We encourage you to share the reports with your children.

## **JINGLE**

The children are practising their words and dance moves to entertain you at Jingle on Tuesday December 10 or if wet, then on Thursday December 12. There will be some food and treat stalls, starting at 4:30pm. Performances start at 6pm and all family and friends are invited.

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 29 November – Y4 Full School Assembly 11:15am	Monday 2 December – Yr 1 Decoration Day
Tuesday 3 December – Arranged Preschool Visits 9:30am	Tuesday 3 December – Y3 Grandparents Day in the Hall
Wednesday 4 December – Waterwise	Wednesday 4 Dec – Y0/1 Grandparent Concert Lunch
Wednesday 4 December – FOTS Meeting 7.30pm	Thursday 5 December – Tag Auckland Champs
Thursday 5 December – BOT Thank You Morning Tea	Friday 6 December – Yr 5 Hikoi
10:30am	
Tuesday 10 December – Jingle	Wednesday 11 Yr 2 Decoration Day
Wednesday 11 December – Waterwise	Thursday 12 December (save day for Jingles)
Friday 13 December – Year 5 Movie	Friday 13 December – Class Placement
Friday 13 December – Reports Out	Monday 16 December – Y2 Beach Trip
Monday 16 December – Year 3 and 4 Movie	Tuesday 17 December – Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 18 December – BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Thursday 19 December – Final Assembly 11:15am
Thursday 19 December – School Closes 1pm	
Monday 3 February 2020 – School opens	

#### SCHOOL EVENTS

#### **SAILING REGATTA**

On Monday 25 November, 6 children represented BBS in the new 'Torbay Waterwise' Barry Johnson Cup Regatta. It was quite a windy day and our sailors had to manoeuvre their boats in quite tricky conditions. There were 4 races altogether and although Brooke and Paige came first in one race and Campbell and Luke managed to pull off a couple of third places, BBS got 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. In the finals 'individual' race, Helmsman, Luke Taylor, and Second Officer, Campbell Bibbie, came third overall and won a bronze medal. Well done to all of you, it was great to see you all out there and representing your school. *Mrs Maclver*.



## **KAPA HAKA - ONEPOTO FESTIVAL**

Our 70 strong Kapa Haka Group went to the Onepoto Festival last week. Things didn't quite go to plan as we were unable to take the actual stage. However, they did get the opportunity to perform to a very supportive audience and as always did us very proud!











#### **FIRE FIGHTERS**

Last week the year 0, 1 and 2 classes were very lucky to have a visit from the East Coast Bays fire brigade. They came and spoke to us about fire safety, how to evacuate a burning room, and talked about the safety equipment they use. Miss Campbell got to dress up in all the safety gear.



#### **KIDS FOR KIDS**

Last Tuesday evening 93 of our Year 5 and 6 students sang their hearts out as part of the 500 strong 'Kids for Kids' choir supporting NZ music legends Jackie Clarke and Nathan King. It was a fantastic evening celebrating the best of kiwi music and our students had a blast! Special congratulations to Chloe for her singing role and



Sophie and Jadyn for their stage roles as well. It was a great finish to a few weeks of learning and working on the 14 songs that formed the programme. Well done everyone! *Karen Warren*.

#### SCHOOL NOTICES

### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2020 – POLICE VETS**

As most of you will be aware the school runs a very extensive Outdoor Education Programme, incorporating a sequential skill development programme, from Years 1-6. As an added safety precaution the Board of Trustees has a policy in place requiring all parents who stay overnight at any of our Year 4-6 camps to undergo a Police Vet.

It is vital that we have parent support at our camps, both during the day and overnight. Without this support these programmes will not be able to take place.

If there is any possibility that you might be considering staying overnight at any Year 4, 5 or 6 camp in 2020 could you please contact the school office and we will send the relevant documentation to you. These vets must be submitted as soon as possible as the process can take a number of weeks.

(If you have previously been vetted by the school, you will be notified if your vet is no longer valid).



## **LOST PROPERTY COUNT**

Just a bit of interesting information for the day. In the senior lost property alone there are 58 polar fleeces. Room 17 worked out that is \$2610 worth of fleeces!

#### **SCHOOL POOL CARD**

The pool will be opened for after school use and pool cards handed out closer to mid-December. A School Pool Card notice email was sent out 21 November with a link to complete a form to order your pool card. The pool cards will go with children when these are ready, along with an email beforehand.



## FOTS – Friends of the School

We're close to December and that means it's time to think Jingle – the BBS annual end of year celebration. Jingle is an outdoor family picnic with song and dance performances by the students.

# JINGLE JARS, JINGLE JARS, BRING JINGLE JARS TO SCHOOL

This weekend get your kid's creating a Jingle Jar for a bit of fun and to help raise funds for our School. Jingle Jars are donated to School and then sold by lucky dip to our children at Jingle for \$3. Kid's love to discover the surprises that have been put inside.

• Fill a lidded glass or plastic jar with a variety of fun, NEW and UNUSED items please and if possible, choose gender neutral items.

- New small toys, stationery, marbles, arts and crafts, \$2 shop items, stickers, glow items and a small amount of sweets (no nut based items please) are great. Have some fun decorating the jar.
- Bring the Jars to your class where they are being collected now. The class who has the most Jingle Jars donated by Mon, 9th Dec will win a lunch-time reward before the end of Term 4!
- If you can donate more than 1 jar great! If you have a pre-schooler coming to Jingle who may want to buy a jar, please donate an extra jar so there are enough to go around.
- Thanks for your support and for helping to create some end of year fun!

## **JINGLE DETAILS**

Jingle is on Tuesday 10th Dec 2019 Food stalls open from 4.30pm Year Group performances begin at 6.00pm The evening finishes with a visit from Santa

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Can you help set-up for Jingle on Tues 10th Dec from 1-3pm? Can you help out on a stall selling Jingle Jars or food items between 4.15pm-5.00pm or 5.00pm-5.45pm? Can you help to clean-up after Jingle?

If you can help in any way, please complete the google drive form by clicking on this link <a href="https://forms.gle/PLKHFWZ2Ka7jQepT7">https://forms.gle/PLKHFWZ2Ka7jQepT7</a>

Thank you so much THE FOTS TEAM

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

If you want to get in touch or help out, please contact us via email: <a href="mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz">fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz</a>

#### **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK**

For news, photos, updates, and event information, check out: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/">www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/</a>







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## **Community Notices**

#### **THINKING CAPS**



Thinking Caps in-school Maths tuition. Year 3-6 - booking places NOW for 2020! www.thinkingcaps.co.nz





options available: 1pm to 3pm - 1pm to 4.3opm

1pm to 6pm

Also

OUR, SUMMER, HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS NOW OPEN FOR. BOOKINGS:

> **4** 20th − 24th December 2019 ♣ o6<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

We have a fabulous programme lined up. We have really enjoyed putting together this age appropriate summer holiday programme for your children. This year our theme is

#### "LETS CARE FOR OUR PLANET"

To check out our Holiday programme activities and all bookings

http://www.skids.co.nz/locations/browns\_bay/

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