



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

23 March 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora

Our banner photo is of our New Building: Te Whenua/Land (Level 1) and Te Ngahere/Forrest (Level 2). The photo was taken at night (photo courtesy of GHD Architects).

### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2023

#### 1. Our Vision



The Charter focuses on achieving Our Vision of **Building Leaders and Learners**.

The Strategic Plan is a three year plan based on the [National Education and Learning Priorities](#) (NELP).

The NELPS's are statutory documents issued under the Education and Training Act 2020 that direct government and education sector activities towards the actions that will make the biggest difference and ensuring that we are able to strengthen the education system to deliver successful outcomes for all learners.

This year the Board of Trustees will continue consulting with the Community on the direction of the school for the next three years.

This year our main goals are:

- Curriculum Literacy focus on Structured Literacy with Year 1 and 2 and Spelling The Code with Year 3 to 6
- Curriculum Fresh Focus:
  - Review the draft Curriculum Framework / Te Mātaiaho alongside the Common Practice Model and the Mathematics & Statistics and English learning areas
  - Introduce the [Aotearoa New Zealand's histories \(ANZH\) content](#) within the Social Sciences Curriculum
- Consolidate Positive Behaviour for Learning across the whole school
- Strengthen our connection with the community through consultation

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- Continue working with Education Review Office on our Focus
- Continue to develop the Browns Bay School Kaupapa with Māori whanau

The full Strategic Plan will be on our school website by 31 March.

### **PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES**

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of our school Bring your own Device (BYOD) programme. This includes cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and other similar devices.

We do not recommend that students bring these personal digital devices to school. They are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight.
- Devices must not be used at break times.
- Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, please call the school office.

Please note that Smart watches need to have their smart features disabled during school time.

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

The School Assemblies happen every five weeks – Week 5 and 10 and are split with a Year 1 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 Assembly. The next Assembly of 2023 is on Thursday 06 April with Year 3 and Year 6 being the organising Teams.

The times are:

Year 1 – 3                      09:45 – 10:30am  
Year 4 – 6                      11:30 – 12:30pm

School trophies will be available at all the Assemblies for the most deserving students regardless of year level (except the End of Year Assembly that is reserved for Year 6 students). We have introduced a Junior Values Award for the Year 1 – 3 Assembly. Parents and Caregivers of certificate and trophy recipients are contacted prior to the event so they can be present.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 1 and 2 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 23 March - BOT Meeting - 6.30pm - Staffroom	Friday 24 March - Junior Outdoor Education Day
Monday 27 March – FOTS AGM 2023 - 7pm - Staffroom	Tuesday 28 March – Non Uniform Day (Gold Coin donation for NZ Red Cross Disaster Relief)
Tuesday 28 March – Māori Whanau Hui	Wednesday 29 March - Waterwise Sailing
Wednesday 05 April – Waterwise Sailing	Thursday 06 April – Y1-3 Assembly – 9.45am
Thursday 06 April – Y4-6 Assembly – 11.30am	Thursday 06 April – Term 1 Ends 3pm
Friday 07 April – Good Friday (school closed)	Monday 24 April - Teacher Only Day – (school closed)
Tuesday 25 April – Anzac Day – (school closed)	Wednesday 26 April – Term 2 Starts
Monday & Tuesday 01 & 02 May – Year 4 Camp R31 &32	Tuesday 02 May – NS Swimming
Monday & Tuesday 08 & 09 May – Year 4 Camp R30 &33	Thursday 25 May – BOT Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### YEAR 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION WITH BIGFOOT

Year 3 classes had the opportunity to experience (EOTC), Education Outside The Classroom, with Bigfoot. The sun was shining, and everyone had the opportunity to have a go and try new things that they might not experience in the classroom. Children got to go rock climbing, build bivvys in the bush, complete a scavenger hunt that ended at the Long Bay playground and also take part in a number of challenges that included Team building games. This day, as always, is a highlight for the children in Year 3. We would like to thank all those parents who helped out, without your help this day would not be possible. Thank you once again.





## TE WHENUA/TE NGAHERE



## YEAR 6 PEER MEDIATORS

In their latest training session Year 6 Peer Mediators have learned about the importance of being an active listener while on duty. They have learned that it is important to make eye contact where possible with the person who is speaking. They have also learned what kinds of questions to ask to help them fully understand the situation before helping the students to resolve the problem.





## **SUPER CLUSTER SWIMMING**

The Browns Bay School Cluster Swim Team travelled up to the Northern Arena Swimming complex to compete at the Mid Bays Cluster Swimming event. It was a great morning and wonderful to see every swimmer giving their best. They were all great ambassadors for Browns Bay School.

Well done to the following students who did well in their events – Giselle 1<sup>st</sup> and Camila 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 6 girls Backstroke, Camila 1<sup>st</sup> and Rhianne 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 6 girls 25m Freestyle, Crystal 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 4 girls 25m Freestyle, Roy 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 5 boys Butterfly, Crystal 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 4 girls 50 metre Freestyle, Luke 1<sup>st</sup> in Year 5 boys 25m Breaststroke. The Year 6 girls placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Freestyle relay.

Congratulations to Junia who won every event she competed in and for taking out the title of overall Year 6 Girl Super Cluster Swimming Champion!



## **SUPER CLUSTER TENNIS**

The Browns Bay School Super Cluster Tennis team recently played some very exciting matches during the Super Cluster Tennis Tournament. The competition was tough however the team played with great spirit and determination.

Congratulations to the doubles team - Blair and Austin who won all their pool matches to make it to the final. The match was tightly fought and the boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. An outstanding result!



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## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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### **ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**



Each year the school is invited to participate in the Anzac Day Civic ceremony. We are looking for two school representatives to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the Anzac Day ceremony in Browns Bay on Tuesday 25 April. School representatives will need to be dressed in school uniform. If you intend to be at the ANZAC day ceremony, and would like your child to be involved, could you please email Ms Hewitt on [joh@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:joh@brownsbay.school.nz), or contact the school office.

## **TEACHER ONLY DAY – MONDAY 24 APRIL (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

The Ministry of Education has approved this day as a Teacher Only Day for professional development as part of the Curriculum Refresh. This means the school will be closed on the Monday and children are not to come to school. All teaching staff will be engaged in professional development. This is the day before ANZAC DAY so Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26 April.



## **EARLY ARRIVALS**

I would like to remind families / whanau that children are expected at school after 8.30am. Several children are arriving at school as early as 7.45am. There is no supervision available before 8.30am.

The school has the following arrangements for student supervision before school:

- Students may be on site before 8.30am for sports coaching or practice as long as a parent is present in the coaching or managerial role.
- Teachers are in the classrooms at 8.30 am with students having access to bag storage and toilets.
- Two teachers/adults are on duty at the crossings from 8.30 am to 8.50am.
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually DP or Principal) from 8.40am.
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the morning so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition from parents before school.

SKiDs operate a Before School programme for children who need to be dropped off early <https://www.skids.co.nz/>.

## **SPORTS SUPPORTERS**

The sports season is starting to get very busy and it is great to see children signing up for sports. I would like to remind parents/whanau to check our [Fair Play Code of Conduct](#) for sports. We have many sports teams under our school banner and the Code is to clarify players and parent's expectations when you are representing Browns Bay School. If you have a concern when games are being played, please notify your teams coach and manager. Meika Isgrove is our sports co-ordinator. She can be contacted at: [meikai@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:meikai@brownsbay.school.nz).



## **NETBALL**

Winter netball registrations are closed and organisation of teams are underway. However, there are a few spaces still available at some year levels to make team numbers work. Limited spaces at Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 - please see the school website for details and email [cherieb@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:cherieb@brownsbay.school.nz) to express interest.



## **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

On Tuesday 28 March I would like to invite students to attend school in non-uniform clothes and bring a GOLD COIN DONATION. The money raised will be sent to the Red Cross for the [New Zealand Disaster Fund](#). **The New Zealand Disaster Fund helps Red Cross support communities to respond to, recover from, and prepare for disasters and emergencies in Aotearoa New Zealand.**

All funds donated will go to the purpose of the Fund as they do not take an admin fee.

The Fund is split into three programmes:

- Response and recovery programme
- Partnerships programme
- Investment programme

**Non-uniform day!**

## **POOL CARD RETURNS**

The swimming pool will be closed for the season from 02 April. Please return your pool card to the school office before 27 April to receive your \$20.00 bond back. Bonds will be refunded in Term 2. Pool cards returned after 27 April will not receive the bond refund but will still be gratefully received.





## COVID-19 REPORTING

We have had few positive cases of Covid-19 reported at school so far this year, however, it is something to keep in mind as the weather becomes cooler and more people start to experience cold-like symptoms. If your child does return a positive Covid-19 test result, please notify us via the link on the Report an Absence section of our website or by informing the school office. The NZ Government guidelines still require isolating for 7 days from the day that you start to experience symptoms or return a positive Covid-19 test.

Holly Harnett.

## TRAVELWISE



The infographic is titled "Travelling to and from School" and features a school logo in the top right corner. It is divided into two main sections: a green "Do" section on the left and a red "Don't!" section on the right. Each section contains four rows of images with corresponding text instructions. The "Do" section includes: 1) A driver staying in the car while passengers load/unload, with a checkmark. 2) A person crossing a zebra crossing, with a checkmark. 3) A group of people crossing a zebra crossing together, with a checkmark. 4) A person walking on a footpath next to a carpark, with a checkmark. The "Don't!" section includes: 1) A person putting bags into a car boot, with a red X. 2) A driver getting out of the car to help passengers, with a red X. 3) A person crossing a street at a corner, with a red X. 4) A person crossing a street where a crossing is visible, with a red X. 5) A person walking on a driveway to a building, with a red X. 6) A person cutting through a carpark to a building, with a red X. 7) A person walking on a driveway to another building, with a red X. 8) A person cutting through a staff carpark, with a red X.

### Travelling to and from School



#### Do



Driver stays in the Car ✓



Always use the crossings even when you are alone ✓



Always use the crossings with others too ✓



Always use the footpaths around the carparks ✓

#### Don't!



Don't put your bags or other items in the boot



Don't let the driver get out to help you or say goodbye



Don't cross on the street corners



Don't cross on the streets where crossings are visible



Don't walk on the driveway to the hall or senior area



Don't cut through the Hall carpark - use the footpath!



Don't walk on the driveway to the junior area



Don't cut through the staff carpark—use the footpaths



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY 27 MARCH 7PM - STAFFROOM**

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, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles have a 1-year term. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the school office by Friday 24 March, 3:30pm (tomorrow).

Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school>

**NEXT FOTS MEETING –Monday 27 March to follow the AGM in the school staffroom. All welcome.**

**CONTACT FOTS**

If you'd 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](http://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School).

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


PLEASE COME ALONG TO MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL AT THE 2023 FOTS AGM



# wine & cheese evening

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
PLEASE RSVP TO  
[FOTS@MY.BROWNSBAY.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:FOTS@MY.BROWNSBAY.SCHOOL.NZ)

MONDAY 27TH MARCH FROM 7PM  
SCHOOL STAFFROOM  
(ABOVE THE OFFICE)



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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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Years 3-6

**Term 2 2023**

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## BROWNS BAY EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

**Saturday 22nd April 2pm**

Bring yourself, a drink bottle, and some gumboots if you have them

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