



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

06 April 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora

### RAMADAN AND EASTER

Ramadan Kareem (have a generous Ramadan) to all our staff, students, parents and caregivers who are participating in this holy month.

Happy Easter to our community who are finishing Lent prior to the Holy Weekend. Happy holidays to everyone.

### RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

Thank you very much for your support of our Non-Uniform day to raise money for the Red Cross New Zealand Disaster Fund. We were able to donate over \$1000 to the Red Cross. Thank you for your generosity.

### TERM 1 AND 2

We finish school today for the Easter Holidays and Term 2 begins on Wednesday 26 April. After a difficult start to the year due to the Cyclone and Heavy Rain weather we were able to have a more settled Term than previous years. We have had school camps and outdoor education days; the swimming pool was in daily use; sports teams were competing, and the classrooms were buzzing with children learning.

Our School Inquiry topic in Term 2 is **Connections: Make Connections – seek to understand**. This has a Social Sciences focus on understanding how the past is important, and how time and change affect people's lives; with Technology forming a minor focus.

Our front cover photo is of some of our Year 6 students from Rm 24 preparing for their instrumental performance at the School Assembly today.

### 2022 ACHIEVEMENT

In 2022 the teaching focus was on Recovery Learning - due to interruptions to learning as a result of the Pandemic lockdowns and student / teacher illness. The data is from the Overall Teacher Judgement given by teachers for the students End of Year Report (Working Towards, At, Above) and / or the actual levels or stages of students in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In the three curriculum areas (Reading, Writing and Mathematics), teachers have benchmarks to support their Overall Teacher Judgement.

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	Achieved BBS Expectations	Girls	Boys
Reading	76%	78%	74%
Writing	68%	76%	62%
Mathematics	85%	82%	87%

The 2022 results were 12% to 24% higher than 2021 which was a great improvement and show a return to pre-Covid levels of achievement.

Another aspect we monitor is the progress students made throughout the year in Writing and Mathematics. We were very pleased with the results:

**Writing** 66% demonstrating accelerated progress.

**Mathematics** 40% demonstrating accelerated progress.

(Accelerated progress is when students make more than the expected progress of learning in a year.

### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)**

*Me whakahīhi ka tika,*

You should all feel really proud.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) successfully launched at school this Term. We started with a focus on being sun smart and sun safe. It was wonderful to see a significant increase in the number of school hats being worn consistently during break times. Thank you for supporting your children to have their hats at school.

We then explored when and how we use manners. The teachers on duty have been so impressed with the friendly greetings and farewells from most students each day. It certainly brings a smile to all of our faces.

In Term 2 we will move onto different topics starting with wearing the correct uniform with pride. So that your children can feel successful and proud at school, we want to remind you of the expectations for uniforms.

School staff will be looking for opportunities to praise students for wearing their correct uniform. Please help them by ensuring that they have the items they need.

*He waka eke noa*

We are all in this together.

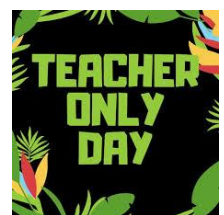


Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School polo shirt (long and short sleeved)</li> <li>Sports top</li> <li>School polar fleece sweatshirt</li> </ul> <p><i>Coloured long sleeve tops should not be worn under the school polo shirt – navy blue or black is allowed</i></p>
Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy school shorts</li> <li>Long pants</li> <li>Sports shorts</li> </ul> <p><i>Bicycle shorts should not be worn under the shorts</i></p>
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skorts</li> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Long pants</li> <li>Sports shorts</li> </ul> <p><i>When wearing navy blue or black tights, a skort/shorts must be worn too.</i></p>
Shoes/Sandals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>flat closed shoes or Sneakers can be worn (no coloured shoelaces)</li> <li>flat sandals, e.g., Roman or Velcro sandals</li> </ul> <p><i>Shoes – should be sensible and appropriate for general school activities therefore Crocs, boots or jandals should not be worn at school.</i></p>

Socks and Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain black, navy or white socks, either long or short are required with winter shoes. Girls can wear black or navy tights</li> </ul> <p><i>Coloured tights or coloured socks should not be worn to school</i></p>
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jewellery that has a special cultural or religious significance for the family can be worn at school</li> <li>The wearing of jewellery such as dangling earrings, rings, bracelets and necklaces can be very dangerous, particularly during play activities <b>and these should not be worn to school.</b></li> <li>Plain studs are preferred due to safety.</li> <li>On rare occasions students have to wear bracelets for medical reasons: on such occasions the parent/caregiver is asked to contact the Deputy Principal.</li> </ul>
<p>If your child needs to wear a different piece of clothing for a <i>short period of time</i>, please send them in with a note.</p>	

### **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.



### **ANZAC DAY - TUESDAY 25 APRIL (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

#### **Anzac Day Ceremony**

Thank you to the students who will be representing the school on ANZAC Day with the laying of a wreath in Browns Bay.

**ANZAC Day / Rā o ngā Hōi** is a national day of remembrance that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Observed on 25 April each year, Anzac Day was originally devised to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who served in the Gallipoli campaign, their first engagement in World War One.

### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2023/2024**

Do you have a child/ren who will turn 5 in the next 12 months? If so, please enrol them as soon as possible as we need to know numbers now for our future roll growth planning.

Please use the following link for more information about our enrolment process and to access the online enrolment form.

All enrolments are now online: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/enrolments/process-forms>



### **STAFF NEWS**

I would like to wish Steffi Chapman all the best as she leaves Browns Bay School to travel overseas. Stacey Smith will be replacing Steffi in Room 17.

We welcome back Kylie Coulam to the part-time teaching role in Room 24 with Deb Pulman.

### **TEACHER AIDE POSITION**

We are currently seeking a Teacher Aide to join our collaborative, supportive and hard working team. Previous experience working with students with high levels of learning needs is a bonus but not essential. A sense of humour is also a plus. Applicants should also have strong levels of professionalism and an understanding of the confidential nature of this position.

At present we are looking for a Teacher Aide to join our team five days per week from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The position is fixed term until the end of the 2023 school year.

Position requirements:

Ability to connect with students and form positive relationships.

- Work alongside the classroom teachers and receive instructions and guidance for how to support the student.
- Be able to use initiative when required.

- Excellent communication skills.
- Uphold and live our school values of Respect - Manaakitanga, Personal Excellence - Tu Rangatira, Taking Responsibility - Takohanga, and Inquiring Minds - Whai Whakairo.

Please contact Liz Hammelburg, Associate Principal/Senco at [lizh@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:lizh@brownsbay.school.nz) for a copy of the job description and an application form. Applications close on Wednesday 26 April.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Nga mihi  
Peter Mulcahy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 01 May – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom	Monday & Tuesday 01 & 02 May - Year 4 Camp - R31&32
Tuesday 02 May – North Shore Swimming	Thursday 04 May – Year 1 Trip to MOTAT
Monday & Tuesday 08 & 09 May - Year 4 Camp R30&33 & Year 4's from R20	Friday 19 May – FOTS Disco (See FOTS section below for more details)
Thursday 25 May - BOT Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom	

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### SUPERSTARS

At today's school assemblies, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Rydge Tretheway R7, Ivy Pachnatz R7, Belle Jang R8, Harry Li R8, Willa Barry R9, Austin Bai R9, Miller Du Plessis R11, Nathan Booysen R11

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Delphi Winton R1, Austin Li R1, Ruben Kruger R2, Lindrie Robbertse R2, Armani-Leigh Hirovanaa-Nicholls R3, Nicole Liu R3, Liliana Wang R4, Ethan Eom R4, Aaron Ma R5, Aria Derks R5

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - May Fei R14, Lucas Pu R14, Abel Saam Abraham R15, MG Franzoso R15, Hannah Zhang R16, Luke Houston R16, Ned Sykes R17, Elle Turner R17

**VALUES AWARD** Jessica Feng R14

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Burton Yu R30, Caleb Yang R30, Adam Wang R31, Sunny Liu R31, Jasmine Eketone-Tekanawa R32, Harold Yang R32, Runa Kambe R33, Austin Cui R33

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Julie Zaki R18, Sylvia Pearce R18, Sarah Jiang R19, Jerry Luo R19, Conan Chen R20, Eileen Cho R20, Harry Fan R21, Eunice Yan R21

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Milandri Koen R24, Harry Smith R24, Scarlett Millar R25, Zachary Bailey R25, Season Shang R26, Nathanael Hii R26, Devin de Beer R27, Junia Yule R27

**VALUES AWARD** - Xin Ling Yang R21

**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - Olivia Chen R27, Max Horrocks R24

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL** - Zachary Bailey R25, Ryan Lau R25

**ARTS AWARD** - Max Andrews R24

**SPORTS CUP** - Junia Yule R27







### **YEAR 5 CAMP**

The Year 5 students had an awesome time during their three day camp at the Peter Snell Youth Village in Whangaparoa. During their stay students engaged in a wide range of activities. Some of the highlights included racing down the water slip and slide, conquering the confidence course, hitting the smiley face in archery and cooking delicious bread on the hobo stoves covered in golden syrup. The students ate some delicious food while away at camp and took such joy in sleeping on bunk beds in the dorms with their friends. We want to say a huge thank you to the wonderful group of parents who helped during the Year 5 Camp. Without them this camp would not have been possible.







### Moment in time writing by Sarah Jiang Room 19.

Imagine stepping into a clearing with three tables the colour of burnt sienna. Above each table is a tin, burnt and crusty. I light the tin with fire and drizzle the glistening oil all over it. I start mixing and kneading the dough. Then I splat small amounts of dough on the tin. It sizzles and pops. There are people chatting with excitement. Taking the textured, plastic spatula in my hands, I flip the mouth-watering, crispy bread. Tasting half of the bread, my taste buds shout to my brain. It's delicious. I feel myself swelling with delight. I'm thrilled to bits. This is the moment I will never forget.



### Hobo Stove Poem by Kerri Wen Room 20

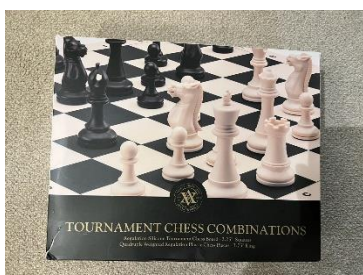
People shouting excitedly as their bumpy bread cooks on the hobo stoves. Sticky maple syrup oozing out of the bright yellow bottle. Excited and eager, I curiously watch my bread bubble as it cooks. I wonder what my traditional Māori bread will taste like when it has finished cooking.



### NORTH SHORE SCHOOL CHESS JUNIOR B GRADE COMPETITION

The North Shore Chess Club recently hosted a tournament in which some of our students independently participated. We are thrilled to announce that Austin, Ryan, and Leo won first place against over 20 other schools in the B grade division!

They were awarded certificates and a tournament chess set which they will donate to our school. Thank you!



Congratulations to them all for their independence in seeking the challenge for themselves and for their fantastic result. You are excellent examples of our school values.





### **BICYCLES / SCOOTERS**

**Bicycles** - Only Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to ride their Bicycles to school. If you would like your child to ride to school, please get a permission form from the school office to fill in - your child will then be given a Bicycle License and a visibility vest.



**Scooters** – Children in or below Year 4 who ride their scooter to and from school must be accompanied by an adult and wear an appropriate safety helmet.

All children, regardless of year level, riding a scooter to school, must complete a permission form from the school office and will be issued with a scooter license.



### **TERM 2 SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

Do you want to sell your Browns Bay School clothes that your children have outgrown or no longer need? A second-hand uniform sale list will be emailed out towards the beginning of Term 2. If you have items you would like to include for sale, please complete the Google form by following this link -


[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9P9r-QUtXtXYMa3fDnc7WJHpEDDINOEHGivKS861xJjCaQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9P9r-QUtXtXYMa3fDnc7WJHpEDDINOEHGivKS861xJjCaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)




### **TRAVELWISE TIPS**

## Tips for crossing the road.


Being a student means you sometimes need to remind mum, dad or your caregiver of the following tips!




Choose the best place to cross the road. Use the crossing or a place you have clear vision both ways.



Cross quickly so you aren't on the road for long while looking and listening.



Don't get distracted with phones, balls or friends! Stay alert.



Cross with an adult whenever you can.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all the parents that came along to our AGM and to enjoy some wine and cheese. I am pleased to announce that Michael Corbett has been elected as President, Sarah Voss as Vice-President, Siobhan Richards as Treasurer and Morgana Smith as our Secretary. It was a great night getting to know new parents and sharing how FOTS contributes to the school. We've got some great plans for 2023!

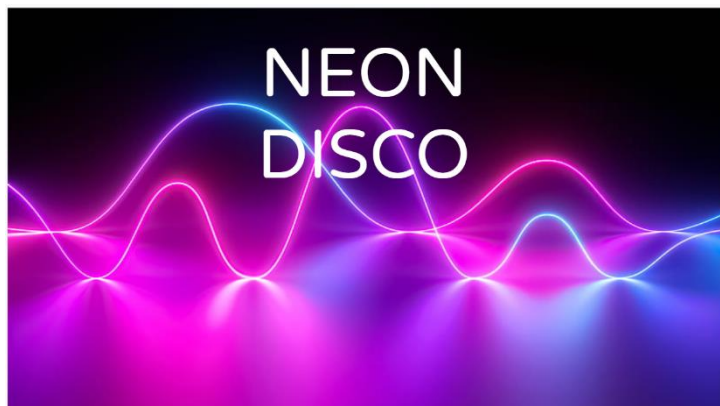
### NEON DISCO - Friday 19 May!

Get ready, the BBS Disco is happening in Term 2!

- Years 0-3 (Junior) 5 pm - 6.30 pm
- Years 4-6 (Senior) 7 pm - 8.30 pm

Tickets will go on sale online via Kindo soon.

Parent volunteers will be needed on the night to help. A Volunteer Form will be sent from the school in Term 2 if you would like to help.



### CONTACT FOTS

If you would 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](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)



Please come along to our next monthly meeting on **Monday 01 May at 7pm** in the staffroom. All are welcome.

### FACEBOOK

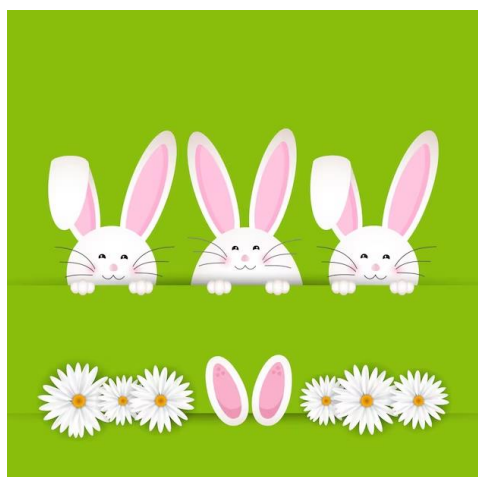
Did you know we share a Facebook page with Browns Bay School? For news, photos, updates and event information, search [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)

A graphic of a Facebook 'Like' button with the text 'Like us on facebook' and a thumbs-up icon.	<p>For the latest Browns Bay School &amp; F.O.T.S news, events and fundraisers, find us and like us: <b>Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School</b></p>
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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## More families will qualify for subsidised childcare.

Find out if your family is now eligible,  
[skids.co.nz/OSCAR](http://skids.co.nz/OSCAR)



"OSCAR Subsidy income threshold increases mean that your family could be eligible for subsidised childcare! Visit [www.sKids.co.nz/OSCAR](http://www.sKids.co.nz/OSCAR) to check if your family is eligible."



Check out our awesome April holiday adventures [here](#)

# Help your community vote.

Register to work at the  
2023 General Election.



We need people with different skills and backgrounds all across Aotearoa New Zealand.

For more information about the roles, and to register your interest, visit [work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz).

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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

<https://www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz> [thecleanupcrewnz@gmail.com](mailto:thecleanupcrewnz@gmail.com)

Auckland's leading theatre for children. Gift a Seat

**TIM BRAY THEATRE COMPANY**

# The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

by Ronda & David Armitage  
Adapted by Tim Bray, with song by Christine White

**LIVE ON STAGE**

**Auckland Tour  
1 April - 6 May  
[timbray.org.nz](https://timbray.org.nz)**

Logos: Trust, Foundation, MORE FM, Equus, #MyAuckland, REPARTIZ, 11.11, One Drop, and others.

## FREE INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAMME

Practical strategies for caregivers of children aged 2-8 years.

Learn new and effective ways to deal with challenging behaviour such as:

- Aggression, tantrums, sibling fighting
- Talking back, not following instructions or routines
- Yelling, whining, self-regulation
- Getting out of bed, fussy eating and more...



The Incredible Years Parent Programme is being held at:

Level 1, Waimarino Building

33 Paramount Drive, Henderson on;

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 9.45am - 12.15pm (14 sessions)**

**FREE parking, morning tea, and childcare provided**

Contact Lisa to enrol on 021 419 531 or [lisa.sinclair@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.sinclair@waitematadhb.govt.nz)



**HURRY, SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

*Incredible Years Specialist Service (IYSS)*

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Waitematā