



11 May 2023
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

The weather event on Tuesday was a challenge for a lot of people in our community and I hope everyone is safe and getting dry. At school, the buildings and grounds generally managed the heavy rain, apart from a blocked drain and some new leaks. The children were calm during the rain and coped with the situation.

If you did not receive any of the communications on Tuesday, can you please check in with the school office to ensure we have your current emails and mobile numbers.

EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN PRACTICE (WEDNESDAY 17 MAY)

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations. We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew®, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools, and whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our Senior Leadership Team and staff by Harrison Tew®. The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew®.

We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew®.

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

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YEAR GROUP TOPICS

This Term classes will be focusing on a variety of topics covering Science, Social Sciences, Technology and Health. The Year groups will be investigating:

Year 1 Science / Technology: Past and Present

Year 2 Science: BBS Alive

Year 3 Science: Bees are VIP's

Year 4 Science: Rocky Shore

Year 5 Social Sciences: NZ History

Year 6 Science / Technology: Disasters

As well as these Year group topics the whole school will be involved in Keeping Ourselves Safe (Health Programme), Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) and the Literacy programmes of Structured Literacy and The Code. We have put some information on our school website about [Structured Literacy](#) for our Year 1 and 2 parents.

ATTENDANCE

The Government has recently funded the Attendance and Engagement Strategy. The strategy focuses on students being present, participating and progressing. It is important that students are present at school. A high absence rate can affect students learning over the years. I fully understand if your child is sick and needs to be at home to recuperate yet, please check all absences to ensure they are necessary.

The Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as being at school 90% or higher. Last term 83.5% of our students achieved that level. Regular Attendance means only having an absence of less than 5 days per term, or 20 days per year. **(A justified absence is when the student is too sick to attend school or has suffered a bereavement).** Holidays should only be taken in school holidays.

'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance.
Every day matters.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Our focus in our PB4L lessons for the next few weeks is school uniform. It's wonderful to see lots of correct uniform being worn with pride by students. We want all students to understand why it's important to wear the correct uniform and what the expectations are. We'll start with the items you can wear under and over your uniform. Here's a reminder of the uniform expectations:



Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School polo shirt (long and short sleeved)School sports topSchool polar fleece sweatshirtA School rain jacket is available for purchase (optional) <p><i>Navy blue, black or red plain coloured long sleeve tops may be worn under the school polo shirt</i></p>
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Navy school shortsNavy long school pantsSchool sports shortsSchool skort <p><i>When wearing plain navy blue or black tights, a skort or shorts must be worn too</i> <i>Bicycle shorts should not be worn under shorts</i></p>
Socks and Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plain black, navy or white socks, either long or short are required with winter shoesPlain black or navy tights can be worn under shorts or skorts<i>Coloured tights or coloured socks should not be worn to school</i>

Congratulations on the reduction of lost property items in the box outside Room 10. We hope this trend continues as school uniform items are labelled.

COVER PHOTO

Our front cover photo is of our Year 1 students in Room 8 learning about untuned percussion instruments in the Studio.

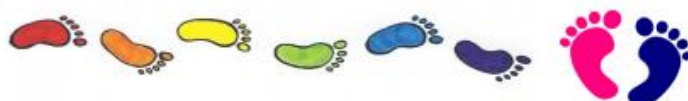
Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

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.

Wednesday 17 May – Emergency Lockdown Practice	Friday 19 May - Travelwise Bright Day – (See below notice for more details)
Friday 19 May – FOTS Disco (See FOTS notice below for more details)	Tuesday 23 May – Year 2 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 24 May – Hilton Brown Swimming	Thursday 25 May - BOT Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom
Friday 26 May – Y1-3 Assembly - 9.45am - School Hall	Friday 26 May – Y4-6 Assembly – 11.30am - School Hall
Monday 29 May – Y4-6 Cross Country – Windsor Park	Monday 29 May – FOTS Meeting -7pm Staffroom
Thursday 01 June – Y4-6 Cross Country (Save Day)	Monday 05 June – Kings Birthday – School closed

Travelwise Bright Day!



Friday 19 May

Wear your brightest colours to be seen when you're coming to school using sustainable transport!

Help celebrate our "Road Safety Superhero" who work hard to keep us all safe. Let's show the community we are using sustainable transport and therefore they need to be careful around our school. Help to save our environment while you also keep fit!



Organise with your friends and neighbours to come to school using sustainable transport:

Walk, bus, bike, scooter or park and walk from the VTNZ testing station or Philson Tce.

Participation requires a gold coin donation, and you must use sustainable transport.





Road Safety Week 15-21 May 2023

This year, Road Safety Week is about celebrating our *Road Safety Heroes*, recognising all those who work to make our roads safer. It's an opportunity for us to celebrate your own Road Safety Heroes, such as school crossing patrol, parents and teachers who help teach children road safety.

Please spend time talking to your children about the following information while using sustainable transport to get to school.

1. **Be Bright, Be Seen!** When you're walking or riding around the roads wear something bright. This could be a high Vis arm band or vest... or put something bright on your school bag.
2. **Always Cross on a Crossing** - It's safer to always use a crossing... but no matter what you should always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before you cross the road. NEVER run across the road!
3. **Buckle up.** "It's safer to wait till your 148cm" before you can sit in a regular car seat you must be 148cm. If you're not 148cm then you should be sitting in a booster seat.
4. **Watch out for sneaky driveways.** They are sneaky because drivers can't see you and you can't see them!!! Listen well and keep looking as you go past driveways that have bad visibility.
5. **Don't play with toys or balls while walking alongside a road.** If they go out on the road you could cause an accident for people trying to avoid them and you can't go after them! Stay focused, concentrate and hold onto your things or better still, keep them in a bag until you reach a safe area to play.

SCHOOL EVENTS

YEAR 4 CAMP

Rooms 30, 33 and Year 4's from Room 20 went to MERC Long Bay for their Year 4 overnight Camp. They had an adventurous time doing some wonderful activities. These included Archery, Rock Climbing, The Giant's Ladder, Surf skills, Problem solving games and exploring the Rocky Shore. We all had an amazing time.



CHESS CLUB INTERSCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Our top Browns Bay School Chess players took part in the North Shore Chess Club Interschool Tournament at Willow Park School. Congratulations to them all on some amazing results! I'm told they were respectful players and great sports too. Ryan, Ryan and Austin are pictured with their certificates for achieving 5th place as a team in the B grade. Chenxi, Unju and Ethan are pictured with their certificates for achieving 6th place as a team in the A grade. Unju also achieved 2nd place overall, winning every single one of his games. Credit also to Charlie who won five of his games and drew the sixth. Congratulations to you all for demonstrating every one of our Browns Bay School values so very well. A huge thank you to our parent helpers for transporting and supervising the children too.



NORTH SHORE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The North Shore Swimming Championships is a very competitive event involving many schools on the North Shore. Most events have up to 30 competitors competing. Well done to the Browns Bay School team. We are proud of the way you supported one another and displayed all the Browns Bay School Values throughout the day! A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who managed the team and helped with transport on the day!

Congratulations to the following team members who placed in the top 6 in their event:

Giselle Rawhiti - 1st 25m Backstroke, 5th 50m Freestyle

Junia Yule - 2nd 100m Freestyle, 4th 50m Backstroke

Luke Wessels - 6th 25m Breaststroke



YEAR 4 - 6 CROSS-COUNTRY

The annual Year 4 - 6 School Cross-Country is due to be held on Monday 29 May in week 6, (weather permitting). This Cross-Country event is for Year 4 - 6 children who choose to participate. The event will be held at ECB Rugby Grounds, Windsor Park, Mairangi Bay.

It has been great to see classes out practicing as part of their fitness programs.

Families and students will be advised when registrations open.



SCHOOL NOTICES

UNDERSTANDING EDUCATION IN NZ

The MidBays Kahui Ako have organised for an **Understanding Education in NZ** meeting for Mandarin Speakers on Monday 29 May 9am – 11am in Room 34 at Browns Bay School. The goal of the meeting is to give parents a better understanding of learning at Browns Bay School and the Education system throughout New Zealand. Details are being emailed and tickets are limited to 30 spaces and are \$10 each.

ART – WOOL NEEDED FOR YEAR 6 WOOL DRIVE

Our Year 6 group has an upcoming Art Project this term that utilizes wool. We are looking for donations of balls of wool in a variety of colours. If you can support our 'Wool Drive' please deliver the donations to the box in Year 6 Te Ngahere floor (upstairs) in the MLE Maker Space, a box at the Main Office (Student Entry access) or contact raewynm@brownsbay.school.nz to make alternative arrangements. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. Year 6 Staff and Students.



FOTS – Friends of the School

NEON DISCO - Friday 19 May!

Get ready, the Browns Bay School Disco is happening NEXT WEEK!

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

Tickets are on sale online via Kindo.

- Tickets \$6
- Hotdogs \$3.50

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the night!



FUNDING AVAILABLE!



FOTS is inviting applications for the 2023 Discretionary Fund. If you are a staff member, coach or helper and require funding for a small school project or activity, please download an application form here: <https://tinyurl.com/DFTerm22023>

Applications must be submitted to Jacky Carr by 3pm on Friday 16 June. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of Term 2, and allocated funding must be used in Term 3.

For further information, please contact Jacky Carr: jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or the FOTS Discretionary Fund sub-committee: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

FOTS is selling raffle tickets on behalf of the Albany Rotary Club, with half the profits being donated to school. Tickets are \$5 and available online via Kindo. Prizes are:

1. Jetsetter 3 person Spa - \$30,000
2. DeWalt Pressure Washer - \$1200
3. 6 month gym membership + Rebel voucher - \$620
4. DeWalt Safe and Hunting and Fishing Voucher - \$300

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(Rotary Club of Albany)

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Organized by: R. Jenkins
PO Box 26122 Albany, Australia 6172

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3rd PRIZE: 6 month Gym Membership at \$500.00 + \$1000 Retail Voucher valued at \$1500
4th PRIZE: Dewalt Saw and \$100 Hunting and Fishing Voucher valued at \$300

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ON KINDO
UNTIL THE 31ST MAY
12pm



- Proceeds will be used to support Rotary Community, educational and health initiatives.
- Total Tickets offered: 10,000 numbered OGH-10000.
- Winning tickets will be drawn from a ballot at **Sat 1st June 2023** at **Julie Corbett (Accounts Officer)**.
- Results will be published in the AGJ here and on the **9th June 2023**.
- In the event of cancellation, this will be published in the AGJ here and on **31st April 2023** and all money will be refunded.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

AMAZING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Do you love working with children and want to make a difference in their lives?

Then joining our sKids family, may well be the opportunity you are looking for!

sKids Browns Bay is looking for a Programme Manager. You will be responsible for the daily operation of our programme as well as fostering great relationships with our school community.

Hours of work can be flexible but will look something like this:

Monday – Friday 7.00AM - 8.30AM and 2.30PM – 6PM along with extra hours for administration.

We are also needing a programme assistant to join our amazing team.

To find out more, interested applicants are requested to send their CV and cover letter to brownsbay@skids.co.nz ASAP.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa.

Contact: Sue Briggs





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