



20 July 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a chance to do some family activities over the Term break – in amongst all the rain we had. I would especially like to welcome our new students in Room 10 with their teacher, Tasha Gillbee, pictured here in our cover photo.

This term has a full 10 week programme. The main Topics in each Year level are:

- Year 1 – Science – Mix it Up (Milo's Birthday Surprise)
- Year 2 – Science – Mix it Up (100's -100 Days at School)
- Year 3 – Science – States of Matter (Water Cycle)
- Year 4 – Technology - Kites
- Year 5 – Science – Buoyancy  
Arts / Technology – Production "Launch"
- Year 6 – Social Sciences (Election – Building a Nation)  
Arts / Technology – Production "Launch"

We also have:

- ICAS Examinations in August challenging students in Digital Technology, English and Mathematics
- Sports: Cluster Netball, Super Cluster Hockey
- EPRO8
- Science Van
- Intermediate School Visits
- Teams Photos
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## REPORTS

The Mid - Year Reports have gone out to parents via the @SCHOOL Parent Portal and by email. The email report is the same on the @SCHOOL Parent Portal.

If you cannot access the School Portal, please email [bbs@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:bbs@brownsbay.school.nz) and we will send you a new link on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Students who have joined us in the last half of Term 2 may receive a hard copy report.

The written report is used to support the conference discussion. It is based on assessment information, collected by the teachers through observations, interviews and general class work. In the senior classes information has also been

gathered from standardised tests. The report will show parents the level where their children are in English and Mathematics, as well as the Browns Bay School Values.

### **CONFERENCES FOR STUDENTS**

The Mid-Year Conferences are on next week. Use this booking link to organise a time with your child's teacher: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/8tk9u> The website is open now. Closes Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 12Noon.

Please note the split times for the Interviews:

#### **Year 4 to 6**

<b>Wednesday 26 July</b>	2.15pm to 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 27 July</b>	2.15pm to 6.30pm

#### **Year 1 to 3**

<b>Wednesday 26 July</b>	3.15pm to 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 27 July</b>	3.15pm to 6.30pm

The purpose of these conferences is to have 'learning conversations' between students, parents and teachers. Students have a key role to play in these conferences so it would be appreciated if they could attend if at all possible. If you require longer, I suggest that you arrange a separate time with your child's teacher at a later date, so as not to inconvenience other parents.

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

This term we will continue our weekly PB4L lessons. Our focus is on developing positive social skills and respectful friendships. This week students are learning when it's important to tell an adult about something that's happened and when it's just tattling. We want them to understand that sometimes saying something or telling on someone is not the right thing or the kind thing to do (e.g., when the problem does not require an adult to help solve it).

Next week our focus will be about respecting other people's point of view, even if it's different to their own. It's ok for people to have differences of opinion yet how we respond to them can make a big impact on how we make them feel. Please ask your child/children what they have learned.

*He oranga ngākau, he pikinga waiora*

Positive feelings in your heart will enhance your sense of self-worth.

### **STAFF NEWS**

Karen Mackay, Room 8 teacher, has advised us that she has decided to resign. We would like to acknowledge the work Karen has completed with the students at Browns Bay School and wish her well. Katrina Taylor and Jane Kelly will share the teaching in the classroom for the first four weeks of the Term; and then Tracey Dixon will teach them for the rest of the year.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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A full schedule of events for Term 3 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Wednesday 26 July - Sports Team Photos	Wednesday 26 July - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday 27 July - Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thursday 27 July - NE/Y1 Science Experiment Day
Thursday 27 July - Super Cluster Netball	Monday 31 July - Super Cluster Netball (Save Day)
Thursday 03 August - Y1/2 Science in a Van	Thursday 03 August - BOT Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom (NEW DATE)
Friday 04 August - Travelwise Wacky Hair Day	Sunday 06 August – Icon Photography (FOTS Fundraiser)
Monday 07 August - MBIS Visit - Y6	Tuesday 15 August - Northcross Intermediate Visit – Y6

## TRAVELWISE WACKY HAIR DAY (FRIDAY 04 AUGUST)



We are a gold school!

This means that as a school community we are very good at promoting and using sustainable transport. Our aim is to encourage families to keep traffic away from the school and the children safe around the roads. We promote this with a special event each term and have an active Travelwise student team who have one event per term where we ask everyone to participate. A gold coin donation is required to participate to keep the programme running.

A collage of twelve children's heads, each with a different, vibrant, and often multi-colored wig or hairstyle. The styles range from curly and puffy to spiky and long, all in various shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

**Travelwise  
Wacky Hair Day**

**Join in the fun!**

**To Enter:**

Use sustainable transport;  
**Walk, Scooter, Bike or Park & Walk**  
Wear your uniform with  
crazy, wacky hair!

**When:**  
Friday 04 August

**Collect:**

A ticket when you arrive at school  
from your Travelwise Student Team  
(wearing green t-shirts). Give it to your  
classroom teacher and a special  
surprise will follow!

**Bring:**

A gold coin donation for our School  
Travelwise programme

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### SUPERSTARS

At the recent school assemblies, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Suhayla Suaad Khan R7, Alissa Petzer R7, Seung Yeon Lee R8, Freddy Wang R8, Riley Opperman R9, Songting Yu R9, Luke Nicholas R11, Olivia Yi R11

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Aaron Yao R1, Molly Liu R1, Riley Barrett R2, Fred Xu R2, Ryan Lin R3, Isla Gamble R3, Evie Zhang R4, Max Chen R4, Kobe Milsom R5, Sophie Attwood R5

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - Minh Trinh R14, Jack Liu R14, Max Wang R15, Hawoo Jang R15, Julian Topic R16, Luca Davie R16, Cody Seward R17, Leonie Berla R17

**VALUES AWARD** - James Ogilvie R1

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Harvey Gui R30, Micaela Torres R30, Yuni Kim R31, Toprak Kilic R31, Haeun Lee R32,

Timmy Wang R32, Sean Human R33, Eileen Zhang R33

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Amanda Wu R18, Roy Wi R18, Luke Wessels R19, Beau Turner R19, Olivia Peng R20, Yi-Tsung Lo R20, Ivy Zhuravlyova R21, Vinnie Thomas R21

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Janine Dong R24, Henry Wang R24, Rafe Sykes R25, Abigail Lyons R25, Luke Bridgens R26, Betty Zhang R26, Matteo Coley R27, Shae Spangenberg R27

**VALUES AWARD** - Rhianne Daroy R25

**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - Leah Wang R30, Margarita Qiao R33

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL** - Cindy Gao R27, Olivia Chen R27, Junia Yule R27

**ARTS AWARD** - Isla Packer R32

**SPORTS CUPS** - Harry Smith R24, Milandri Koen R24





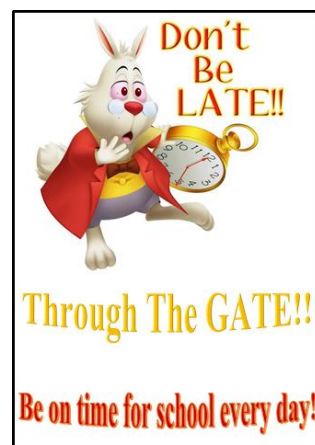


## SCHOOL NOTICES

### SCHOOL START TIME

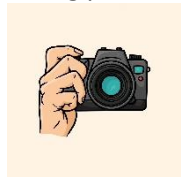
I would like to remind some of our parents that we expect the children to be in class at 8.50am to get ready for the school day. I have noticed some students are arriving late to class. The children are missing out on learning, and it can be disruptive to the class as they prepare for the day.

We would ask that you prepare for your children to be in class on time (or just before).



## **SHARING IMAGES OF STUDENTS**

I am bringing the following guidelines to everyone's attention because on Monday afternoon a parent was observed taking photos on the school grounds after 3pm with students still around.



Browns Bay School follows guidelines to protect students' privacy and safety at school when we publish student information. This includes sharing photos of our students. We encourage our school community to also consider privacy issues when sharing photos and videos taken at school events.

We are happy for parents to take photos/videos of their children at sports day, cultural day, or other public school events. If copyright issues apply, such as at a school play, which forbid photos or videos to be taken, the school makes this known.

If parents want to share photos/videos on social media, they should consider the following:

- Show the images to your children and discuss them before posting them on social media. This will help your children understand that they should always think about what goes out to the public on the internet.
- If the images have pictures of other students, think about editing to remove them.
- Make sure that other students are not named in any online posts.
- Parents should remember that posting photos of other people can amount to harassment and they should take care to ensure photos are fair to other people.
- Students are also expected to consider privacy and cybersafety issues when sharing photos and using social media.

## **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2024**

We will shortly be underway with the Intermediate School Transition Programme for our Year 6 students.

Once the students have visited their nominated school, they will bring home further specific enrolment information.



The transition visits will be held on:

Monday 07 August	Murrays Bay Intermediate School
Tuesday 15 August	Northcross Intermediate School

Only those students intending to enrol at the school should attend the visit. Please fill in the Google form that has been emailed to you to let us know which visit you would like your child to attend.

### **Information from Intermediate Schools**

Murrays Bay Intermediate

- Parent Evening is Monday 14 August – MBIS School Hall
  - 6pm – 7pm (Class Visits)
  - 7pm – 8pm (School Presentation)

The evening offers an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and specialist rooms in action followed by a presentation. The presentation will include a key-note speaker, John Meeske, who will discuss developing resilience for our learners.

Northcross Intermediate

- Open Evening is Wednesday 30 August
  - 6.00 – 7.30pm
  - This evening is for parents and caregivers only
  - Parents are welcome to accompany their child to the transition school visit on Tuesday 15 August

## **ICAS EXAMS**

Monday 31 July is the last day to register. If you need more information, please contact your child's class teacher or email Karen Cebalo: [karenc@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:karenc@brownsbay.school.nz)



## KINDO LATEST NEWS



Kindo & ezlunch are excited to share the arrival of a fresh new look in Term 3! With its improved layout and enhanced features, the interface is now easier than ever to navigate, further simplifying school life and saving you time. So, what can you expect from the new and improved versions of Kindo & ezlunch?

- A fresh, new look with better navigation and clear student selection
- Clearer cart layout showing what has been purchased for each person
- Faster and easier checkout flow for a better shopping experience
- Better visibility of which items are available and which aren't
- New item search & sort function e.g. sort lunch by dietary requirement
- Easier process for ordering lunches for 'multiple days'

## FOTS – Friends of the School



**FREE 10x13 inch PORTRAIT**  
**ONLY \$15 sitting fee**  
**(SAVE \$79.00)**

### GIVE YOURSELF A VALUABLE LIFETIME FAMILY MEMORY

Dear BBS Parents and caregivers,

Browns Bay "Friends of the School" Parent Association (FOTS) has partnered with Icon Photography in a wonderful fundraiser. You have the opportunity to receive great value and a family/children portrait you will treasure in either colour or black & white.

FOTS has organised a professional photographer from Icon Photography to come to Browns Bay School on **Sunday 6th August**.

We have arranged to take a 10 x 13 inch family or children portrait in either colour or black & white for only a \$15 sitting fee (normally \$79), with the money going directly to the school.

If you wish to take advantage of this fantastic fundraising event, please purchase a sitting fee via Kindo under Browns Bay School FOTS to secure your booking.

FOTS will confirm your appointment for Sunday 6th August once the minimum number of orders has been reached. Appointment times are for 10 minutes and will be between **10am - 7pm**. There is a limit of 1 sitting fee per family.

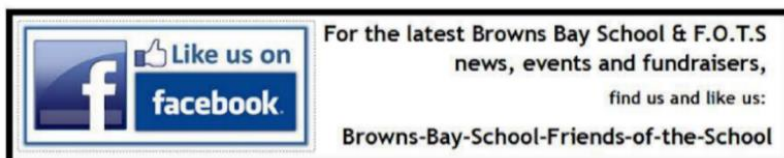
### ONLY 25 BOOKINGS ARE NEEDED TO LOCK IN THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Thank you for your participation in the Icon Photography Portrait Fundraiser.

The FOTS Team

## 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)







Maths Tutoring  
@ Browns Bay School

Enrolling for  
Term 3

- Years 3 - 6
- In-School lessons
- Building up concepts and knowledge
- Building confidence and independence
- Building up basic facts
- Focus: Fractions, Decimals and percentages

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The poster features a young boy in a blue shirt, dice, and various mathematical symbols like pi, infinity, and numbers.



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021 384038

Before School Care | 7:00 – 8:30 am  
After School Care | 3:00 – 6:00 pm

sKids

The poster shows a group of diverse children playing outdoors in a grassy field. A red starburst graphic is in the top right corner.



KidsLink is the starting point for parents...

Learning Behaviour Extra Curricular  
Physical Needs Under 5's Well-Being

It connects you to a range of trusted services who specifically work with kids & teens

visit: kidslink.co.nz

The poster includes a circular logo with 'SERVICES', 'SCHOOLS', 'KIDSLINK', and 'FAMILIES'. It also features a photo of a group of smiling children.

## MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE HERE AT SCHOOL

Our school provides the opportunity for pupils to take specialist instrumental lessons right here at school. We partner with the Music Education Centre to provide specialist tuition that is structured to the individual needs of each student, making lessons both fun and educational. For many parents the added convenience of lessons close to home makes in-school lessons the best option for their children.

There are limited spaces for new students to join in Term 3, so for more information about availability and instrument choices offered, please contact the Music Education Centre directly on 0800 89 39 39





## COACHING PROGRAMME

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

**Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.**

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.

### WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

### CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held weekly on **Fridays** after school from **3:10pm** to **4:10pm** in **Room 12** starting **Friday 21 July 2023**. The last session will be held on Friday 22 September 2023.

This is a 10-week program. The fee is \$210 for the term per student.

### REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 3, please visit our website:

**[www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)**

It is easy to register. Just choose your school and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form.

To learn more...

Visit our website **[www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz)** and click **Parents Centre**