



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

14 September 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

As Term 3 comes to an end I would like to acknowledge the hard work of students and staff over this term. Term 3 can be a challenging term with the wet weather, short days, closed fields and general winter illness's. It is a term that is drawing to a close and I hope you get the chance to enjoy some time with your families over the holidays.

Term 4 starts on Monday 09 October with the weather hopefully improving. Our curriculum focus is **Community / Hapori** and the key understanding of this is:

**A group of people coming together and sharing common resources, social responsibilities, interests and values.**

We will also have students involved in:

- Life Education
- Athletics and Swimming
- Jingle
- Waterwise Sailing

### STAFF FAREWELL



Jacky Carr, our long serving Associate Principal, is retiring at the end of this term. Jacky has not only been a pupil at Browns Bay School but a Classroom Teacher, Team Leader and was promoted to the Associate Principal position in 2010.

Jacky has led significant changes in Curriculum and Assessments across the school. She is well-respected by the local school community and always aimed to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. She has made a significant difference to the lives of both staff and students during her time at Browns Bay School. We cannot thank her enough for that.

Jacky also took on other important roles within the school community in order to ensure that Browns Bay School functions as effectively as possible. She completed these jobs exceptionally well with her careful attention to detail and organisational ability. She has been a strong supporter of the Friends of the School (FOTS) as the teacher representative.

Jacky has been a true example of our School Values with her service to our school – she has taken Responsibility (Takohanga) to work together, has had an Inquiring Mind (Whai Whaakaro) – by exploring new ideas with critical and creative thinking, has shown Respect

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(Manaakitanga) in her relationships with others and has been her best by demonstrating Personal Excellence (Tu Rangatira).

On behalf of the School Community, I would like to thank Jacky and acknowledge her incredible service to Browns Bay School.

### **LAUNCH!**

The Production rehearsals are in full swing for the students involved in "Launch!" The school is echoing with dancing, singing and lines being practiced in readiness for the big opening next week. We are grateful for the drama students being able to come in on the weekends for the rehearsals and technical rehearsals. Over the weekend the Hall will become full with bleachers, props, sound and lighting equipment in readiness for the technical rehearsal on Sunday.

### **LAUNCH!**



I would like to acknowledge the team of people required to put such a Production together. They are the parents, staff and support crew who are working tirelessly giving up their own personal time to organise all the thousands of little and not so little jobs that go into a Production of this size and calibre.

The "Launch" tickets have sold out and tickets have been distributed to children today.

### **MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK**

This week marks Māori Language Week. Māori language is a part of the culture and identity of New Zealanders and is one of the three official languages of New Zealand. This observance helps to preserve and advocate the usage of a crucial part of the nation's history.



To support the theme for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, I would encourage parents to learn the following vowel sounds for Te Reo:

#### **Korero Māori, Give It a Go! Kia kaha ake.**

The Māori vowel sounds are:

A	E	I	O	U
Ahh	ehh	ii	or	uu

A phrase to help you remember the sounds are:

A	E	I	O	U
Are	there	three	or	two

Our Te Reo programme is run in all classes by teachers and is supported by Meika Isgrove and Stephanie Rogers, our Specialist Teachers. Meika and Stephanie teach Te Reo with all classes during Classroom Release Time.

### **PĪPĪWHARAUAO FESTIVAL**

A group of 12, Year 4 students led by Kylie Engleback have been working on a special collective art piece for the Pīpīwharaua Festival being hosted by Rangitoto College on Monday 18 September. This festival is the culmination of an innovative programme within the Mid Bays Kāhui Ako (COL) to authentically weave Mātauranga Māori across our curriculum in Term 3.



Part of our Kaupapa for this Festival of Mātauranga is to share the knowledge and resources with the wider community, and ultimately develop opportunities for educators and students to embed Mātauranga into their curriculum. Using the uniting thread of the Pīpīwharaua (bronze shining cuckoo), this event provides an authentic platform for learners from Year 0 - Year 10+ to engage in Mātauranga Māori in a festival that weaves kapa haka, te reo, art, commerce, community, whanaungatanga and maramataka, all in time for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week, and Māhuru Māori - Māori Language September.

Within this art piece, each student is represented by two leaves on their branch of the Kumera vine. One of the leaves shows their place in New Zealand where they live currently. The other leaf is where their family comes from or identifies with for their own cultural heritage. Students looked at New Zealand artist Claudia Pond Eyley for inspiration for the style used to draw and paint their landscapes. Then they created their piece using PVA and black paint and flat plains of colour. All the leaves and vines link together into a shared kete bringing everyone's work together as a collective piece.





### **NEW ENTRANT ROOM**

Next term we welcome Stephanie Swartz to Browns Bay School. Stephanie will be opening our new, New Entrant class in Room 12. Stephanie will be joined by students on the first day of Term 4. Welcome!

Ngā Mihi

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 3 and 4 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 14 September – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom	Monday 18 September – Pipiwharau Festival
Tuesday 19 September – Thursday 21 September – Launch! Production Week	Friday 22 September – Term 3 Ends 3pm
Monday 09 October – Term 4 Starts	Wednesday 11 October – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
Friday 13 October – Y0-3 Assembly – 9.45am – School Hall (Year 1 Hosting)	Friday 13 October Y4-6 Assembly – 11.30am – School Hall (Year 5 Hosting)
<b>Saturday 14 October: NZ Election – please note the Browns Bay School Hall will be used for Voting on this day.</b>	
<b>Monday 13 November – Teacher Only Day</b>	

### **LAUNCH! UPDATE**

The countdown is definitely on, with everything ramping up this week towards our performances next week. Thank you for all the support with providing costume items for the kids and ensuring they come to school with hair done for their roles. We are now sorting the finer details of movement on and off the stage and familiarising our students with using backstage, wings, props and microphones. Everyone is working hard to put this show on for you all next week. It's exciting to see so many of our students embracing so much that is new with positive attitudes and excellent work ethics. Roll on Tuesday night!

### **LAUNCH!**



Here are some photos from our latest production rehearsals:







## SCHOOL EVENTS

### EPro8 Challenge



**EPro8 Challenge**  
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

Inter-School  
Science  
and Engineering  
Competition

Congratulations to our Year 6 EPro8 team Anika, William, Ray and Rafe who came 1st= in the Semi Finals for the EPro8 competition.



The theme for the challenge was to construct an arcade game which they could choose from four different challenge cards. Each team had a range of tasks to complete within a two hour timeframe. These challenges test their construction and problem solving skills in a team based environment.

They have now secured a place to participate in the GRAND Finals along with 11 other primary school teams in a few weeks' time.

### TRAVELWISE WALKING AND COLOURING COMPETITION



## Travelwise walking and colouring competition!

Wow what an amazing day we had, the sun was shining, and we could walk to school to place our shoes on the Koru. The entries have been outstanding and we are currently sifting through the amazing creative talent we have at Browns Bay School. The spot prizes and winners will be advised early next week. A big thank you to everyone who participated and the time you spent creating your masterpiece!





### **RM 18 AND 19 WAKAS**

Here are Rm 18 & Rm 19's Waka's they have created for our Technology Unit. They have been learning about how the Pacific Explorers migrated south in their vessels. They will be tested on the water and in the pool area. The students were very creative and the Waka's are amazing!



### **HIGH ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to Ryan, Rm 25, for a very successful few weeks. Ryan attended his first RoboCup Junior New Zealand Robotics Competition a couple of weeks ago, which required him to build a robot and code it to follow a track, then locate the 'person' and rescue them. Ryan came third in the 'search and rescue' event! There is more information [about the event here](#). Ryan also recently sat the AMC Australian Mathematics Competition and gained a High Distinction at the Upper Primary division, which puts him in the top 3% of children his age. Well done Ryan!





## **NETBALL**

As our Winter Season comes to an end, we would like to thank all the parents who have coached and managed teams – without them, teams would not be possible, so thank you.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following teams who have had particular success:  
Year 5 Team 1 – First in B Grade at Netball North Harbour (see photos)

Year 2 Ferns – 2<sup>nd</sup> In Matai Grade Pinehurst  
Year 3 Red Stars – 1<sup>st</sup> in A Grade Pinehurst  
Year 3 Rockets – 1<sup>st</sup> in C Grade Pinehurst  
Year 5/6 Superstars – 2<sup>nd</sup> in D Grade Pinehurst  
Year 4 Mavericks – Sportsmanship Award Pinehurst



Term 4 Spring Teams have all been registered and start on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.



## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **AFTER SCHOOL TOILETS**

The Hall toilets are open for public use after school. All other toilets in the school are for student use only.

### **BBS IS READY TO LAUNCH!**

Tickets for all 3 nights of "Launch!" are now SOLD OUT. Tickets will be distributed to classrooms today so please remember to check school bags and homebacks tonight. If you have any questions regarding tickets, please contact [HollyH@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:HollyH@brownsbay.school.nz)



## **FOTS – Friends of the School**

### **CIRCUS DISCO - THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to all the volunteers and teachers that help out for the Disco. It was a great night and the kids had a lot of fun.



## ARTWORK CALENDAR & STATIONERY



### Ordering will open in Term 4.

Our children have created some amazing artwork that will be made into calendars and stationery for 2024.

Available to purchase are calendars, A5 diaries, card sets, mouse mats, A5 blank notebooks.

These items make great Christmas gifts, plus your purchase will help towards our fundraising project for more shade cover around Browns Bay School.

Pricing and order forms will be available in the coming weeks.

## GET READY TO MOVE!

With the help of the school, we are organising a Move-A-Thon to promote and fundraise for new artificial turfs with sport field markings. This will be taking place in weeks 2-4 of Term 4, so get ready to get active!

## JINGLE AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

**We would LOVE your support!!** As part of Jingle this year, FOTS is holding a Silent Auction and Raffle to help get your Christmas presents sorted! This is where you can help! Do you own or work for a business that would like to donate a product, voucher, service, or experience to the Silent Auction or Raffle? If you have a prize to donate, please get in touch: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We will be accepting donations at the school office **from Term 4 (please don't bring them before then)** for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in Term 1 2024.

## CONTACT FOTS

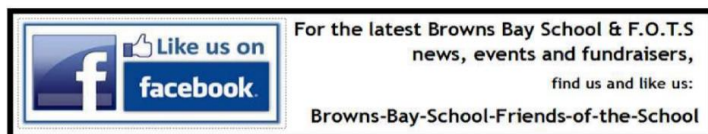
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Please come along to our next monthly meeting on **Wednesday 11 October at 7pm** in the staffroom. All are welcome.

## 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)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

GirlGuiding NZ Awaruku Pippins needs volunteers;

Do you have a desire to give back to the community and help build happy, confident, and resilient young women? Then becoming a leader in GirlGuiding could be for you. Our Leaders come from various places, ages, and backgrounds. No previous Guiding experience is needed. Many of our leaders have never been involved before.

Our Pippin (girls aged 5-6 years) needs volunteer adult leaders to join them today! Our Unit meets on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. If you are passionate about positive outcomes and experiences for Girls and Young Women, apply now on our website at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/>





# Sept-Oct Holidays *Discovery*

## Embrace Curiosity

Ignite your child's curiosity through exploration and seeking answers beyond the ordinary.



## Discover Wonder

Let your children discover more about the wonders of the world through science, nature and food.



## Investigate with Fun

Engage in escape rooms, challenging puzzles, and exciting games that inspire your child to build their problem-solving skills.



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## Holiday Programme

25 September – 6 October

MSD-Approved, Work & Income  
OSCAR subsidy available!

### Location

Browns Bay School  
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### Prices per Day

Onsite short: \$52.50  
Premium short: \$60.50 + \$64.50  
9:00am – 3:00pm  
Onsite full: \$60.00  
Trip full: \$74.50  
Premium full: \$65.50 + 69.50  
7:00am – 6:00pm

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### Week 1 September

Monday 25th

#### Hooray for Halloween

Spook-tacular, boo-tiful, woonderful, and fang-tastic Halloween is here early. Grab your costume we are dying to see u.



Tuesday 26th

#### 4 Art's Sake

Let your creative talent flow exploring different art forms. There will be something for every budding artist today



Wednesday 27th

#### TRIP: Live Wire

Trampolines, inflatables and a Minitown. Join us for a super fun day at Live Wire's SUPERPARK!



Thursday 28th

#### PREMIUM: Zoo Ventures

Look, touch, and learn! A unique opportunity for you to get up-close encounters with small pets, exotics and reptiles.



Friday 29th

#### Curious Minds

We are curious to find out. Where do you come from? What is your star sign? Who are your friends? What makes YOU special?



### Week 2 October

Monday 2nd

#### Discover Africa

Explore Africa with us. Create cool jewellery & masks. We'll celebrate their vibrant culture with dance and food.



Tuesday 3rd

#### King of your Castle

Cut, glue, paint and decorate. Grab your friends to help you design and construct the castle of your dreams.



Wednesday 4th

#### PREMIUM: Self Defence

Discover how to feel safe and confident & build skills for life. Little Ninja is coming to empower us.



Thursday 5th

#### TRIP: THE TWITS

Clever jokes, audience participation games, and sing-along numbers make this a very entertaining experience.



Friday 6th

#### Be a Mad Hatter

Celebrate with a day-long fest of silliness, made especially for those that want to wear silly hats and eat silly treats.



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Mobile:  
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Secure your spot for this September-October here

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# LIFE AT SCHOOL

## INFORMATION EVENING

HOSTED BY MIDBAYS KĀHUI AKO

19 OCTOBER 2023

7:00PM TO 8:30PM

WINDSOR PARK CAFE

(onsite at Windsor Park Baptist Church)

An event that will support parents to know what to expect when their child is transitioning to school. A panel of teachers and Deputy Principals will provide information and answers to your questions. Information on each Primary School in your area will also be available.

**REGISTER ATTENDANCE AT  
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## In-School Maths Tutoring

### Thinking Caps Tutoring

## Enrolling for Term 4

Years 3 - 6

- In-School lessons
- Building up concepts and knowledge
- Building confidence and independence
- Building up basic facts
- Focus: Basic Facts, Word Problems & 'Get Ready For Year 7'

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**EAST COAST BAYS LIBRARY**  
Auckland Council Libraries School Holiday Programme  
23 September - 8 October 2023  
There's something fun to do every day!

Do you love solving puzzles and searching for clues? Come and join us as we make treasure maps and sparkly crystals to bury at the end of them, visit us for our Dress Up Day - or perhaps you prefer to solve your way out of an escape room? Wherever your adventure lies, we've got something to put wind in your sails.

Find out more at [aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays](http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays)

**AUCKLAND COUNCIL LIBRARIES**

## Dr. Seuss's THE CAT IN THE HAT

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September 17  
Bruce Mason Centre

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