



07 December 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

As this is the final newsletter for 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to you and your family.

It has been a full year for Browns Bay School with sporting events, cultural activities and academic learning. I would like to pay tribute to the school community for the work and commitment you have put into our school throughout this year. The children have worked extremely hard over the year and deserve a well-earned summer break. The staff of the school have put in a lot of extra work in the classroom and around the school, and I would like to thank them for their professionalism and caring attitude towards their students. I would like to acknowledge the support, given over the year, by parents to the school. Well done to all those groups for working together, and ensuring the child is at the heart of all decisions.

Please keep safe over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the new school year on **THURSDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2024**.  
The 2024 Term dates are on our school website [here](#).

### **EMERGENCY EVENTS**

The emergency events of the past week have been a true test of our School Values with an emphasis on working together, caring for others, and being resilient. Your children were incredible on the field as they waited for pick-up, and this morning when they came into school ready for another day. Parents and caregivers were amazing by helping other families who could not get to school. The school staff were calm and supportive of the children throughout. It was a tough week, yet I would like to acknowledge the Browns Bay School Team.

The student who was injured on Wednesday remains in hospital receiving the best possible care. Thank you for respecting their privacy during this challenging time.

The Ministry of Education Team provided the school with information on how to support children following a traumatic incident. The information can be found on our School Website [here](#).

### **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

The final school reports will be published via email and the School Portal on Tuesday 12 December at 4pm. See School Notices section for more information on the Parent Portal.

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## **STAFFING**

I would like to acknowledge the staff who are leaving us at the end of the year, and I would like to thank them for their work over the year in the classrooms, supporting our students and with their work around the school. We appreciate the way you have worked alongside the students. I would like to acknowledge **Kerry Jowett, Marilyn Bridger, Sharlene Atkins, Stephanie Swart and Katrina Taylor**. Thank you for your work at Browns Bay School and best wishes for the future.

## **YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

It is with a touch of sadness, yet with high expectations, that we farewell our Year 6 students as they move on to Intermediate School. Many of these students have been at school since they started as 5 year olds, some have come to us from other schools and others have come to us from other countries. However, they all have in common the fact that they are Browns Bay School students. We thank all Year 6's for the contribution they have made to our school. We hope that in the future they will look back on their time at Browns Bay School with fondness.

## **ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Over the Christmas break the roof of Rooms 14 to 17 is being replaced. The contractors will be on site from 15 December with the goal of completing the project before school starts in 2024.

While the work is going on, parts of the Junior Playground and Senior Courts will be taped off to ensure a safe area is maintained. We would ask parents and visitors to the school to respect the workers requests to ensure everyone is safe.

Merry Christmas / Meri Kirihimete  
Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Monday 11 December – Y3/4 Movie Trip	Monday 11 December – Y2 Decoration Day
Tuesday 12 December – Y5 Movie Trip	Tuesday 12 December – Reports to Parents – 4pm
Tuesday 12 December – Y6 Graduation – 6pm School Hall	Wednesday 13 December – Y0-3 Final Assembly (Y3 Hosting) – 2pm
Thursday 14 December – Y4-6 Final Assembly (Y6 Hosting) – 11.30am	Thursday 14 December – Term 4 Ends – 1pm
Thursday 01 Feb – Term 1 Starts	

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **JINGLE**

Jingle 2023 was another great night of entertainment with Christmas themed songs and dances. The Kapa Haka started the evening with waiata and haka with the Year groups following on with their lovely performances. The Year 5 and 6 singers kept the music flowing during the intermissions. We were also very grateful for Father Christmas taking some time out to turn up on a little tractor!

A big **'Thank you'** to everyone who made it possible, with the food stalls, raffles, silent auctions and the always popular Jingle Jars. It was a great example of parents, staff and students combining to produce a wonderful community evening.









## Y6 RAINBOWS END TRIP

On the 23rd of November the Year 6s went to Rainbows End. We enjoyed the whole day. It was one of the best days of school ever. The Fear Fall was the most terrifying ride we went on. It was so high up and the drop was so scary. The best ride was the rollercoaster because there were many twists and turns. Everyone had a great time going on all the fun rides. On the bus going back it was very quiet because everyone was so tired. It was a great day. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it for us to go.

By Samuel Wang and Harry Smith



**Fun Times!**



## RM 2 CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

This is Room 2 having a fantastic 'Cultural Celebration day' as part of their inquiry topic 'Taku Whanau'. They enjoyed hearing about everyone's cultural background, listening to our parent speakers and of course the shared lunch!





## RM 11 WITH RM 31 BUDDY CLASS AND SHARED CULTURAL LUNCH



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A very special congratulations to Agnes Rm 31 on her ICAS results. Agnes achieved High Distinction awards for Digital Technologies, Maths and Science, and a Distinction for English. Agnes has also won a medal for her Digital Technologies exam! This means that she achieved the top score for all Year 4 students across all schools in New Zealand. Agnes, this is an amazing feat, and we are all very proud of your achievement. Agnes will have her medal officially awarded at the final assembly.





## **SPORTS NEWS**

The Semester 2 sports are coming to an end for 2023. Browns Bay School have had many students involved in various sports that were on offer this Year.

On behalf of the Browns Bay sports teams and students we would like to acknowledge all the parents and whanau who have supported us with coaching, managing or transporting teams to their games or events this year. We would not be able to participate in the competitions without you, so thank you.

Good luck to all the Teams playing their last games this week and next week.  
Enjoy your Christmas break and see you all next Year!

### **Super Cluster Athletics**

We had some amazing results at the recent 2023 Super Cluster Athletics Event. Browns Bay School placed 3rd school overall. Congratulations to the team.

The following individuals placed in the top 8 for their events.

#### **Year 4 Results**

**Jasmine Eketone -Tekanawa** - 1<sup>st</sup> Discus  
**Isla Packer** - 5<sup>th</sup> Discus  
**Agnes Jun** - 5<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
**Rhia Crow** - 6<sup>th</sup> Long Jump  
**Stevie Donald** - 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump  
**Hilary Lan** - 8<sup>th</sup> 200m  
**Maeve McGovern** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 400m, 5<sup>th</sup> 800m  
**Luca Spangenberg** - 1<sup>st</sup> Discus, 5<sup>th</sup> Long Jump  
**Cody Faure** - 5<sup>th</sup> 100m  
**Jack McDonald** - 6<sup>th</sup> 400m  
**Theo Corbett** - 6<sup>th</sup> 800m  
**Callan Basson** - 2<sup>nd</sup> = High Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m  
**Relay Year 4 Boys** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Year 6 Results**

**Giselle Rawhiti** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus  
**Annalise Edmonds** - 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> high Jump  
**Shae Spangenberg** - 5<sup>th</sup> Long Jump  
**Milandri Koen** - 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m  
**Beau Lee-Jones** - 7<sup>th</sup> Discus, 6<sup>th</sup> 100m, 8<sup>th</sup> 200m  
**Devin De Beer** - 8<sup>th</sup> Discus

#### **Year 5 Results**

**Jessica Fincham** - 6<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
**Isobel Edmonds** - 7<sup>th</sup> shot Put, 7<sup>th</sup> Long Jump, 4<sup>th</sup> 800m  
**Amelia Dobbie** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m  
**Ryan Deng** - 1<sup>st</sup> Discus  
**Ted Brien** - 8<sup>th</sup> Discus, 4<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
**Liam Bezuidenhout** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put  
**Jackson Seward** - 8<sup>th</sup> = Long Jump  
**Brayden Dos Santos David** - 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump, 6<sup>th</sup> 100m, 7<sup>th</sup> 200m  
**Finn Billingham** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 400m  
**Boys Relay Team** - 4<sup>th</sup>

**Phoenix Eketone-Tekanawa** - 5<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
**Tobias Zapart** - 4<sup>th</sup> 100m  
**Max Horrocks** - 4<sup>th</sup> 800m  
**Harry Smith** - 7<sup>th</sup> 800m  
**Girls Relay Team** - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Boys Relay Team** - 4<sup>th</sup>



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## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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### **STATIONERY 2024**

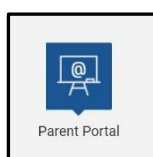
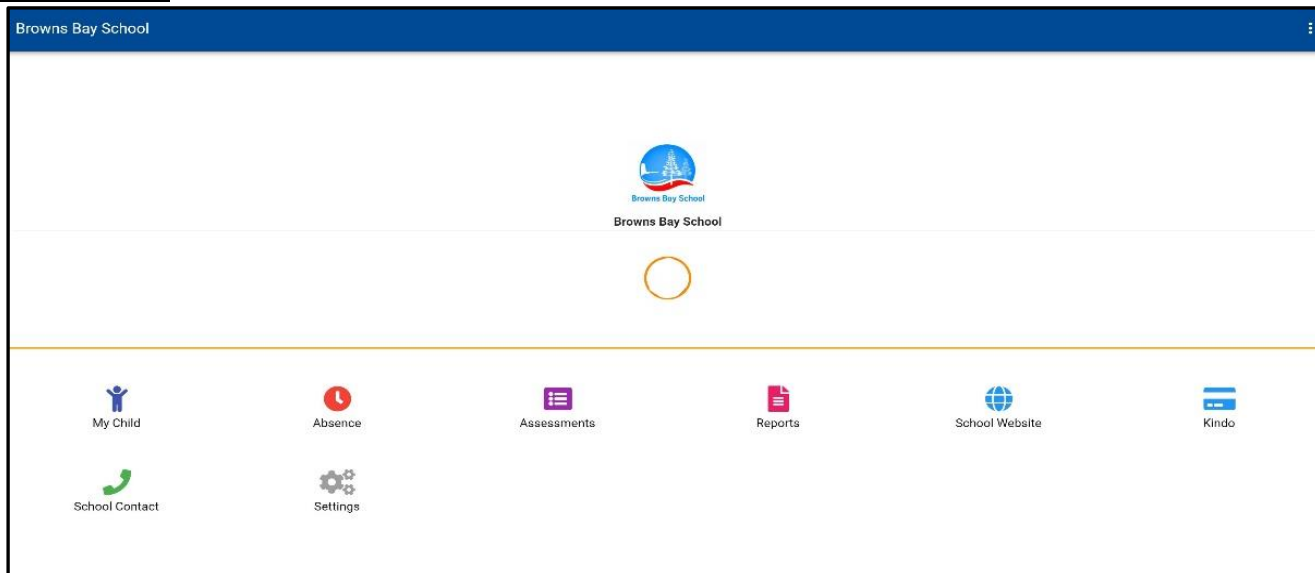
In 2024, the start of year stationery orders will only be done online through our usual suppliers, Educational Essentials Limited, and **NOT** processed at school. Each year group has a pack of stationery with all the items required for the year. The prices of the items are all at “back to school” prices and are held at that level for the year. **All stationery orders made before 25 January 2024, will be delivered to the school** pre-labelled with your child’s name on, ready for when they start the school year.

The stationery packs can be ordered online through **KINDO from Monday 18 December**. Stationery lists, for each year group, will be available on the school website should you wish to purchase items individually.

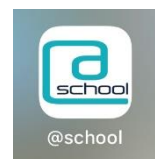
**A link to the online KINDO shop will be on the Browns Bay School website.**



## PARENT PORTAL



The School website has a connection to **@school** on the front page. Please click on this icon.



If you want to download the app onto your phone the app is **@school Mobile**

If you wish to view the Report on the School Portal it is recommended that you log onto the Parent Portal to ensure you can get access. The link is: <https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login>.

If you have any issues with the Parent Portal, please contact the school via [bbs@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:bbs@brownsbay.school.nz).

## SCHOOL POOL

COME SWIMMING THIS  
SUMMER

### IN THE BROWNS BAY SCHOOL POOL



- 🌿 **SAFE SWIMMING**
- 🌿 **CHANGING SHEDS, TOILETS**
- 🌿 **PARKING** in school grounds or just a short stroll from home
- 🌿 **SIMPLE POOL RULES** - so that everyone can enjoy themselves
- 🌿 **KEY HOLDER** access only - available from school
- 🌿 **WATER QUALITY** - checked daily

*(Please note that the Pool heating will not be operating over the Christmas holiday break.)*

It costs only \$100.00 (\$80.00 + \$20.00 BOND) for the use of the pool facilities for the whole summer season including Christmas school holidays.

If you wish to use the pool this season, please complete a BBS Pool Use Agreement and return to the school office. Payment can be made on Kindo. A numbered security card will be issued and sent out via your child's classroom next week.

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We will be accepting donations (clean/good condition) at the school office **during Term 4** for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in the week beginning 22 January 2024 (date TBC and will be emailed to parents).

## CONTACT FOTS

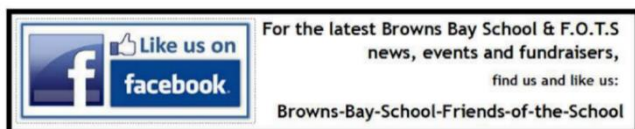
If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more, please email:

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



BROWNS BAY FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

## 2nd Hand Uniform Sale Donations Required

Donations of second hand uniform are required. Please drop off your old uniform in good condition and cleaned at the school office during Term 4.

SALE SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22ND JANUARY 2024

The poster features illustrations of four school children (two boys and two girls) in uniform, carrying books and bags. It also includes the Browns Bay School logo and a circular logo for the Friends of the School Parents Association.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

ARTISTS Go next level at our **PIKI E TE TŪĀRĀ**

Te Whare Roto o Toi Lake House Arts Sculpture Symposium 2023

**Symposium**  
1-9 Dec

**Awards & Celebration**  
10 Dec, 4pm

**COME AND SEE SCULPTORS AND CARVERS IN ACTION**  
**ON SITE AT LAKE HOUSE ARTS**  
37 Fred Thomas Drive  
10am - 4pm during the Symposium

The poster features a stylized illustration of a house with a red roof and a QR code in the bottom left corner. It also includes logos for supporting organizations at the bottom.

**CODINGNZ**  
Summer 2023/24

## Free Coding Holiday Activity

Ages: 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 to adult

Educational? Yes!  
Fun? Yes!  
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders.

**Limited spots**

**SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW:**  
[codingnz.com/freeactivity](https://codingnz.com/freeactivity)

The poster features a central illustration of a person wearing a VR headset and typing on a keyboard, with floating icons representing coding and technology.





## Summer Adventures, where friendships are made.

*Join us for a summer full of connections and fun experiences*

To view and book Browns Bay sKids Xmas programme and our Sensational Summer Holiday programme please visit our website: [https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/browns\\_bay/](https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/browns_bay/)

We are also open for bookings from 1-6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## In-school Maths tutoring 2024

We are taking bookings for  
Term 1  
[office@thinkingcaps.co.nz](mailto:office@thinkingcaps.co.nz)

Years 3-6





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stocks last

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check your library for fun events | **5-12 years**

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**[aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays](https://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays)**

