



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

22 February 2024
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

I am looking forward to the Lunar Festival Cultural Event taking place tomorrow Friday 23 February in the school hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. I am very grateful to Sylvia Wei and her team for organising the event (see flyer in the School Events and FOTS section of this newsletter for more information).

STUDENT SAFETY

I need to re-inforce my message from last week with regards to our student's safety. The roads around the school have been very busy in the mornings and afternoons and we are still witnessing some concerning 'traffic behaviour'. I would ask that everyone be mindful of the message they are sending to the children, particularly in regard to crossing the road. We have two Pedestrian Crossings in operation in the morning and afternoon and we ask that you please use them with your children. Crossing on the corner of Browns Bay Road and Masterton Road in between the traffic is **not** a safe message to pass onto the children.



The drop off/pick up zone is not a place that cars can wait at – please move on if your child is not ready for you – the queues of cars waiting to get into the pick-up area cause a huge amount of traffic congestion on both Masterton Road and Browns Bay Road.

Another student safety reminder is in regard to early drop off and late pickups. We do not have staff on duty until 8.30am in the morning and we cannot care for children before that time. In the afternoon teachers go off duty at 3.10pm and are not responsible for looking after children. Please be mindful of these times and that you, the parent, are responsible for children before and after school. After 3pm, children should **not** be left unsupervised on the school playground.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

I would like to acknowledge the payment of donations recently. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can provide for your children. Although our school is funded through an Operation Grant which covers fixed running costs, we are very reliant on donations to maintain the standard we expect with extra teacher hours, teacher aides, professional development for staff, computer equipment and new classroom resources. Please note that there are various ways to pay this donation and it can be claimed as a tax rebate at the end of the financial year.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The current Board members are listed on the school website.

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/about-us/bot>

The first Board meeting of the year is tonight in the school staffroom at 6.30pm. Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the staffroom twice a term. The 2024 dates for the meetings will be set tonight and advertised on our school website and in the school newsletter. If you would like to communicate with the Board regarding any matter, either write a letter addressed to: The Presiding Member, BOT Browns Bay School or contact the school office.

AWHI UPDATE

We've noticed a significant increase in students wearing correct school uniform and hats when outside. Thank you for helping your children to have the uniform items they need. This week our AWHI lesson focussed on the ways we show respect to everyone in our school community. We have wonderful senior students who organise Friendship Games for the juniors at lunchtimes and others who are Peer Mediators. They support students during lunch times and help them to solve problems they may have. They do an incredible job so we want all of our students to know who they are and to treat them with the respect they deserve.



Next week we will continue to develop our school value of Respect by learning how we show respect when we are moving through the school and at school assemblies. This is an excellent time to ask your child/children what they have learned and to discuss how we change our behaviour for different settings e.g. why we don't talk through movies or how we share equipment at the playground.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences for the start of the school year will be held on Tuesday 27 February and Thursday 29 February from 3.10pm to 6.30pm each night. The purpose of this conference is for parents to share information with the teacher about their child, and for the teacher to talk about how your child has settled into class. Each conference is 10 minutes long and this timing must be strictly adhered to. Teachers have been requested to stop conferences on the bell to ensure they do not run late.

Conference times can only be booked online:

Use this booking link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/khx92>

OR

Parents log on to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Enter our school code – khx92

Enter your details – name/email/number of students/students names

Choose your child's teacher

Choose the days and times you wish to attend (available times will be indicated)

You will then receive an email confirmation of your appointment time.

Bookings are open NOW and will close at 12 Noon on Monday 26 February.

If you are unable to access this site from home, the school office will be able to arrange an appointment for you.

PLEASE NOTE: Room 9 (Michelle Crabb), Room 10 (Tasha Gillbee), Room 11 (Sally-Anne Dore) and Room 21 (Robyn Stuart) will have interviews at slightly different times due to availability of these teachers.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2024 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 22 February BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom	Friday 23 February – Lunar Festival – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – (School Hall)
Tuesday 27 February – Y5 Whitebait Connection Trip Rms 18/21	Tuesday 27 February – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3.10pm-6pm
Wednesday 28 February – Level 5 Waterwise	Thursday 29 February – Y5 Whitebait Connection Trip Rms 19/20
Thursday 29 February – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3.10pm-6pm	Friday 01 March – Junior Assembly - 9.45am – (Year 3 Hosting)
Friday 01 March – Senior Assembly – 11.30am – (Year 6 Hosting)	Tuesday 05 March – Pre-School Visits – 9.30am – Rms 10 & 11
Thursday 07 March – Y3 Outdoor Education Day – Rms 14/15/ and Rm 30, Y3`s) – Long Bay Regional Park	Friday 08 March – Y3 Outdoor Education Day – Rms 16/17 – Long Bay Regional Park
Monday 11 March – FOTS AGM – 6.30pm - Staffroom	Friday 15 March – Junior Outdoor Education Day – School Field

SCHOOL EVENTS

LUNAR FESTIVAL CULTURAL EVENT

Tomorrow, Friday 23 February, we will be having a Lunar New Year Cultural Event here at Browns Bay School. All of our school families are welcome!

At 3.30pm there will be special performances from the Rangitoto College Chinese and Korean students including the Chinese Lion Dance, traditional Chinese Wushu Sword Dance, Korean fan dance and a demonstration from the Chinese Diabolo team.

Then from 4.10pm until 5.30pm you can spend some time learning traditional Chinese games, calligraphy and paper cutting. Bring cash to buy some crafts to try at home, or to buy ice blocks and drinks.

We hope to see you there!

SWIMMING SPORTS



The 2024 Year 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Sports event was recently held at the Sir Owen Glenn National Aquatic Centre. It was a great morning and for many it was their first time experiencing such a big swimming event. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best and supporting one another during the races.

A very big thank you to the parents and staff who came along to help out with the event!

Browns Bay School
Lunar Festival Cultural Event
Friday, 23rd Feb
 School Field | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Bring Cash
 Calligraphy, Prize Stall, Paper cutting, Selling Stall, Snacks&Drinks, Fun games, Diabolo & much more

YEAR 6 CAMP

When we hopped off the bus, we saw Carey Park for the first time. Once we collected our luggage, we got directed down to our cabins to set up and get ready for everyone's first activity. Some of the activities were the flying fox, hobo stoves, confidence course and we did slip n slide which was really fun as we got sprayed with freezing cold water and slid down the slide like penguins slipping on ice.

Our instructor made us do heaps of fun and interesting challenges such as fish leaping out of the water, dragon pose, the loudest scream and much more. After a fun day of activities, a scrumptious meal and a night of games we finally got the chance to settle into our cabins for a good night sleep which sadly **none of us got!** After zero sleep we got changed and ready for everyone's first activity for the day, then we raced up the stairs and had a tasty breakfast. Our next activity was the confidence course which we thought was pretty easy until we got to the rope swing, which some of us found quite challenging, but once we got the hang of it we were swinging rope to rope like a monkey trying to grab a banana.

We continued the day with other various activities. For a cool down we went down to the river for a swim. One boy got nibbled by an eel twice. We got ready into our pjs and strode up the stairs to get organized for a trivia quiz which our teacher Mrs Marychurch had planned for us. After the trivia quiz the teachers announced the winner which was ... Dream Catchers! Then Mrs Miller told us a scary but funny story about THE GIANT PURPLE GORILLA. After a good story we finally settled into our cabins and that night we had a much better sleep. When the sun came up, we did rainbow tag where we had to go to different stations to get different colours but... there were wipers who tried to tag us with a wet rag and they could decide to wipe all our colours off or just one. When you finally got all the six colours you were done and safe. Then sadly it was time to get ready to leave. We have had such an astonishing time we just want to say a thank you Carey Park for such an amazing time.

By: Isobel and Charlie





SCHOOL NOTICES

NETBALL

Netball is a team sport open to Y1-6 students. It is mostly a game played by females however 1 or 2 boys are allowed in each team.

Games are played in Terms 2 and 3 on a Saturday (Y1-4 @ Pinehurst School) or Wednesdays after school (Y5-6 Netball North Harbour).

Registrations are now open – please visit the school website for more information and to sign up.

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/sports/netball>





LUNAR FESTIVAL - Friday 23 February 3:30pm - 5:30 pm
FOTS will be helping support and run this Cultural Event in the school hall.

- There will be performances from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the school Hall followed by a variety of stalls setup on the field from 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- Entrance is by gold coin donation for the performance. Please contact FOTS if you would like to attend the performance as we have limited seating in the Hall and are nearing capacity.
- Please bring some cash for the stalls.
- The only food for sale will be ice blocks, and juice boxes, so please bring your own snacks if you think you'll get hungry.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and “SIPS & NIBBLES”

Monday 11 March 6:30pm

Interested in joining Friends of the School (FOTS)? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year. Ahead of the AGM, we're calling for nominations from school parents/caregivers for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

These roles have a 1-year term. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the office by Friday 08 March, 3:30pm.

Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school>

Along with the AGM we will be having an informal Sips & Nibbles to introduce new parents to the larger FOTS team.


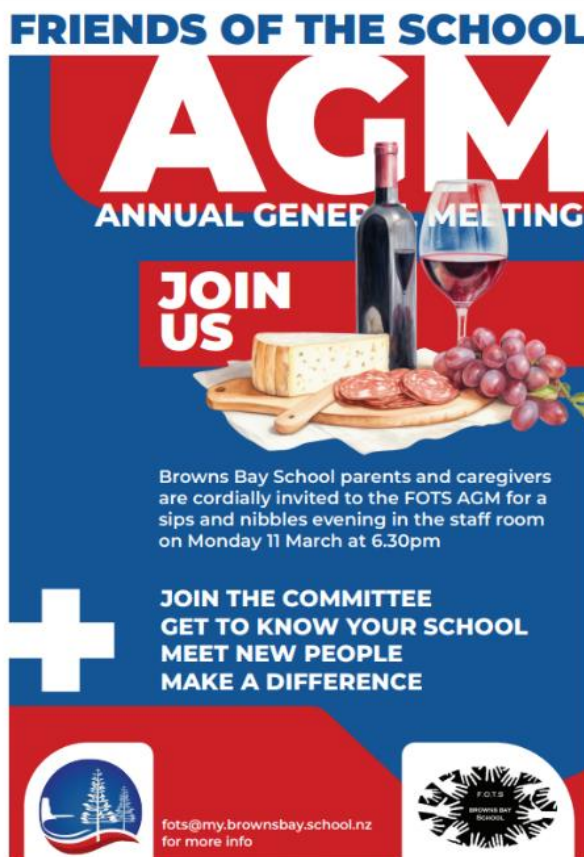
NEXT FOTS MEETING –Monday, 11 March to follow the AGM in the school staffroom.

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, or find us on Facebook 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



For the latest Browns Bay School & F.O.T.S news, events and fundraisers, find us and like us:
Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

In-school Maths tutoring 2024

We are taking bookings for
Term 1
office@thinkingcaps.co.nz



Celebrating 150 years

OF FIREFIGHTING IN TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUCKLAND

Open day

**SUNDAY
17TH MARCH**
10am - 3pm

**THE CLOUD
QUEENS WHARF**

- Help celebrate the evolution of firefighting in Tāmaki Makaurau
- Meet the firefighters who keep our communities safe
- Learn about fire risk and safety to keep you and your whānau safe
- Meet our partner agencies
- Free admission



The first Good as New Pre Loved Kids Market in 2024 will be happening on Saturday, 24 February at our new Venue the Orewa College Arts & Events Centre. Let's all get behind recycling.

The market is a fun morning for the whole family, a great opportunity for families to on-sell things their kids have outgrown and for new families to pick up bargains on kids; clothes, toys, books, games and nursery furniture.

Good as New Pre-Loved Kids Market

Orewa Collage Arts & Events Centre

Saturday 24 February

9 am - 12 noon

45+ stalls selling pre-loved kids; clothes, toys, books, nursery furniture, buggies and lots more.

Free Admission

Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland

Enquiries 021 217 7904

24 FEB

Pre-Loved KIDS Market

45 STALLS

Orewa College Art & Event Centre

CLOTHES * TOYS * BOOKS * BUGGIES * NURSERY FURNITURE

[GOOD AS NEW PRE-LOVED KIDS MARKET](#)

FREE ENTRY



Browns Bay businesses bring you

Summer SPECTACULAR

**SAT 2 MARCH 2024
10AM – 7PM**

BROWNS BAY BEACH RESERVE

- **BUNGY TRAMP** • **FACE PAINTING** •
- TOYS & GAMES** • **KIDS' PONY RIDES**
- **INFLATABLE FUN** • **LIVE MUSIC** •

10am – 3pm Kids' Activities

Pony Rides until 1pm

Payment by Eftpos & Cash

11am - 2pm Live Music in Phoenix Plaza

Rumpus Machine

2pm - 7pm Live Music on Beach Reserve

2pm: D'n'A • 4.30pm: 5 Wheel Drive

Event details at brownsbay.org.nz

