



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

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Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

Thank you for coming to the Parent/Teacher Conferences last week. It was great to see over 540 conferences take place over the two nights. If you would like to chat to a teacher about your child, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance by email to book a time.

The next Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the last week of Term Two (03 and 04 July).

ONE HOUR A DAY

Browns Bay School is meeting the new regulatory requirements for the 'one hour a day' policy that sets a daily minimum amount of time to be spent on Reading, Writing and Maths. Prior to this new regulation, teachers already had a focus on these three areas, so the transition to 'one hour a day' was quite simple. In my role I am currently adding up timetables to confirm we are meeting the regulation.

It was helpful to have it accepted that some of the Reading, Writing and Maths happens during Topic or Inquiry time e.g. Science has Writing and Maths integrated with the writing of Science reports and Maths in the measurement/graphing of experiments.

AWHI UPDATE

This week your children are learning about break time expectations. They are learning why they have to sit when eating and to put their lunch boxes away before going off to play. There are so many wonderful students who support each other to do this. It's great to see. We're also discussing ways to play positively on the courts, playgrounds and field, where to find the Friendship Games and where we can safely kick a ball. A couple of weeks ago students learned about the importance of taking care of their belongings. Unfortunately, our Lost Property box continues to fill up with good quality, unnamed items. We've moved the box to behind the Junior Shade area, beside the Bike Rack, on the Junior Courts. Please take some time to look through the box for items you may be missing. Many thanks for your support.



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024

A reminder about the School Term and Holiday dates for 2024.
It is helpful if you can take your child on holiday outside of term time.

TERM 1	Thursday 01 February to Friday 12 April (13 April to 28 April)
TERM 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 05 July (06 July to 21 July)
TERM 3	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (28 September to 13 October)
TERM 4	Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December (Christmas Holidays)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024

Term 1

Good Friday	Friday 29 March
Easter Monday	Monday 01 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 02 April
Anzac Day	Thursday 25 April (in School Holidays)

Term 3

King's Birthday	Monday 03 June
Teacher Only Day	Tuesday 04 June
Matariki Day	Friday 28 June

Term 4

Labour Day	Monday 28 October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 15 November

I have highlighted the holidays above because these can be missed by parents and caregivers. The Teacher Only Days have been provided by the Ministry of Education for the Curriculum Refresh. They will coincide with Murrays Bay Intermediate School.

PHONES – AWAY FOR THE DAY

We expect student's phones to be away for the day, meaning phones either do not come with the student to school (recommended), or are switched off and in their bags during the full school day. You can view a copy of the rules on our school website under SchoolDocs then Personal Digital Devices.



These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office. Parents and caregivers might also like to talk to their child about ways to manage any concerns about being off their phones for the day. Our Personal Digital Device Policy also applies to Smart watches – these need to be on “school mode” during school time.

SCHOOL FIELDS

Our school fields are being repaired over the school break between 13 April to 28 April. The Turf Specialist plans to spray the existing grass (weeds) before levelling and re-sowing. The area being repaired is in front of the Netball Courts and beside Room 34.

The spraying will be completed on 16 April - weather permitting. We will put signage up advising of the spraying and will close the school to visitors.

The cover photo is of our Rm 10 and Rm 21 students enjoying their Buddy Class time (see School Events section of the Newsletter for more details).

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.

Friday 08 March – Y3 Outdoor Education Day – Rms 16/17 – Long Bay Regional Park	Monday 11 March – FOTS AGM and ‘Sips & Nibbles’ – 6.30pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 13 March – Level 5 Waterwise	Friday 15 March – Junior Outdoor Education Day – School Field
Monday 18 March – Y5 Surf Day	Tuesday 19 March – Y6 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 20 March – Level 5 Waterwise	Wednesday 27 March – Level 5 Waterwise
Thursday 28 March – Junior Outdoor Education Day – School Field (Save Day)	Friday 29 March – Good Friday - (School Closed)
Monday 01 April – Easter Monday – (School Closed)	Tuesday 02 April – Easter Tuesday – (School Closed)
Wednesday 03 April – Level 5 Waterwise	Friday 05 April – Junior Assembly – 9.45am (Y2 Hosting)
Friday 05 April – Senior Assembly – 11.15am (Y5 Hosting)	Friday 12 April – Term 1 Ends 3pm

SCHOOL EVENTS

RM 10 AND RM 21 BUDDY CLASS TIME

Over the last few weeks, Room 10 and Room 21 have been pairing up for some Buddy Class time. The big kids helped the little ones create and build beautiful paper chain dragons to celebrate the Lunar New Year. It was quite a tricky task and there were many discussions around colour choices and the delegation of tasks. The Room 10 children proved quite bossy and loved directing their big buddies around!

We look forward to spending more time together throughout the year.

Mrs Stuart and Mrs Gillbee



SUPERSTARS

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

YEAR 0/1 TEAM - Sean Yoo R8, Rebecca Wei R8, Sophie Pekepo R9, Hugo Perkins R9, Esme Goodes R10, Tia Ejamme R10, Skyla Meng R11, Callum Xu R11

YEAR 2 TEAM - Archie Rich R1, Daphne Gray R1, Bruce Qi R2, James Qiao R2
Suhayla Suaad Khan R3, Emily Henderson R3, Duoduo Xu R4, Sophie Ni R4

YEAR 3 TEAM - Iris Li R14, Myles Brady R14, Max Shao R15, Seymour Zhang R15, Louise Jin R16, Oliver Rose R16, Delphi Winton R17, Sam Essert R17

VALUES AWARD - Lucy Corbett R2



YEAR 4 TEAM - Astara Pienaar R30, Terrence Bo R30, Blake Correia Do Rebeiro R31, Saydie Smith R31
Hailey Jinn R32, Teddy Shimmin R32, Chien-Hui Lo R33, Kevin Wen R33

YEAR 5 TEAM - Amelia Lyons R18, Nicole Ni R18, Harley Kent R19, Adelina Shalygin R19, Harper Zhang R20
Alex Edenborough R20, Ruan Du Pisanie R21, Hilary Lan R21

YEAR 6 TEAM - Liam Bezuidenhout R24, Emma George R24, Vincent Wong R25, Milla Fickling R25
Dani Hampshire R26, Ryan Deng R26, Yuyu Ren R27, Smith Jarvis R27

VALUES AWARD - Vincent Wong R25

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL - Charlie Bissett R25

ARTS AWARD - Lesley Zhang R24, Isobel Edmonds R25

SPORTS CUPS - Ella Gao R25, Grace Gao R26, Oscar Zhang R33



WATERWISE

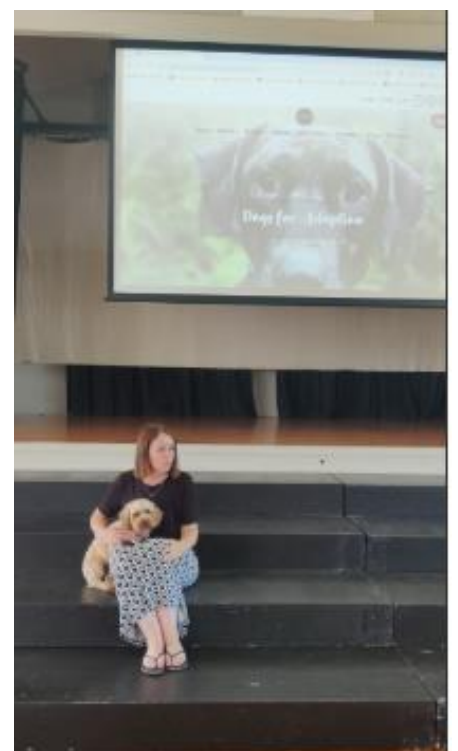
We had a great start to the Waterwise season in Week 5. The weather was fantastic and the children had a great time getting into the boats. Some of the Year 6 students kayaked and sailed close to the bay and the Year 5 students had their first session in the Optimists and experienced being in the water with an adult, ensuring they were comfortable with the equipment, knew where to sit and what to do while in the boat. A fantastic day was had by all.



DOT-AUCKLAND RESCUE DOG VISIT

Last week, darling Dot, a 4 year old Cavoodle visited the Year 3 students. She even attended their weekly assembly! Dot is under the care of [Chained Dog Rehabilitation and Rehoming](#) - an Auckland Dog Rescue that works with life-chained, neglected and abused dogs. As a Dog Rescue, they rehabilitate and rehome any dogs relinquished into their care and work closely with many Council Animal Shelters across New Zealand. Dot is currently being fostered by Mrs Shimmin's family and is awaiting to find her forever home.

The Year 3 students embraced the opportunity of meeting Dot. Mrs Shimmin talked to the students about what it takes to look after a dog, and our amazing students showed a lot of empathy towards Dot as a rescue dog. Dot was, as usual, her charming self and stole everyone's heart. Her tail did not stop wagging! Check out the charity to see how you can get involved. You can foster, adopt or donate your time or money.



SCHOOL NOTICES

COVID-19

COVID-19 is still a feature in our community and we would ask that you respect the health of all our students and teachers. We have community members who are compromised due to Covid-19 and would like parents to ensure students are healthy when they are coming to school.

If you test positive for COVID-19

It is recommended you isolate for at least 5 days, even if you only have mild symptoms. This is to prevent spreading COVID-19 to other people. You would start your isolation at Day 0 - this is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

Isolation means not leaving your house and not going to work or school. It also means staying away from others in your household as much as possible.

What your household contacts should do?

You are considered a household contact if you live with someone who has COVID-19, or you have spent at least 8 hours with them in the same home while the person was infectious.

If you are a household contact and you develop one or more COVID-19 symptoms, you are recommended to stay at home and do a RAT test.

If you test negative but your symptoms persist, continue to stay at home and take another RAT test in 24 and 48 hours. If at any point you test positive for COVID-19, it is recommended that you isolate for at least 5 days and follow relevant guidance.

If you do not develop symptoms within 10 days of the first COVID-19 positive household member leaving recommendation isolation, you are no longer considered a household contact.

FLIPPA BALL - Players required.

Our Year 4 Flippa Ball team is looking for one or two players to join their team. They play at the AUT Millennium pool on Sunday afternoons. Children must be strong swimmers. They must be able to swim 25m Freestyle, be confident on their back and are confident in 1.2 – 1.3m depth of water.

More information on Flippa Ball can be found on the school website:

[Flippa Ball](#)

Any Year 4 children interested in playing Flippa Ball (Junior Water polo) for this semester (Terms 1 and 2) please email sports@brownsbay.school.nz



NETBALL

Netball registrations are now open.

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

Please visit the school website for more information and to register:

[Netball](#)

Registrations close Friday 15 March.



YEAR 3 TO 6 HOCKEY

Year 3 to 6 Winter Hockey registrations are now open.

Games are played in Terms 2 and 3 on Monday's, after school at the North Harbour Hockey Stadium.

Please visit the school website for more information and to register.

[Hockey](#)

Registrations close 9am Monday 11 March.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND “SIPS & NIBBLES” - Monday 11 March 6:30 pm Staffroom

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. All are welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL
AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JOIN US

Browns Bay School parents and caregivers are cordially invited to the FOTS AGM for a sips and nibbles evening in the staff room on Monday 11 March at 6.30pm

**JOIN THE COMMITTEE
GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL
MEET NEW PEOPLE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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for more info

CONTACT FOTS


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In-School Maths Tutoring

Enrolling for Term 1

Years 3 - 6

- In-School lessons
- Building up concepts and knowledge
- Building confidence and independence
- Building up basic facts

• Focus:
Addition & Subtraction

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Ticket Information

- **Free Admission**

Dates

- **Sat 9 Mar 2024, 3:00pm–7:00pm**

Restrictions

All Ages

20 plus fabulous Art and Craft stalls will be filling the Phoenix Plaza in Browns Bay on Sat 9th March, 3pm - 7pm! Bring friends and family for a stroll and browse through our market stalls followed by a walk and play on the beach. And for dinner or a snack there is a wide range of local Browns Bay eateries to choose from. Lock it in and come along. Market stalls, face painting and music!