



**Browns Bay School**

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

22 March 2024  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora

### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2024

#### 1. Our Vision



The Strategic Plan focuses on achieving our Vision of **Building Leaders and Learners**.

[Browns Bay School's Strategic Plan](#) is a key planning document that sets out the school's objectives and targets for the year.

The document contains our Strategic Plan for 2024 and 2025 so that we can then be effective in setting teaching and learning programmes and guiding the activities of our school. The Annual Plan is included and this plan expands on the goals for 2024. The Statement of Variances outline our educational goals for the year.

The Strategic Goals are in these three areas:

**CURRICULUM:** To develop policy and plans to meet the requirements of the Refreshed Curriculum, including an investigation into a balanced curriculum delivery to ensure there is a focus on all curriculum with emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy.

**COMMUNITY:** To develop a strong engaged school community with stakeholders aware of the changes in education and students learning key values and having success at school.

**TE TIRITI O WAITANGI:** To have a strong understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi with Māori ako learning as Māori.

In 2024 some of the key areas we will focus on are:

Curriculum

- Consolidate Structured Literacy
- Support writing and oral language programmes

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- Maintain success in Mathematics
- Develop the Browns Bay School Curriculum Overview to ensure it is appropriate for the Refreshed Curriculum Community

- Consolidate PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning / AWHI Attitude Whanau Harmony Integrity
- Celebrate cultural diversity with Multicultural activities
- Opportunities for students to achieve success across a range of areas

#### Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- Whanau Hui with a Te Ao Māori and link to Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae
- Powhiri kawa developed and implemented
- Representation on the Board of Trustees

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

The School Assemblies happen every five weeks – Week 5 and 10 and are split with a Year 1 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 Assembly. The next Assembly of 2024 is on Friday 05 April with Year 2 and Year 5 being the organising Teams. The times are:

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Year 1 – 3 | 09:45 – 10:30am |
| Year 4 – 6 | 11:15 – 12:30pm |

Trophies will be presented at all of the Assemblies for the most deserving students regardless of Year level (except the End of Year Assembly that is reserved for Year 6 students). We have introduced a Junior Values Award for the Year 1 – 3 Assembly. Parents and Caregivers of certificate and trophy recipients are contacted prior to the event so they can be present.

### **FOTS - NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The new Executive Committee were voted on to the FOTS Team for 2024. Congratulations to:

- Co-Presidents: Sarah Voss and Morgana Smith
- Vice President: Melissa Grey
- Treasurer: Siobhan Richards
- Secretary: Raymond Ou



I would like to acknowledge Michael Corbett for his leadership and support of FOTS and the school with his involvement as Chairperson over 2023.

### **POWHIRI**

A School Powhiri will be held in the School Hall to welcome Teresa Burn on Thursday 11 April at 11am. The Powhiri is a Māori ceremony to welcome the Manuhiri (Visitors) into a new space, easing them in to feeling comfortable to the point where they feel at one with the Tangata Whenua (the Hosts).

The Powhiri follows a set series of protocol (kawa) that consists of the **Karanga – Whaikorero – Hongi – Kai**.

Karanga – a call from a woman of the Tangata Whenua to start proceedings.

Whaikorero – formal speeches made from both the Tangata Whenua (the hosts) and Manuhiri (visitors)

Hongi – greetings.

Kai – food and drink shared.

Browns Bay School is being supported by Mr John Retimana and Kapa Haka groups from our school and Rangitoto College.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY 2024**

#### **Happy Easter**

Good Friday Friday 29 March

Easter Monday Monday 01 April

**Easter Tuesday Tuesday 02 April**

Please remember Easter Tuesday is a School Holiday. We will be open on Wednesday 03 April.



## RAMADAN AND EID FESTIVAL

### Ramadan Mubarak

This year, Ramadan started on 13 March and will run up to the evening of 09 and 10 April. Fasting during Ramadan means those involved do not eat or drink from before sunrise up until sunset. Families may request that their child has a day off school to celebrate Eid at the end of Ramadan.

## SCHOOL FIELDS

Our school fields are being repaired over the school break between 13 and 28 April. The Turf Specialist plans to spray the existing grass (weeds) before levelling and re-sowing. The whole field will be cordoned off over the Term Break. 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.

## AWHI UPDATE



We've noticed that students are choosing to be kind and supportive of each other more since our AWHI lesson on kind versus unkind behaviours last Monday. Hopefully you are noticing them making some great choices at home too.

Next week's lesson explores ways that we can create a bully free school. The first step is to understand what bullying actually is. This poster can help you talk with your children about the difference. Your children are also learning about when and how to get help if someone is rude, mean or is bullying them. It would be great to remind them at home that they should tell the duty teacher, their own teacher, a peer mediator or cultural leader if something has gone wrong. The sooner we know, the sooner we can sort out any issues.

## PAID UNION MEETINGS

NZEI staff members will be attending Paid Union Meetings over the next two weeks.

On Tuesday afternoon a number of our staff will be off-site from 1.30pm. We have organised cover for the classes involved so the school can remain open.


Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

**Is it bullying?**

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it | once, that's **rude**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **mean**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's **bullying**.



## 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.

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| Tuesday 26 March - Cluster Swimming – Northern Arena       | Tuesday 26 March – Paid Union Meeting                      |
| Wednesday 27 March – Level 5 Waterwise                     | Friday 29 March – Good Friday ( <b>School Closed</b> )     |
| Monday 01 April – Easter Monday ( <b>School Closed</b> )   | Tuesday 02 April – Easter Tuesday ( <b>School Closed</b> ) |
| Wednesday 03 April – Level 5 Waterwise                     | Friday 05 April – Junior Assembly – 0945 - (Y2 Hosting)    |
| Friday 05 April – Senior Assembly – 11.15am – (Y5 Hosting) | Tuesday 09 April – Pre School Visit – Rm 10 & 11           |
| Wednesday 10 April - Waterwise                             | Thursday 11 April – Powhiri for New Principal              |
| Friday 12 April – Term 1 Ends 3pm                          | Monday 29 April – Term 2 Starts                            |
| Monday 29 April – FOTS Meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom        |  |



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### SUPER CLUSTER TENNIS

Three of our experienced Year 5 tennis players, (Madeline, Celine and Burton), represented Browns Bay School at the recent Super Cluster Tennis Tournament which was held at Campbell's Bay Tennis Club.

They came up against tough competition and had some challenging games, however, they showed great effort and made some beautiful returns, playing their hearts out. They had lots of laughs and made new friends during the breaks. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and a good learning curve for our players. We are excited to see how they go next year as Year 6's.



### JUNIOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY

Last week, the Year 0, 1 and 2 Outdoor Education Day was held at school. Activities included Beginners Obstacle Course, NZ Games/activities, Gardening, Adventure play, Water activities and Nature Art. Even a few showers throughout the day did not dampen the fun that was had by all. Thank you to all our fabulous helpers who helped to make the day such a great success.









### **YEAR 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY WITH BIGFOOT ADVENTURES**

Our annual Year 3 Outdoor Education Day with Bigfoot Adventures took place at Long Bay Reserve. The Climbing Wall, Team Building games and Bivvy building activities were a huge success and the children really enjoyed the Outdoor experience. Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who supported us with this event. Your help is always appreciated.



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### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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#### **REMINDER TO CAREGIVERS ABOUT TAX REBATES**

Your support makes a world of difference! As we strive to maximise our funding and provide added benefits to your children, we ask you to consider making your school donation now!

By doing so, you can quickly claim your 33% tax rebate from 01 April 2024. A big thank you to the families that have already donated, we have had 57% of our student`s donations in already!

When you make your donation through myKindo, keep an eye out for the option to "amplify your donation" where you can choose to gift this tax rebate back to the school. Even if you don't typically claim rebates, consider selecting YES. It's a win-win situation. More funding means more resources for students.

See more at [support.mykindo.co.nz](https://support.mykindo.co.nz).

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### NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for Netball are now closed. However, we are looking for a few more players at Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and a Year 6 player to make numbers in team's work. Please contact [sports@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:sports@brownsbay.school.nz) to express an interest.



### DROP OFF ZONE

The Drop off Zone on Masterton Road has some particular procedures we would like you to know. They are:

- Drivers do not get out of the car
- Children get out of the car by themselves
- Drive to the front of the drop zone where possible
- Organise children before leaving home if you want to use the drop zone so they are prepared and ready for the school day. Hair done, jumpers on, bags handy with a plan for the end of day pick up
- **DO NOT** use the drop zone if you need to get out of the car..... find a carpark



We appreciate people have their different ways to say goodbye, however it is imperative that you STOP, DROP and GO allowing your children to exit the car without support and their needs already taken care of. If you are unable to achieve this then please find a carpark to finish your farewell.

When leaving the DROP OFF ZONE, we would appreciate drivers not doing U Turns on Masterton Road – we had a near miss of a car versus car this morning. Please consider everyone's safety.

### ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Each year the school is invited to participate in the Anzac Day Civic ceremony. We are looking for two school representatives to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the Anzac Day ceremony in Browns Bay on Thursday 25 April. School representatives will need to be dressed in school uniform. (This is in the second week of the school holidays).

If you intend to be at the ANZAC day ceremony, and would like your child to be involved, could you please email Ms Hewitt on [joh@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:joh@brownsbay.school.nz), or contact the school office.




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### *FOTS – Friends of the School*

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**NEXT FOTS MEETING – Monday, 29 April 6.30pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome.**

### **BLACK & WHITE DISCO - Friday 17 May!**

Get ready, the Browns Bay School Disco is happening in Term 2!

- Years 0-3 (Junior) 5 pm - 6.30 pm
- Years 4-6 (Senior) 7 pm - 8.30 pm

Tickets will go on sale via Kindo in Term 2.

*Save  
the  
Date*





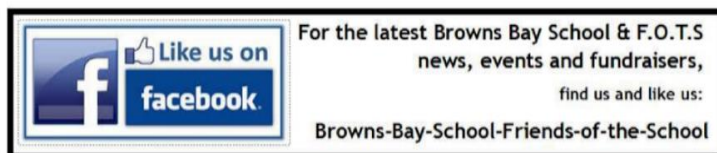
Parent volunteers will be needed on the night to help. A Volunteer Form will be sent from the school early in Term 2 if you would like to help.

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



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Are you going overseas for the school holidays?

When you return, you can now complete a digital **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)** before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane.

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Download the NZTD app today!



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Scan the QR code to: Complete your declaration online, or download the NZTD app (you can complete your declaration while you are offline).

For more information go to [TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](http://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)



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**HOMESTAY 2024**

If you are interested please touch directly with Lucy from EJ Global Limited via [ejglobal111@gmail.com](mailto:ejglobal111@gmail.com)

EJ Global Limited is an Education Agent who is looking to find suitable homestay families for students in July and August 2024. The students are from China and will be attending Murrays Bay Intermediate School as short term students. They are within the age range of 11-14 years.

**Register Now** A financial contribution will be supported by EJ Global Limited





**You're invited to our Easter Tuesday programme at sKids Browns Bay!**

**When**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024  
7:00am – 6pm: \$60.00  
7:00am – 3pm: \$52.50

**Where**  
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**April**

| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
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| <b>The Bird's in the Tree's</b><br>Let's help feed our beautiful native birds by creating a bird feeder to pop in your garden. Use your imagination to craft and design the treehouse of your dream's.                        | <b>Crack the Case</b><br>Ever wanted to be a detective? Well now here is your chance... Bring your thinking caps and your solving skills! We need you to CRACK THIS CASE!   | <b>Kiwi Valley Farms (Trip)</b><br>Feed the Ponies, Rabbits, Alpaca's! Explore the giant Maze. There is time to snuggle animals, ride the ponies, and even ride a Tractor..                                   | <b>Magical Moments (Premium)</b><br>Andy Wonder brings his Magic to skids! Watch as he amazes you with moments that will blow your mind... Maybe you'll be able to spot his bunny friend before she disappears! | <b>Pamper or Play</b><br>Friday, is the perfect time to unwind with a bit of pampering or some friendly foam fire- nerf gun battle! Be prepared to head home with a cute new hairstyle or a victory!        |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b><br><b>A Race Around the World</b><br>Skids brings the world right to our doorstep. So be ready to take on challenges and race around the clock. This is a race filled with diversity and fun!!! | <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br><b>Glow Crazy</b><br>Dress up in your best disco Look! (Premium)<br>Turn off the lights, turn on the music, turn up the fun. Boggie on down to our epic disco for some glow in the dark dance games. We can't wait to glow crazy! | <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Pizzerias &amp; Bakeries</b><br>We need Chefs to help open our Skids Pizzeria and Bakery. The Finest Cupcake decorators and Pizza Makers are required. Are you Ready?? | <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Closed</b><br>We're closed for this ANZAC Public Holiday. We'll see you tomorrow.   | <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>PJ's and Pillows</b><br>Dress up in PJ's<br>Bring your pillows and blankets. It's time to relax and Indulge in your favourite movie snacks at the best PJ party around. |

Visit our website to secure your spot and book now!  
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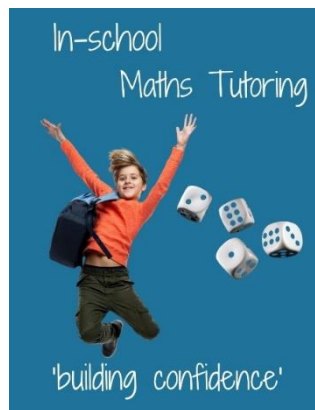
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