



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

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Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

On Friday 12 April I will be retiring from my role as Principal. My career has spanned over 40 years, and I have taught at 10 schools in classes from Year 2 to Year 8; and been Principal for 32 years at 5 schools with 70 to 700 students. I have been influenced by talented teachers and worked alongside great people.

Over my career I have seen significant changes with the introduction of Boards of Trustees under "Tomorrows Schools", film projectors to interactive TV's, banda's to photocopiers, blackboards to computers to mobile devices, three different NZ Curriculums, banning of corporal punishment and establishment of restraint guidelines, Government policies of bulk funding and National Standards. The one constant has been the amazing children and dedicated teachers; I will miss the energy and enthusiasm that you get from working in a school.

Browns Bay School is a wonderful school with hard-working teachers and staff; and the best school to end my career. It has been great to work with the community over the past 10 years. I would especially like to acknowledge the Board members for their support and dedication to the job – it is a complex role and they serve the community well.

My retirement will be filled with my family (especially my two Grandchildren), home projects, fitting in some fishing, spending time at a family Taranaki bach and travelling around New Zealand and the World with my wife Julie.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words over the past weeks and also wish you all the best for the future.

NEW PRINCIPAL

Teresa Burn will be welcomed to Browns Bay School on Thursday 11 April at an 11am Powhiri in the School Hall.

Teresa's appointment was announced in November 2023 by the Board of Trustees. Teresa will bring to our school over 30 years of teaching experience and more than 10 years of leadership as a Principal. Her vast experience includes leading Peninsula Primary as the Principal through significant changes, fostering modern learning environments, and aligning teaching practices to enhance educational outcomes. Most recently as the Principal of Westmere School, Teresa was instrumental in strengthening community engagement, evidence-based student progress and achievement

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practices, and the Māori Medium pathway at the school. Her extensive leadership journey is backed by a Master's degree in Education Leadership and Management, equipping her with the knowledge and skills for this crucial role.

Teresa possesses a deep connection to the North Shore community where she is a resident and served as a teacher and the Deputy Principal at Campbells Bay School for more than 12 years. Her leadership style thrives on collaboration, shared understanding, and building a culture of trust and high standards. Her commitment to raising achievement, nurturing and growing staff, and prioritizing student well-being aligns with the values and future direction of Browns Bay School. We are excited for Teresa to bring her wealth of experience, her passion for education, and her commitment to community and cultural engagement to Browns Bay School. As you come to know her, we believe you will share our excitement for her passion, expertise, and vision for excellence in education.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 2 2024 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 05 April – Junior Assembly – 9.45am - (Y2 Hosting)	Friday 05 April – Senior Assembly – 11.15am – (Y5 Hosting)
Tuesday 09 April – Pre-School Visit – Rm 11 – (9.30am-10.30am)	Wednesday 10 April – Pre-School Visit – Rm 10 (9.30am-10.30am)
Wednesday 10 April – Level 5 Waterwise	Thursday 11 April – Powhiri for New Principal – 11am
Friday 12 April – Term 1 Ends 3pm	Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day (in School Holidays)
Monday 29 April – Term 2 Starts	Monday 29 April – FOTS Meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 01 May – Y3 Auckland Museum Trip	Friday 17 May – FOTS DISCO (See FOTS Section for more info)

SCHOOL EVENTS

THE SUNFLOWER TREE BY RM 9

Room 9 painted their own sunflowers after reading the Sunflower Tree book.



YEAR 6 PEER MEDIATORS AND FRIENDSHIP GAMES CO-ORDINATORS

The Year 6 Peer Mediators and Friendship Games Co-ordinators should be commended for the leadership skills they have shown this term. While our trusted Peer Mediator students have been out at lunch playtime helping students to resolve misunderstandings, the Friendship Game students have warmly welcomed and played so many lovely games with the Junior students. They will continue to refine these skills with ongoing training next term.



CLUSTER SWIMMING

28 of our Year 4-6 students competed in the recent Cluster Swimming event at Northern Arena. All involved gave it their absolute all and represented Browns Bay School with pride and great sportsmanship.

We had some excellent individual results on the day:

Oscar Zhang - 1st Y4 Boys 25m Backstroke, 1st Y4 Boys 25m Freestyle, 2nd Y4 Boys 50m Freestyle and 2nd Y4 Boys 25m Breaststroke

Gabriel Cornejo - 3rd Y4 Boys 25m Freestyle

Jessica Feng - 3rd Y4 Girls 50m Freestyle

Crystal Shen – 3rd Y5 Girls 50m Freestyle and 3rd Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle

Timmy Wang – 3rd Y5 Boys 25m Breaststroke

Luke Wessels – 3rd Y6 Boys 25m Breaststroke



Oscar's 25m backstroke was also a new Cluster Swim record – congratulations Oscar what a huge achievement!

The team also looked amazing competing on the day thanks to one of our parents, Karen Ross, who generously donated Browns Bay School Swimming caps to the school with the school logo on them. Thank you so much Karen the team looked incredible, and we are so appreciative of your generosity.



ESOL STUDENTS MAKING EASTER TREATS

Some of our ESOL students enjoyed making chocolate rice bubble nests as Easter treats.



YEAR 5 OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY WITH NZ SURF

The Year 5 students had a fantastic day in Orewa learning how to surf. Even though the waves were small, they were perfect for surfing.



CARING FOR OUR STREAM

Year 5 students have been learning about 'Caring for our Stream'. They have visited our local stream to see what condition it is in. The students discovered that rubbish from our school can end up in the stream from entering a stormwater drain which endangers the creatures living in this environment.



Year 5 students would like to encourage the school to become rubbish free and have rubbish free lunchboxes. These images show just how easy it can be to have a waste free lunch box.

SCHOOL NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY – ATTENTION PLEASE

We have a huge collection of clothing, swimming togs, shoes, etc in our Lost Property box now located on the Junior Court area next to the bike rack. Please take a look so we can keep on top of our constantly overflowing box. A reminder to please ensure your children`s belongings are all named. Our kind FOTS Team have sorted the named items and these will be returned to your children`s classrooms asap.



FOTS – Friends of the School

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO MR MULCAHY

Dear Mr Mulcahy,

On behalf of the parents at Browns Bay School, we would like to take this moment to express our heartfelt thanks.

As we stand at the cusp of your retirement, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the wisdom and warmth you've brought to our hallways every day. You've been much more than a Principal; you've been the caring heartbeat of Browns Bay School, and we value all that you have done for our students and families.

Your compassion has shaped young minds, your care has moulded bright futures, and your humour has been a light on even the most ordinary days.

The kindness you've sown into the fabric of our school has blossomed into a legacy that will continue to grow, even in your absence.

Thank you for being Browns Bay School's fearless Captain and cherished leader. Wishing you a retirement filled with the same happiness and contentment that you've so generously shared with every student under your leadership.

With the warmest of regards and deep appreciation,

Sarah Voss, Morgana Smith, the FOTS team and the Parents of Browns Bay School.



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 on sale **via Kindo only** from Monday 29 April Term 2.

- Ticket \$6
- Hotdog \$3

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, or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School.

Please come along to our next monthly meeting on **Monday 29 April at 6.30 pm** 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



FOTS BBS


BLACK & WHITE

DRESS IN BLACK AND WHITE
AND COME DANCE WITH US
—IT'LL BE A BLAST!

17 MAY, 2024	JUNIORS YEAR 0-3 5-6:30PM	SENIORS YEAR 4-6 7-8:30PM
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from Monday 29 April
(Term 2)

- TICKETS \$6
- HOTDOG \$3



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



KidsLink is the starting point for parents...

Learning Behaviour Extra Curricular
Physical Needs Under 5's Well-Being



It connects you to a range of trusted services who specifically work with kids & teens

visit: kidslink.co.nz



Gently Loved Markets
teens

10AM TO 1PM
SATURDAY 4TH MAY

Western Springs Garden Community Hall
956 Great North Road, Western Springs

Free Entry

Teens selling thrifted, preloved, clothing, accessories, plants, treats, books and more.

Proudly supported by The Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa Eco Festival



sKids
Holiday Programme
15th - 26th April
MSD-Approved. Work & Income OSCAR subsidy available!

Scan here to join us this April!

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Customer Service: 0800 274 172
Onsite: 022 129 0050

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April

Monday 15th

The Bird's in the Tree's

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!



April

Tuesday 16th

Crack the Case

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!



Wednesday 17th

Kiwi Valley Farms (Trip)

Feed the Ponies, Rabbits, Alpaca's! Explore the giant Maze. There is time to snuggle animals, ride the ponies, and even ride a Tractor...



Thursday 18th

Magical Moments (Premium)

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!



Friday 19th

Pamper or Play

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!



Monday 22nd

A Race Around the World

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!!!



Tuesday 23rd

Glow Crazy Dress up in your best disco Look! (Premium)

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!



Wednesday 24th

Pizzerias & Bakeries

We need Chefs to help open our Skids Pizzeria and Bakery. The Finest Cupcake decorators and Pizza Makers are required. Are you Ready?!!



Thursday 25th

Closed

We're closed for this ANZAC Public Holiday.

We'll see you tomorrow.



Friday 26th

PJ's and Pillows Dress up in PJ's

Bring your pillows and blankets. It's time to relax and indulge in your favourite movie snacks at the best PJ party around.



LET'S GET READY FOR THE 2024 NETBALL SEASON

Sunday 28 April - 9.30am – 12.30PM

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Sunday 28 April - 1.30pm – 4.30pm

WESTLAKE GIRLS

NETBALL COACHING CLINIC FOR YEAR 1 – YEAR 8

*The 2024 Netball season is about to begin so come and sharpen your skills, improve your accuracy and find your feed at the Westlake Girls Premier Netball Coaching Clinic on Sunday 28 April. There are two sessions to choose from – the morning one from 9.30am – 12.30pm or after lunch from 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Westlake's best netballers guided by former Silver Fern, April Ieremia, will introduce you to new ball skills, speedy footwork, defensive techniques, shooting drills, and a number of ways to elude your opposition.

Most Primary and Intermediate teams begin grading games at the start of May, so this is a wonderful time to let us help you. The Premier Netball team is fundraising for their major regional tournament to qualify for nationals at the end of August and it will be costly so by letting us help you during these 3-hour coaching clinics, you are really helping us too.

If your child's team would like to sharpen up their netball skills before the season starts, then register them for a session with the Westlake Girls Premier Netball coaching clinic on the link below.

Let our big girls help your little ones.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/aKaf4uE5fCkBiz8>

Cost: \$35

Venue: Westlake Girls Covered Courts

If you have any questions, please email April Ieremia at aieremia@westlakegirls.school.nz

In-School Maths Tutoring

Enrolling for Term 2

Thinking Caps Tutoring

Years 3 - 6

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

• Focus:
Multiplication & Division

office@thinkingcaps.co.nz thinkingcaps.co.nz

Fares for travel on AT buses, trains and ferries are changing for under 25 year olds from Wednesday 01 May 2024.

Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds on AT bus, train and ferry services will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the government's decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.

This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

5 to 12 year olds will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares). They will continue to travel for free on weekends. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

13 to 15 year olds will stop receiving the half-price child fares discount and instead switch to paying full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

16 to 19 year olds with a secondary student concession will stop receiving the half-price secondary fares discount and instead switch to paying full secondary fares (at least 40% off an adult fare). Students aged 16-19 should apply for the secondary student concession to ensure they are paying the cheapest fare possible. More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at AT.govt.nz/farechanges

Public transport 

Fares are changing for under 25s from 1 May

Find out if you are still eligible for discounts

AT.govt.nz/farechanges



Public transport 

Fares are changing for under 25s from 1 May

Register now for at least 40% off travel for school students

AT.govt.nz/farechanges

