



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

02 May 2024  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora

Thank you for the many ways that I have been welcomed to Browns Bay School.

At the end of last term, the Powhiri was an emotional day for both Peter and I. The staff and students made the day incredibly special and I know that we will both hold that day very close to our hearts for years to come.



On the day I wore a Korowai from Peninsula Primary where I held my first Principal position and a Taonga from Westmere School. As part of the Manuhiri supporting me on the day was the former Principal of Campbells Bay School who I worked alongside prior to 2018 as Deputy Principal. My third Principalship feels very much like coming home, and I could not have wished for a warmer welcome. Thank you.

In my time as Deputy Principal at Campbells Bay School I worked alongside Jo Hewitt and it has been lovely to have a familiar face and trusted colleague in my first few days. I have to thank Jo, Tanya and Liz for their patience this week while I have so many questions and things to understand. They have been wonderful and I can see already what a great team I have to work with.

Teachers have welcomed me into their classes. I appreciate that while they have started to get to know me, they have been welcoming, shown trust and been proud to show the teaching and learning environments they have created. Classrooms at Browns Bay School are busy, focussed, calm and nurturing. Thank you to the teachers for being so open.

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On Monday Tanya and I attended the FOTS (Friends of the School) meeting. What a committed and hardworking group of people. The disco is just the start of their plans for the year. I know that events take a lot of planning and also rely on more volunteers willing to give their time and energy. Thank you in advance if you are ready to sign up as a volunteer for any events.

Finally, but most importantly, your tamariki have been amazing. Children are so enthusiastic about school and their learning. They are polite, kind and so friendly. It will take me a while to get to know them all, but I have made a good start. The bus bay duty in the morning is really fun, and although I don't get time to talk, I have very much appreciated the welcome messages.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks and sharing the great things happening at Browns Bay School.

### **Week 3 Newsletter**

In Week 3, the newsletter will be in a new format. It will make it easier to share photographs about school events and will hopefully be more user friendly if you read the newsletter on a mobile device.

The newsletter will come as a link that you need to click and will also be available as usual on the school website.

There won't be a chance to do a test run but I am confident that you should receive the newsletter in exactly the same way, but in a more helpful format for everyone.

Please see School Events section for more information on our cover photo from the Anzac Day Parade.

### **AWHI UPDATE**



The AWHI programme aims to develop a positive school culture where everyone in the school community knows behaviour expectations and celebrates those demonstrating them. We have some exciting and varied AWHI lessons planned for this term.

We began with a focus on packaging free lunchboxes. We are a rubbish free school so would love to see packaging free items in lunchboxes or items taken out of their wrapping before lunchboxes are packed. This is not only better for the environment but also helps our younger students to develop their independence as they won't be reliant on an adult to help them open or unwrap their food items.

We would appreciate your support with this.

Teresa Burn  
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.

Tuesday 07 May – Class & Individual Photos	Tuesday 07 May – Pre-School Visits Rms 10 & 11 – 09.30-10.30am
Wednesday 08 May – Sibling Photos	Monday 13 May -Tuesday 14 May - Year 4 Camp( Rms 31/33) – MERC Long Bay
Wednesday 15May - Thursday 16 May – Year 4 Camp (Rms 30/32) – MERC Long Bay	Wednesday 15 May – Year 1 Stardome Trip (Y1 9.30-12.30), (N/E R10&11, 11-2.30)
Friday 17 May – FOTS Black & White DISCO (See FOTS Section for more information)	Monday 20 May – Y4-6 Cross-Country – ECB Rugby Grounds (see School Notices for more Information)
Monday 20May-Friday 24May – Road Safety Week	Tuesday 21 May – Pre-School Visits – 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 22 May – Team Photos – Term 1/2 Teams	Thursday 23 May – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 23 May – Y4-6 Cross-Country (Save Day)	Friday 24 May – Superheroes Travelwise Day
Tuesday 28 May – Super Cluster Basketball	Thursday 30 May – Rippa/Tackle
Friday 31 May – Junior Assembly – 9.45am (Y1 Hosting)	Friday 31 May – Senior Assembly – 11.15am (Y4 Hosting)
Monday 03 June – Kings Birthday – (School Closed)	Tuesday 04 June – Teacher Only Day (School Closed)



## Road Safety Week 20-26 May

This year, for Road Safety Week we are celebrating our Road Safety Heroes, those people who help to make our roads safer. This is a wonderful opportunity for Browns Bay School to acknowledge our Road Safety Heroes, such as the Road Patrol students, parents, teachers and administration staff who help teach our students about road safety.

At home, please take a moment to speak to your children about this important information. While using sustainable transport to get to school please:

- Wear bright clothing, to be easily seen! When you are walking or riding on or near the roads wear something bright. You could wear a high vis vest or bright bag.
- Use the road crossing when you are near Browns Bay School. Make sure you STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before you walk across the road.
- Buckle up, you need to be 148cm before you can sit in a regular car seat. If you are less than 148cm tall, make sure you use a booster seat.
- Watch out for sneaky driveways. Make sure you look and listen out for cars as you walk past driveways that have bad visibility.
- Don't play with toys or balls while walking alongside a road. Hold onto them, or better still keep them in your bag. If your toy or ball does fall down don't go after it!

## Road Safety Superheroes Travelwise Day

Friday 24 May 2024

Dress up as a road safety hero or superhero, when you come to school using sustainable transport!

No gold coin donations.



Raising road safety awareness, as part of Road Safety Week, while helps us to thank those people who are making our roads safer, so that we can use sustainable transport.

Organise with your friends and neighbours to come to school using sustainable transport: walk, bus, bike, scooter or park and walk from the VTNZ Testing Station or Philson Road.



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### **SUPERSTARS**

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

**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Nova Patuki R8, Kiartan Manning R8, Alexa Correia do Robeiro R9, Benny Kowalenko R9, Asher Lord R10, Finn Niederer-Downs R10, Jasper Zhu R11, Rufus Frost R11

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Ivy Pachnatz R1, Idusha Rathnayake R1, Ruby Voss R2, Rydge Tretheway R2, Isabelle Pearce R3, Philip Valkov R3, Octavian Stavar R4, Iris Nenadov R4

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - Farah Crow R14, Raine Strever R14, Evelyn An R15, Harry Park R15, Melissa Bhattarai R16, Aaron Yao R16, Chloe Pollock R17, William Zhu R17

**VALUES AWARD** - Maddie Wilson R14

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Mustafa Celik R30, Grace Yi R30, Aiden Rush R31, Quin Nikora R31, Jeffrey Li R32, Ella Bezuidenhoudt R32, Lucas Lee-Jones R33, Jessica Feng R33

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Jack Fowler R18, Callum McLaughlin R18, Chavez Paul-Nehua R19, Jamie Mole R19, Nell Brown R20, Rosie Bell R20, Jonathan Zhao R21, Abigail Kuzmanovic R21

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Zunairah Chaudhry R24, Eric Liu R24, Soonsoo Kim R25, Roy Wi R25, Eason Wang R26, Umi Shao R26, Finley Brown R27, Celine Shi R27

**VALUES AWARD** - Maia Andrews R24

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL** - Eunice Yan R25

**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - Ryan Deng R26

**ARTS AWARD** - Amelia Dobbie R27

**SPORTS CUPS** - Madeline Zhang R20, Celine Shi R27, Burton Yu R27







**ANZAC DAY PARADE**

Browns Bay School were represented by a number of students at the Anzac Day Parade on Thursday 25 April.

A very big thank you to Theo and Lucy, Katherine and Evie for marching so proudly in your Browns Bay School uniform.

Thank you also to Theo and Katherine for laying the wreath on behalf of the school.





### **YEAR 5 WHALE ART**

The Year 5 students created whale art by first painting various designs on paper and then ripping the paper into long strips. These strips were then used to make a collage of the ocean and sky. Students also drew and painted their own whale to place onto the collage alongside some boats. The students should be so proud, as each piece of art is unique and together creates a stunning display in our MLE.



### **WATERWISE SAILING PROGRAMME**

It has been wonderful to get our kids out on the water and keep this programme running.

We would not be able to run this programme without the help and support of the Waterwise Instructors who turn up every week to help us – many of whom no longer have children at the school. We are thankful for your support – you are what keeps this programme running.

Any parents who are interested in training to be an instructor please contact Jo Hewitt – [joh@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:joh@brownsbay.school.nz)



## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS/SIBLING PHOTOS**

Photolife Studios will be in the school on Tuesday 07 May to take the annual school photos. Both class and individual photos will be taken at the same time. All children will have an individual photo taken.

The children will have brought home a slip to be filled in and returned to the classroom teacher or the school office, if you would like **sibling photos** taken. These will be taken on Wednesday 08 May. When the photos are ready for printing the children will bring home a unique photo shoot key. This key will need to be used by parents to view and purchase photos online.



### **YEAR 4 - 6 CROSS-COUNTRY**

The annual Year 4 - 6 School Cross-Country is due to be held on Monday 20 May in Week 4, (weather permitting). This Cross-Country event is for Year 4 - 6 children who choose to participate. The event will be held at ECB Rugby Grounds, Windsor Park, Mairangi Bay. If you would like your child to participate, please visit the Sports page on the Browns Bay School website for more information and to register your child before the cut-off date, 9am Monday 13 May:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/sports/cross-country>



### **YEAR 3 MINIBALL**

One of our Year 3 Miniball teams is looking for one or two players to join their team for Term 2. They play on Tuesdays after school at ECB Leisure Centre, Browns Bay.

Please visit the Sports page on the Browns Bay School website for more information:

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

If your child is interested in joining the team, please email [sports@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:sports@brownsbay.school.nz)



### **YEAR 3 NETBALL**

One of our Year 3 Netball teams is looking for a player to join their team for the Winter Netball season.

They play on Saturdays at Pinehurst School.

Please visit the Sports page on the Browns Bay School website for more information:

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

If your child is interested in joining the team, please email [sports@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:sports@brownsbay.school.nz)





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

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

Reminder to purchase your disco ticket on Kindo.

Parent volunteers will be needed on the night to help.

We will need helpers for both junior and senior discos to bake cupcakes, set up the hall, and also for tidying up at the end of the evening. A Volunteer Form has been sent from the school via email if you would like to help.

**Tickets on sale via Kindo only**

- Ticket \$6
- Hotdog \$3

Thank you very much for the generous support from local Browns Bay business “Little Greece”, who has kindly donated several hundred chocolate bars for FOTS to sell at the disco. We highly appreciate your support.

Our retail shop, Little Greece, is nestled in Browns Bay next to the New World supermarket.

Little Greece stands as your premier destination for authentic Greek and Mediterranean treasures. Our lovely team is dedicated to making your shopping experience even better so you can enjoy a glimpse of true Mediterranean hospitality.

Come and say hello and pause your busy day for a comforting cup of coffee and a piece of baklava at Little Greece!



**DISCRETIONARY FUND**



FOTS is inviting applications for the 2024 Discretionary Fund. If you are a staff member, coach or helper and require funding for a small school project or activity, please [click on the link for application information and form](#).

Applications must be submitted via the above link to online form by 3pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of Term 2, and allocated funding must be used in Term 3.

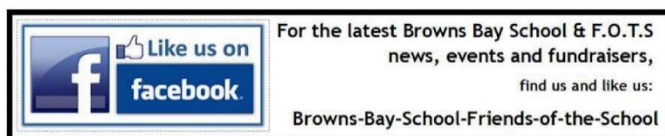
For further information, please contact Tanya Sheppard: [tanyas@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:tanyas@brownsbay.school.nz) or the FOTS Discretionary Fund sub-committee: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

**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](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)







## LEARNING COMMUNITY HUB

New Zealand Education Seminar Series

🕒 Sunday, 10.30am-12.30pm

Date	Content
12 May	NZ Education System
19 May	New Zealand Curriculum
26 May	NCEA I
02 Jun	Being safe at schools
09 Jun	NZ's bicultural framework
04 Aug	School report & Parent-teacher interview
11 Aug	School systems
18 Aug	ESOL & cultural identity
25 Aug	NCEA II - IB & Cambridge
01 Sep	Parenting

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New Zealand Education Seminar Series

### OVERVIEW OF NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION SYSTEM

For Mandarin Speakers

**You Will Learn :**

- What schooling looks like in NZ
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📅 **12. May, 2024**

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新西兰教育系列专题研讨会

🕒 周日 10.30am-12.30pm

日期	内容
5月12日	新西兰教育体系概览
5月19日	新西兰课程标准详述
5月26日	国家教育证书 (NCEA) 详解一
6月2日	校园安全主题讲座
6月9日	探索新西兰双文化政策架构
8月4日	解读学校评估报告, 如何与老师在家长会中高效的交流
8月11日	新西兰学校教育体系解析
8月18日	英语学习及建立文化认同感及归属感
8月25日	国家教育证书 (NCEA) 详解二 - IB及剑桥考评体系
9月1日	跨文化养育

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新西兰教育系列专题研讨会

### 新西兰教育体系概况

For Mandarin Speakers

**您将学习到:**

- 新西兰的学校教育是什么样的
- 教育法

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You are cordially invited to participate in the Learning Community Hub, a special series of seminars on "New Zealand Education." These seminars are jointly hosted by the Ministry of Education and Open and Connect NZ. Specifically tailored for Chinese families and communities, the sessions aim to provide essential insights into navigating New Zealand's educational system. We extend a warm welcome to all Chinese families to join us for these informative seminars, as they offer valuable knowledge that can significantly benefit our children's educational experiences. We look forward to your attendance and active participation in these engaging sessions.

欢迎参加由新西兰教育部和 OCNZ 联合主办的“新西兰教育”专题研讨会系列活动。这些研讨会为华人家庭和社区设计，旨在为了帮助大家了解新西兰的教育体系。我们都会邀请来自新西兰教育部的嘉宾参与，并分享来自教育部的官方信息。我们真诚邀请所有华人家庭参与，期待帮助您的孩子在新西兰获得更好的教育体验。

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