



Browns Bay School

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

25 February 2021
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

PROPERTY UPDATE

We were delighted to hear that Woodview Construction have been appointed the building contractor for our 12 classroom block build.



The construction services company has been involved in renovation and new builds within the education sector. Takapuna Grammar School's main block is one renovation they have just completed to a high level of workmanship. They currently have two other jobs on the North Shore, Torbay Primary School and Birkenhead Primary School. Being a North Shore company who have close connections to the school and area, they are enjoying a good run of 'local' work. We look forward to working with Woodview Construction.

The Build is scheduled to begin on Monday 01 March. Hone Retimana, our School Kaumatua, will be supporting us by blessing the building site at 7am on that day. We are inviting our Tamariki/Maori whanau to attend and afterwards, the school will have kai hakari/cup of tea and muffins for those attending the blessing. If you would like to attend please let us know by emailing bbs@brownsbay.school.nz.

The Safety fence for the Build will be installed this Monday. The fence will follow the School boundary on Masterton Road from the Office to the far bottom corner. Masterton Road will be the main entrance for the construction team so I would recommend parents consider alternative entrances (e.g. Browns Bay Road, Hyde Road).

Rooms 1 to 7

The builders are planning to be back on site next week to complete the deck and bi-fold doors. The delay has been unfortunate and a result of working on an old building. During the installation of the doors it was noted that the brickwork around the doors had not been tied back as thoroughly when first installed (back in the 1930's). The brickwork has now been inspected and we have given the builders instructions on how to complete the work. The deck and bi-fold doors are expected to be completed soon which means the classrooms will then be accessible from the Junior court area.

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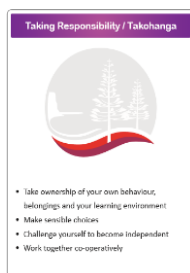
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Community Notices

TRIMPER

At our School Assembly tomorrow I will be introducing our new students to TRIMPER. Trimper helps our students remember the travelwise plans and our school values.

T Taking
R Responsibility
I Inquiring
M Minds
P Personal
E Excellence
R Respect



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Browns Bay School Board of Trustees has its first meeting of 2021 tonight in the staffroom at 6.30pm. The Board Members are:

Jane Retimana (Chairperson)
Nick Brown
Daniel Smith
Tanya Sheppard (Staff Rep)
Peter Mulcahy (Principal)

Stacey Strang
Jerry Dai
Ben Sheeran
Sue Moscrip (BOT Secretary)

Jane Retimana completes her term on the Board tonight and I would like to acknowledge Jane for her role as Trustee, Chairperson and Maori Whanau Representative. Jane has been on the Board since 26 May 2016 and I would like to thank her for her work and commitment to the school while doing these roles. Jane has been a great asset to the Board with her governance experience and practical approach to discussions.

Nga manaaki ki a koe mo to tautoko me to aroha mo te kura o Browns Bay.

The Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the staffroom from 6.30pm every third week of the month. A list of dates are advertised on the school website and in the school newsletter. If you would like to communicate with the Board, either write a letter addressed to: The Chairperson, BOT Browns Bay School or contact the school office.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

I would like to acknowledge the payment of donations recently. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can offer your children. Although our school is funded through an Operation Grant that 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 (31 March 2021). Tax receipts are available from Kindo, while cash/eftpos payments will receive an emailed tax receipt from the school.

CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Conferences last night and tonight. Teachers are available to meet with parents during the year to have discussions about student's progress and concerns. Please be aware that two afternoons each week are reserved for staff and team meetings. An email or note with a variety of times and a brief summary of the request would be helpful for meetings with teachers.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2021 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 25 February – Conferences 3.20-6.30pm	Thursday 25 February - BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 03 March – Waterwise Level 5 Sailing Programme	Thursday 04 March – FOTS AGM – 7PM - Staffroom
Friday 02 April – Good Friday – School Closed	Monday 05 April – Easter Monday – School Closed
Tuesday 06 April – Easter Tuesday – School Closed	Friday 16 April – Term 2 Ends – 3pm

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DATES FOR 2021

- 8-10 March Year 5 Camp 1 (Rooms 15 & 17) – Peter Snell Youth Village
- 10-12 March Year 5 Camp 2 (Rooms 16 & 22-Year 5's only) – Peter Snell Youth Village
- 8-10 March Year 6 Camp – Carey Park Camp
- 19 March Junior Outdoor Education Day – In school *Note change of date*
- 26 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day by MERC (Classes TBC) - In School
- 29 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day by MERC (Classes TBC) - In School
- 10-11 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days – (Classes TBC) - MERC
- 17-18 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days – (Classes TBC) – MERC

A reminder that Police Vets are required if a parent is intending to stay overnight at a camp. If you are unsure if you have a current police vet please contact the school office or email Jo Hewitt – joh@brownsbay.school.nz. Police vets are taking a number of weeks to be returned so please action this ASAP if required.

SCHOOL EVENTS

TAIAOTEA STREAM

Browns Bay School students took part in protecting the tuna-eel in the Taiaotea stream recently. When students heard about the issue of the tuna-eel being fed and fished in Taiaotea Stream, they went into action. They defined the problem, sought advice from Whitebait Connection Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust and designed a solution in the form of signage with art and QR codes to educate local schools about how to protect this taonga. Authentic hands-on learning outside the classroom to help protect Taiaotea stream.



PLANTING AROUND THE SCHOOL

While 2021 will be a year of construction at our school, we still have many planted and shaded areas that will make for a great learning environment.



NGĀTI WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI

It was fantastic to welcome Wyatt and Cass from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei who grew the Kowhai and Totara that the year 4 planted recently. They witnessed some mean tool use by our students installing their artwork to complement their trees.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

The School Assemblies happen every three weeks – Week 4, 7 and 10 and are now split with a Year 1 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 Assembly. The first Assembly is tomorrow with Year 3 and Year 6 the organising Teams.

The times are:

Year 1 – 3 09:45 – 10:30am

Year 4 – 6 11:45 – 12:30pm

The Assembly presentations have been changed to accommodate this with the assemblies during the term focusing on certificates and the sharing of work and singing. Parents of certificate and trophy recipients are contacted prior to the event so they can be present.

The Assembly at the end of each term will have a Mini Year Group presentation by the organising year group and parents of that year group who are performing are especially invited.

School trophies will be available at ALL 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.

STUDENT SAFETY – BEFORE SCHOOL

The school has the following arrangements for student supervision before school:

- Students will be supervised from 8.30am, unless they are at school for coaching or practice with a parent present as a coach or manager
- Students may be on site under parent supervision
- 8.30 am teachers are in classrooms with students having access to storage and toilets
- Teachers are on duty at the Browns Bay Road and Masterton Road crossings from 8.30 am to 8.50am
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually the Principal) from 8.40am
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the morning so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition from parents before school

SKiDs operate a Before School programme in the Hall for children who need to be dropped off early.

STUDENT SAFETY – AFTER SCHOOL

The process around the school is:

- Parents are to collect children at 3pm or older students leave the school and walk or bike home
- Three teachers are on duty at the crossing until around 3.15 – 3.20pm
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually Deputy Principal or Principal)
- Principal will monitor playgrounds when possible after school (do walk through – identified students not with parents are sent to the Office)
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the afternoon so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition over to the parents/caregivers after school. Junior teachers monitor pick-ups after school and keep students with them until they are collected (either in the room or just outside)
- If a child is not collected from class they are brought to the Office and the Office staff will contact parents.

SKiDs collect younger students from classrooms and from a central collection area. Older students can go straight to SKIDS.

SCHOOL LUNCHROOM ON KINDO

BIG NEWS!!

From **Monday 01 March** the Browns Bay School Lunchroom Menu will be on Kindo!! It will continue to be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday with ordering online through your Kindo account.

Lunches can be ordered at home with no need for COINS and ENVELOPES, though these will still be accepted.

You can see the menu on the Browns Bay School website or click [here](#)
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



JUNIOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY – DATE CHANGE

The Junior Outdoor Education Day will now take place on Friday 19 March in School.

WINTER NETBALL REGISTRATIONS Y1-6

It is that time of year to organise Winter Netball. Netball is open to all Year 1-6 students at Browns Bay School. Although it is traditionally a female game, it is open to both girls and boys to participate.

Year 1 - 4 students play on a Saturday in Terms 2 and 3 at Pinehurst School any time between 8.30am and 3pm.

Year 5 and 6 students play on a Wednesday after school at Netball North Harbour in Northcote anytime between 4pm and 7pm.

Although Term 2 seems a long time away, all registrations for the above leagues must be completed in March to meet all required deadlines.

If you would like your child to participate then the registrations must be made by **Wednesday 10th March.**

More detailed information around dates, cost and what is involved can be found on the school website along with the online registration forms:

To register you will need to do the following:

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

Go to the school website (link above) - Read the information (dates, costs etc.)

Fill in the Online Google registration form - link on the school website

Pay the registration in KINDO

If you are Y5/6 also register with Netball North Harbour



FOTS – Friends of the School



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & FIRST FOTS MEETING for 2021 **THURSDAY 4th MARCH, 7pm, in the STAFF ROOM**

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.

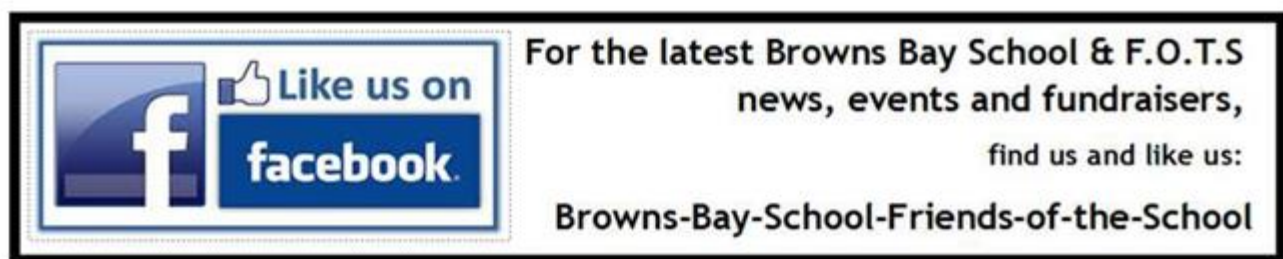
Nomination forms can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the office by 3.30pm on Tuesday 2nd March. Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school>.

If you want to know more, please contact us:

fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

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





EcoFest North, a month-long series of eco-events is coming up! [EcoFest North](https://kaipatiki.org.nz/ecofest) is a community festival filled with environmental events, activities, workshops and sustainable living actions. It's running from 20 March – 18 April with plenty of events to choose from. Taking place at various locations across North Auckland, many events are free and family friendly, so make sure you join in and get involved. Visit kaipatiki.org.nz/ecofest to check out what's on offer and book in. Hope to see you there!





we grow **AWESOME** kiwi kids

Welcome back to all our sKids families and a very warm welcome to all of our new sKids kids! We have an awesome year of fun, friendship and activities planned for you!

If you are looking for before school, after school or holiday programme care please do not hesitate to pop into the hall to have a chat with one of our friendly staff, or to contact us at brownsbay@skids.co.nz



Term 1 Activities

Browns Bay
Browns Bay School Hall
Masterston Road, Browns Bay

Before School Care | 7:00am to 8:30am
After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm

SENIORS MONDAY Water Wars 	TUESDAY Team Tactics 	WEDNESDAY International Day of Calendar 	THURSDAY Arts and Crafts 	FRIDAY Free Play 
JUNIORS MONDAY Water Play 	TUESDAY Cool Crafts 	WEDNESDAY International Day of Calendar 	THURSDAY Outdoor Adventure 	FRIDAY Free Play 

Email: brownsbay@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 022 129 0050 | Office Mobile: 021 384 038

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