

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Daniel Smith was appointed Chairperson of the Board at the first Board of Trustees meeting of the year. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 25 March at 6.30pm. The dates of these meetings are on the school website, <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/bot> and are advertised through the school newsletter.

Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the school staffroom. 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.

The [School Charter and Annual Plan for 2021](#) are available on the school website.

COVID-19

Thank you everyone for your support of the children while at Alert Level 3. It was hard to go into a lockdown so early in the year with students still building relationships with teachers and their classmates. Teachers will continue to prepare for any further level changes and the school will provide chrome books and hard packs for families that need them. Teachers are continuing to review the Distance Learning to ensure it meets the needs of our students.

I hope that without any more cases of Covid-19 we may see the Alert level drop to Level 1 soon. Until that occurs, we will continue with:

- 2.55pm end of school bell for Year 1 and 2; 3pm for Years 3 to 6
- Year 1 parents only coming onto the school grounds in the morning (by Room 8)
- Year 1 and 2 parents only coming onto the school grounds in the afternoon pick up
- Any person coming into school to sign the school register

Please remember if you come onto the school grounds, please keep your distance from other people.

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PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Classroom Block Construction

The school website has been further updated with information on the new construction. A series of webpages have been added under the [Property](#) headings:

- Property Development – Master Plan
- Build Updates – Stage 1
- Modern Learning Environment
- Photo Gallery
- Build Feedback



The pages provide information on the overall school development that the BOT and Ministry of Education have agreed. I have included the Stage 1 Building updates, information on Modern Learning Environments and an email form you can use to either ask questions or provide feedback. The Photo Gallery page has pictures of the new building, a weekly photo of the work site taken from the staffroom and QR codes that you can use on devices to show a 3D picture of the interior of the new block.

The current construction phase of the Build is the laying of drainage followed by the development of retaining walls. The retaining wall phase will mean an increase in trucks using Masterton Road. I would recommend parents look at alternative entrances to Masterton Road to avoid congestion.

Rooms 1 to 7

It was great to see the removal of some of the Room 1 to 7 fencing and the children beginning to make use of the new outdoor learning spaces. The brickwork around the doors will require some strengthening so we still have those areas fenced off until a solution is decided. The canopy is expected to be installed over the Term Break.

Please note: The carpark is now back to being a carpark at all times and I would like to remind parents and children it is out of bounds to pedestrians.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 4 JUNE

The Board has approved this day as a Teacher Only Day for professional development as part of the Government Accord. This means the school will be closed for instruction on the Friday and children are not to come to school. All teaching staff will be engaged in professional development. This is the day before the Queen's Birthday weekend and may be an opportunity to make it a slightly longer weekend.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday 17 March – Waterwise	Friday 19 March – Junior Outdoor Education day – In School
Wednesday 24 March – Waterwise	Wednesday 24 March – Yr 4 Museum trip – Rms 24/28
Thursday 25 March – Yr 4 Museum Trip Rms 25/27	Thursday 25 March – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom
Friday 26 March – Yr 3 Outdoor Education Day – (In School) – Rms 1/3/14	Monday 29 March – Yr 3 Outdoor Education Day – (In School) – Rms 2/26
Wednesday 31 March - Waterwise	Friday 02 April – Good Friday – School Closed
Monday 05 April – Easter Monday – School Closed	Tuesday 06 April – Easter Tuesday – School Closed
Thursday 08 April – FOTS AGM – 7pm - Staffroom	Friday 16 April – Term 2 Ends – 3pm
Monday 03 May – Term 2 Starts	Friday 04 June – Teacher Only Day – School Closed

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER STARS

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

YEAR 0/1 TEAM - Lucas Lee-Jones 8, Jasmine Kong 9, Teddy Shimmin 10, Margaret Ding 11

YEAR 2 TEAM - Sophie Ma 3, Leah Wang 4, Cody Faure 5, Bini Jung 6, Olivia Rojin 7

YEAR 3 TEAM - Ryan Deng 1, Ari Rhind 2, Haru Kambe 13, Rosie Bell 14, Howard Zhang,

VALUES AWARD - Hannah Young 26



YEAR 4 TEAM - Evan Kingsley 24, Luca Beguely 25, Elizabeth Fawcett 27, Samuel Wang 28

YEAR 5 TEAM - Marcus Marshall 16, Ariana Coburn 17, Adler Cong 22,

Aaren Zhang 15

YEAR 6 TEAM - Felix Johnston 18, Laura De Paiva Glycerio 19,

George Saqqa 20, Mayuri Pillay 21, Kiersa Buist 23

VALUES AWARD - Luca Young 28



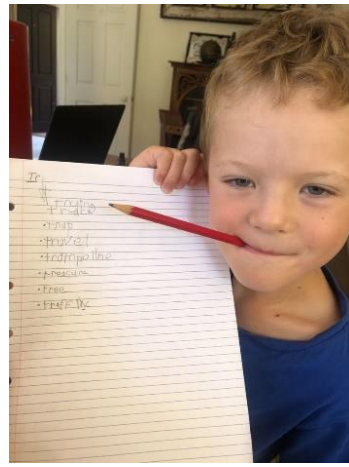
IMPROVING THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Mr Mike and Mr Roquid have been spreading wood chip on the Puriri garden and the Pohutukawa along Browns Bay Road. The wood chip will feed the trees, encourage insect and bird life and provide a softer and mud free student playing surface. The all-weather bark area below the trees will also provide a nicer, shadier spot for the students on sunny days. Thank you to the Browns Bay School property team who are continuing to improve the school environment.



ROOM 4 DURING LOCKDOWN

Room 4 enjoying their various activities during lockdown as seen below.



SCHOOL NOTICES

BROWNS BAY SCHOOL LUNCHROOM NOW ON KINDO

BROWNS BAY SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM - NOW ON KINDO!!

The Browns Bay School Lunchroom Menu is available on Kindo!!
Available Monday, Wednesday and Friday with ordering online
through your Kindo account.

Order right up to **9.15am** on the day lunch is required.

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

The menu is on the Browns Bay School website.

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.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

A reminder that this term the Easter Holidays are:

Friday 02 April

Monday 05 April

Tuesday 06 April

The school finishes for Term 1 on Friday 16 April

Term 2 commences on Monday 3 May (Anzac Day is during the school holidays).

IMPORTANT
dates to remember

FOTS – Friends of the School

FOTS AGM NEW DATE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING has been rescheduled to:

THURSDAY 08 APRIL, 7pm, 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 3.30pm on Wednesday 07 April. 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.



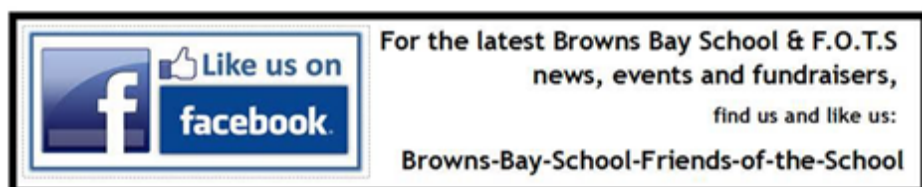
HELLS PIZZA LUNCH

Give your parents a break ... and order a Hell's pizza for lunch.

We have set some dates for Pizza lunch days later this month. Look out for more details to come out shortly.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Develop a love of Maths for your child!



Thinking Caps Tutoring
is for you!
Because it's confidence
that counts.

Learn more: www.thinkingcaps.co.nz
BOOK NOW FOR TERM 1 2021
In-school sessions Yr 3-6
www.thinkingcaps.co.nz/enrol/



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'We're working together to grow great kids'
E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki



KidsLink
Creating Connections

Visit kidslink.co.nz for more info

Conscious Kids presents

CK JUNK PLAY - LOOSE PARTS FUN

A FREE pop-up adventure playground made entirely of junk materials!




2021 AUTUMN EVENTS

9am - 1pm @ your beautiful local parks

Sat, 13th Mar @ Hooton Reserve / Upper-Harbour Local Board
Sun, 14th Mar @ Western Park / Waitemata Local Board
Sat, 27th Mar @ Henderson Park / Henderson-Massey Local Board
Sun, 28th Mar @ Browns Bay / Hibiscus - Bays Local Board

"Logic will get you from A to Z, imagination will take you everywhere." - Albert Einstein

Best suited to children age 3 - 12. Adult supervision required/no drop offs.
Number of participants limited, first come first served. For more info visit www.consciouskids.co.nz

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The Great Browns Bay Easter Hunt

Hunt begins on Friday 12 March
to Monday 5 April 2021





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**WIN A RIDE ON THE
COASTGUARD NORTH SHORE RESCUE BOAT**
LOTS OF RUNNER-UP PRIZES TO BE WON TOO!
COST TO ENTER: DONATION

Visit any of the local participating shops listed below
to enter and obtain your sheet of questions

Make your way around all participating shops to find
the answer to each question

Please take a photo and email your answer
sheet to fundraising@cgns.co.nz

Shops can be visited in any order. Parental help for younger ones encouraged!

1. Augenstein's Jewellers	7. Deep Creek Brews & Eats	12. SBA Small Business
2. Bath Boutique	8. House of Travel	Accounting
3. Beach Bistro	9. Nicholls & Associates	13. The Clyde
4. Berryman's Toys	Optometrists	14. The Meat Room
5. Browns Bay Butcher	10. Pigeon Design & Print	15. The Stoned Cow Cafe & Art
6. Cobble	11. Penguin Ice Cream Cafe	16. UK Grocer

Entries close at 6pm.
Winners will be drawn and
notified on 6 April 2021

Happy Hunting!

All funds raised go to the Coastguard North Shore Unit

TORBAY YOUTH PRODUCTION
THEATRE

In the BELLY of the DRAGON

Director: Sophia Burton
Script: Sophia Burton, Skye Kelly, Gavin Wells
Music: Oliver Burton

Gate Theatre, Torbay Community Hall

Thursday 25 March, 7.30pm	Admission:
Friday 26 March, 7.30pm	Tickets.....\$15
Saturday 27 March, 7.30pm	Concessions..\$10
Sunday 28 March, 2.00pm	

Please book at www.torbaytheatre.com
For more information please phone 473 5454



East Coast Bays Library Refurbishment

Temporary Library

Temporary library services will be available in the Customer Services area of the East Coast Bays Community Centre building on Glen Road (across the village green).

What services will be provided?

- Request pick-up
- Check-out from small on-site collection
- Public Computer, Wi-Fi and printing services
- Scheduled events and programmes
- Mobile Library service Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday
- Opening hours to remain the same over 7 days
- Auckland Council Customer Services Centre will remain in operation throughout the period

Find out more

aucklandlibraries.govt.nz 09 377 0209
[aucklandlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/aucklandlibraries) [@auckland_libs](https://www.instagram.com/auckland_libs)

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East Coast Bays Library Refurbishment

We are transforming our Library to put you at its heart

We will close **Friday 12 March 2021** for approximately **5 months** for planned building maintenance and refurbishment under the Long-Term Plan (LTP)

The refurbishment of the East Coast Bays Library is a key project under the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and is supported by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board. With over 1.5 million visits in the last 5 years East Coast Bays Library is an important and much-loved community facility in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area. As with all high use facilities, regular, planned maintenance is needed to continue servicing the community well.

What will the changes and improvements be?

- Remedial, maintenance and renovation work through out the building
- Reconfiguration of key entrance and some internal areas to improve customer service and changing work practices
- New and additional public toilets
- Increased space for fiction and children's collections
- A new, dedicated events space for community programmes and events

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Key Dates

- **1st March 2021:** Remedial roof repairs start. Library open
- **Friday 12th March:** Library closes 6pm
- **Monday 15th March:** Temporary library opens 9.30am
- **Monday 22nd March:** Construction work begins
- **Mid-year re-opening:** Date TBC (Expected 5-month period)

Our staff are here to answer any questions alternatively please call Ph: 093770209 or visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/contact

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