



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and well in their bubble. The lockdowns can be tough on families with the isolation from each other and the cancellation of special family events – my son and his partner are now planning their wedding ceremony for the fourth time due to Alert Level changes! I know many of you would have had similar disappointments and challenges within your own family. It is a time to practice our values of being resilient (Tu Rangitira) and caring for ourselves and others (Manaakitanga).

### PREPARATION FOR LEVEL 3

I will be keen to hear the decision on Monday afternoon regarding the Alert Level for Auckland. If we do move to Alert Level 3 next week a Google form will be sent out to the school community to determine how many students will attend school under Level 3. **Please note** that we will only be open for those few children whose parents and carers must leave home to go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home. Please keep your children at home unless you are an essential worker who needs to go to work and has no appropriate care arrangement.

Students at school, under Level 3, will receive the same Distance Learning as their peers at home. Teachers on site will be supervising NOT teaching. The students will be in their “bubbles” the whole day - not being within 1m of other students, not playing with shared equipment and when on break making sure the physical distance is maintained. The classrooms will be cleaned and fully aired each day.

### DISTANCE LEARNING

It is great to hear of the students engaging in Zooms and sharing work with teachers using Hapara (GAPE) and Seesaw. Literacy (particularly writing) is a key focus for us this year and I would like to ask parents to ensure the children spend time on the Literacy activities and attend the Literacy Zoom sessions while at home in Lockdown.

Please also check with the older children that they are sharing their written work with teachers. I know Distance Learning can be quite difficult at times and depends on each family's circumstances – please know we are here to help if you need it.

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## **BROWNS BAY SCHOOL LOCAL CURRICULUM**

Browns Bay School teaching staff have reviewed our School Vision as part of a larger review of our Local Curriculum. Our central vision that links all that we do at Browns Bay School is "Building Leaders and Learners".

To ensure our students are 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners, we have critically examined and developed what we do as a school, how we achieve our vision and what it looks like at all levels of the school.

### **EFFECTIVE TEACHING PRACTICES**

We have six effective teaching practices and a key one is **COLLABORATION: We go further together**. Our School Community (students/teachers/whanau) work together to achieve common goals.

We acknowledge that learning is a partnership between teachers, students and whanau and we need to work together to make sure we have the best outcomes for students. We aim to do this through open communication with whanau and connecting with whanau about what we are doing as a school or class.

As teachers we practice collaborative techniques by planning together, being flexible in our organisation, being open to new thinking and working together to achieve better expectations. In the classroom we teach our students collaborative techniques through Talk Moves, Think / Pair / Share activities, Buddy Reading, Peer tutoring and the online apps of Hapara (GAPE) and Seesaw. The Level 3 and 4 Lockdowns are a great example of collaboration with Distance Learning requiring a high level of collaboration between all three groups.

### **LIFE EDUCATION**

Harold and Charlie are coming back to school for the first three weeks of Term 4 (Alert Level depending). It will be great to have Harold and the Van at school! The Year Groups all choose a specific Health related topic that they work through with Harold and Charlie.

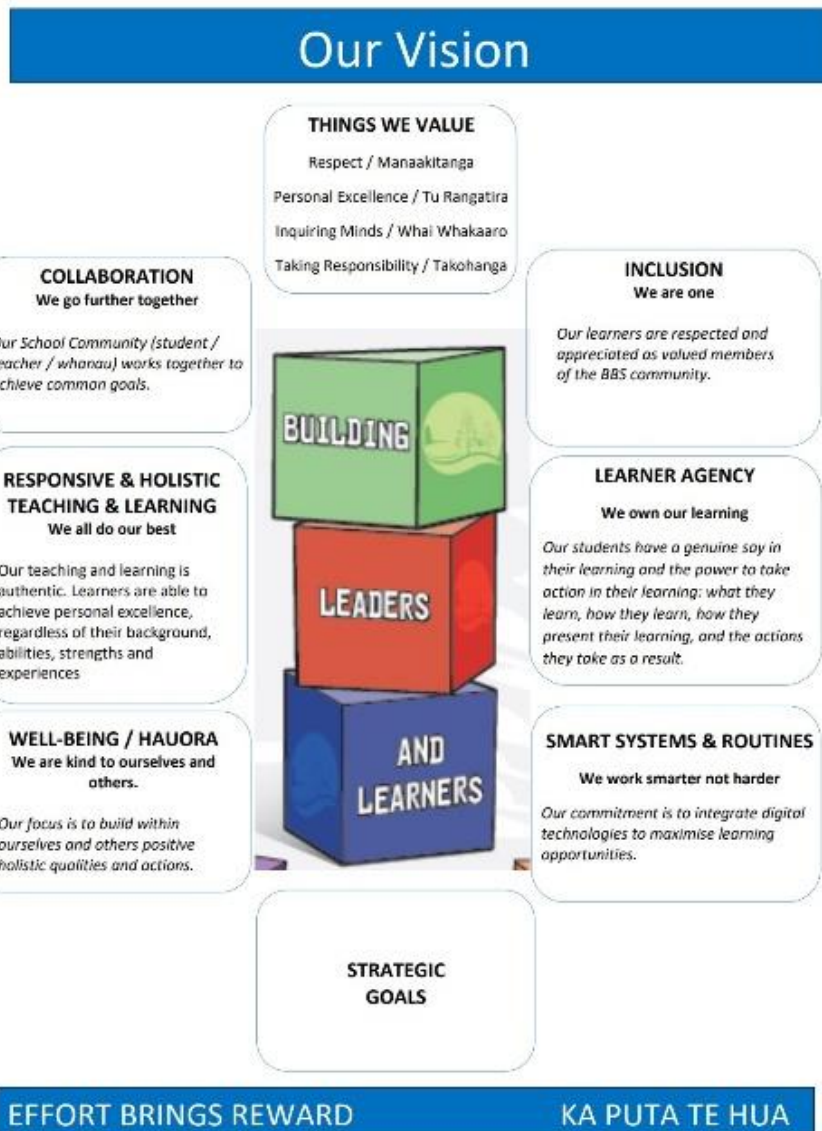
**Reminder:** Teachers will not be available on Friday afternoon as they use their Classroom Release Time to organise grids for next week (13 to 17 September). The grids will be available on Monday morning before 9am.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 3 2021 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Monday 13 September – Alert Level Announcement	Thursday 23 September - BOT Meeting - 6.30pm
Friday 01 October – Term 3 Ends – 3pm	Monday 18 October – Term 4 Starts





## MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK/MOMENT



### Be a World Leader

Help to set the world record for people speaking and celebrating an endangered, Indigenous language at the same time.

New Zealanders are being invited to be part of history and help shape the future as the Māori Language Commission seeks to set a new world record with its award-winning Māori Language Moment.

“Last year 1 million New Zealanders celebrated te reo with us, this year we are hoping to see 2 million New Zealanders celebrating with us,” said commission chief executive, Ngahiwi Apanui.

“Te reo Māori is still an endangered language. We need everyone’s help to ensure it is safe for future generations.”

“As New Zealanders proved in 2021: te reo Māori is something that unites us no matter who, or where we live.”

The commission will host a virtual moment at 12pm on Tuesday 14th September 2021. After registering online via [www.reomaori.co.nz](http://www.reomaori.co.nz), participants can celebrate te reo from wherever they are, in whatever way they wish.

### Here are a few ways you and your whanau can take part:

- Make ‘kia ora’ your first choice of greeting to everyone you speak to. [Kia ora](#)
- Learn and use [#MyMihi](#) to introduce yourself.
- Start lunch/dinner with a [karakia for kai](#)
- Have a go at using these [phrases](#)
- Sing waiata with your whanau. Learn the waiata [‘Pepeha’](#) by six60.
- Listen to the [waiata Anthems](#) playlist.
- Make or print labels for objects in or around your home [playground, kitchen, fridge](#)

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## SCHOOL EVENTS

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### YEAR 1 CHARACTER BOOK WEDNESDAY



Character Wednesday at the Year 1 zooms...

Can you guess the book characters?

## OUR STUDENTS AT HOME







# List It. A View From My Window- By Samantha Ridgley Rm 19



1	<b>My eyes linger on the bush-like tree with pastel green leaves waving and sticks snapping.</b>
2	<b>A single pile of inorganic rubbish catches my eye, half of the stuff deemed as rubbish still useful.</b>
3	<b>Tough and weathered, grey and brown bricks form a stone pillar.</b>
4	<b>A bright, eye-catching garage door is a bit of a suspicious shade of red, a neighbourhood eye-catcher.</b>
5	<b>Sunshine reflects off a shiny, white boat parked in a driveway, unused.</b>
6	<b>An unkempt garden grows wildly like a mini forest outside my window.</b>
7	<b>Perched on the grey, concrete driveway sits a white trailer with steel details, huge and bulky.</b>
8	<b>The neighbourhood felines strut along the red stone driveway like they own the place.</b>
9	<b>Endless rows of unique houses, all telling different stories.</b>
10	<b>Bright orange flowers of a strange shape, all petals closed together in a never ending cycle.</b>

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### NETBALL



**Year 1-4:** Kidzplay Netball have transferred the games that have been paused due to lockdown into Term 4. Therefore, unfortunately, there will be no Term 4 Spring Netball this year for anyone who was hoping to join a team for this. The existing winter teams will continue to complete their competition. Y-4 Netball will be organised again in February 2022 for the next netball season next year.

**Year 5 and 6:** The last few games of the winter competition have been cancelled. No information has been provided to us yet as to when this league will restart.





LAUNCH! 2021



Hello everyone, do hope you are all doing well in your bubbles. The Launch page and all the sub pages for each performance group, are updated every week for all our Year 5 & 6 students. It's been great to get some fantastic videos coming in with singers and instrumentalists showing evidence of practice and much improved skills. So encouraging! Keep up the great work BBS students, so that we'll be in the best performance space whatever happens with our alert levels in the future weeks. You can always email me if you have any questions or anything you would like to share at: ([karenw@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:karenw@brownsbay.school.nz)). Stay safe everyone! Karen Warren.

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## FOTS – Friends of the School

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### FOTS WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO – POSTPONED

We are extremely disappointed that the Lockdown has occurred just days out from the Term 3 Winter Wonderland Disco. At this stage we are considering this event postponed and we will be working to secure a new date. Once this date is set, payments already made will be honoured as long as the new date still suits you.



### FOTS YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PIZZA DAY - POSTPONED

We are extremely disappointed that the Lockdown has occurred just before the Year 3 & 4 Pizza day. At this stage we are considering the event postponed and we will be working to secure a new date. Once this date is set, payments already made will be honoured as long as the new date still suits you.



### 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.brownsbayschool.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbayschool.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).



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**FUN STICKS ONLINE SESSIONS**

**For 4-8 year old's**

Saturday 4th Sept  
Saturday 18th Sept  
Saturday 2nd Oct  
9.30-10.00am

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