



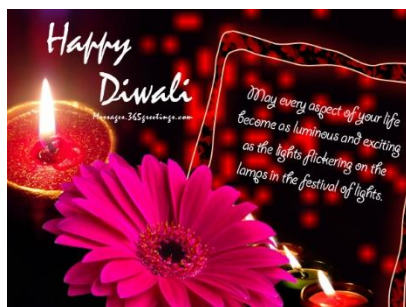
**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

04 November 2021  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora



Diwali is the Hindu festival of light. It symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness and it ushers in the Hindu New Year. It is a magical time to celebrate with your family and friends. To all our students who are celebrating this joyous time I say, "Naya Saal Mubarak" and hope you all get to make some special memories with your families!

### COVID-19 UPDATE

It was positive news to hear the Government announcement earlier in the week of a possible decrease in Lockdown restrictions in Auckland.

We are also waiting on a decision from the Ministry of Education on whether primary schools can open. The Ministry have been discussing with Auckland Principals the implications of opening the schools and how it could be managed. The information the Ministry are gathering will hopefully guide us in a safe decision for our children and staff. Today I am attending an Auckland Principal Zoom to hear some of the thinking and share our ideas.

We are all hoping a decision will be made early so we can prepare the school and children to return to school.

It can be confusing with the different Alert levels, so I have placed the link to the Covid websites below. At the moment we are still at Alert Level 3. It is really important that we do follow the public guidelines, (especially around the meeting of people outside your Bubble), to ensure the spread of the virus is limited.

[Mandarin](#)

[Korean](#)

[English](#)

### DISTANCE LEARNING

Zoom sessions are proving to be popular with students and teachers are reporting a high rate of attendance. As well as the educational benefits of these Zooms, it is a really important way for the children to keep in contact with their teacher and classmates.

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We know the children are missing their friends so if you would like to set up a special Zoom for your child with a friend and do not know the email address of the friend then please email me and I will forward the message on to the parents.

As well as attending Zooms we would also like to encourage children to complete a variety of activities that are available. It helps student learning if they attempt different learning activities over the week in the curriculum areas such as Reading Express, reading by themselves, Zoom reading, reading grid activity. The different activities help reinforce concepts and also ensure they do not get bored just doing one type of activity.

We are continuing with our Bubble classes at school and have four full bubbles. If the decision to open retail changes your home circumstances next week, can you please contact me at [peterm@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:peterm@brownsbay.school.nz) – I will need to know your children's names and the days they will be at school. Please note we will endeavour to meet the needs of the Community yet it does require some organisation to set up Bubbles. If we have to set up a new Bubble for a group, parents may have to wait a couple of days before we are ready. Each Bubble needs to be staffed by a person who has had a recent negative Covid Test and the results for these can take up to 48 hours to come through.

### **NEW BUILD**

Yesterday Jo Hewitt, Mike Miller and I were able to join Andrew Guthrie with boots on, high vis and a hardhat to walk over the building site. The Woodview team are doing a great job and the concrete pour was completed without a hitch. The building is very solid and taking shape. A crane will be onsite soon to help set up the iron girders and as you can see the concrete has been poured for the Level 1 floor.



The Woodview team are setting up the steel framing and the size and shape of the building is certainly becoming obvious.

Finally, thank you very much for your support with the Teacher Only Day last Tuesday.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL



## UPCOMING EVENTS

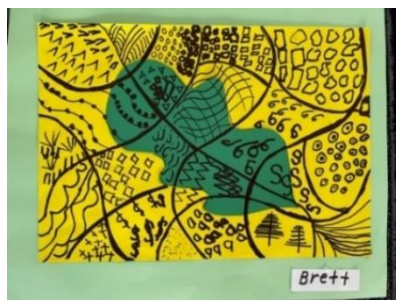
A full schedule of events for Term 4 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 17 December - Term 4 Ends – 1pm

Thursday 03 February – Term 1 2022 Starts

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### RM 15 BUBBLE DOODLE ART

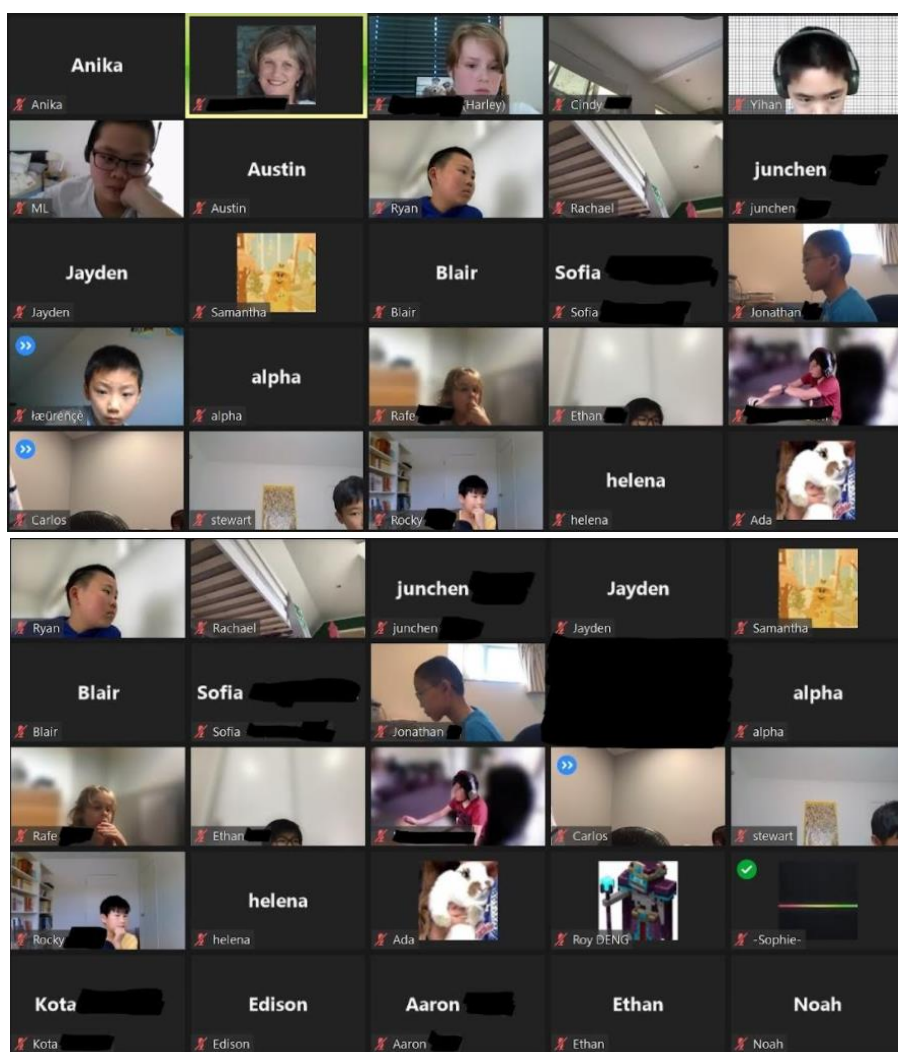


### ICAS EXAMS

This year we sat the ICAS Digital Technologies exam at school but then went into lockdown. Luckily, we have been doing these exams online for the last few years and ICAS allowed our students to do the English, Maths and Science exams from their own homes. The children received their exam instructions from Mrs Cebalo by Zoom and connected to the exam platform. They did their exam on the platform and used the Zoom chat to communicate with Mrs Cebalo if they had any problems. There were a lot of nervous messages at the beginning, but the exams ran smoothly and the children had a lot of fun.

Congratulations to those students for rising to the occasion and completing their exams in a very different forum. The results should be out online in a couple of weeks. Just log in to the ICAS site with your tap ID and password (on the certificate sheet of any previous exams you've done).

The photos show some of the students doing the Science exam on Monday.



### **RM 1 BUBBLE TANGRAM ANIMALS**

Rm 1 Bubble students displaying their awesome Tangram animal artwork.



### **ZOOM TIME WITH RM 10**



### **LUCA RM12 WINNIE THE POOH AND FRIENDS**

The task was to make a book character from things around the home. Luca made a Lego Pooh Bear.





## **ROOM 8 AT HOME**

Cool artwork and celebrating Halloween.



## **ROOM 1 BUBBLE- EXPERIMENTS**

Mrs Taylor and the Room 1 Bubble have been experimenting with mixing things together. They made their own classroom bread, icing and iced cookies. They made slime, and citrus volcanoes! They have enjoyed measuring, mixing, melting, and tasting some of their creations!





## ROOM 15 BUBBLE ARTWORK

Mrs Warren and the Room 15 Bubble have been working on their 'Cityscapes' artwork. We can see their individual pictures and a mural with them all joined together.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Book Club Issue 7 is OUT NOW!

For this offer, whilst our school is in Level 3, you can order online for delivery **DIRECT** to your home address.

This is a bumper issue that is jam-packed with hundreds of books, 2021 best sellers, boxed sets and wonderful Christmas ideas.

Spend over \$35 and delivery is free.

View the catalogue here:

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5721/book-club-student-issue-7-2021.pdf>

Place an order using the Loop platform here:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

## Book Club

ISSUE 7  
OUT NOW



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## FOTS – Friends of the School

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### HELLS PIZZA LUNCH



We hope to be able to run the Year 3 & 4 Pizza Day. We will announce a date as soon as we are able.

### BROWNS BAY TIKI TOUR

FOTS are planning to organise a Tiki Tour around Browns Bay. Solve the riddles, find the clues, solve the puzzle and be in to win. More details to come.

### WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO - CANCELLED

We are sorry to confirm the disco scheduled for Friday 20 August has been cancelled. A Google Form has been sent out via the school with instructions on asking for a refund for tickets and hotdogs, a credit for the next school disco or donating the amount to FOTS.

### CONTACT FOTS

If you'd 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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**sKids Browns Bay**

**MISS YOU!**

We look forward to welcoming our sKids kids back soon! Until then, stay safe and well.

Team sKids Browns Bay x

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sue: 021384038 brownsbay@skids.co.nz

[www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz)

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