



**Browns Bay School**  
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

17 November 2022  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Kia Ora Koutou

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Community Survey has now closed, and I would like to thank those parents who took the time to answer the questionnaire. We will now collate the responses to assist in the development of the Browns Bay School Strategic Plan 2023 to 2025.

We will be looking into other ways of gathering further thoughts and ideas from parents and the community over the course of next year.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 29 November, the Board of Trustees is hosting a morning tea in the school hall to acknowledge and thank the wonderful parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends that contribute to our school over the year.

If you have been involved in a sports team through coaching or managing, a regular classroom helper, supported our school library, been involved in FOTS etc, please join us in the school hall at 10.30am.

To those who are unable to make it, please accept our thanks for your valuable contribution to the success of our school.

### REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers are writing End of Year Reports and will then share them with the Senior Leadership team for moderation. These reports will be available on the Parent Portal on Wednesday 14 December.

While we are completing this process the previous reports are unavailable for parents. It is recommended that you download a copy of your child's report each time they are published and save for your records.

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## **JINGLE**

On Thursday 01 December we have our Jingle Concert at school (save day is Tuesday 06 December). At Jingle children will perform songs and dances with a Christmas theme. The event takes place on the grass field outside the school hall. It is a picnic style event, and it is recommended you bring a rug to sit on (if you need a chair then please go to the side or back so views are not blocked). You are welcome to bring your own picnic food or buy some from the stalls. The timeline for the evening is:

4.30 – 5.45pm	Food Stalls / Jingle Jars / Raffles / Silent Auction
5.45 – 6pm	Children gather in Year groups
6 – 8pm	Jingle Concert

When the concert ends the children will remain with their class teacher until they are collected by parents. Toilets will be available in the school hall and between Room 15 – 16.

## **ICAS**

A number of students sat the ICAS tests online recently with the following results:

	Digital Tech	English	Maths	Science
High Distinction	1	4	4	3
Distinction	7	9	17	8
Credit	13	12	21	19
Merit	4	3	10	3
Participation	10	31	17	18

### **For each Year Level in the country**

High Distinction: 1% of participants

Distinction: Next 10% of participants

Credit: Next 25% of participants

Merit: Next 10% of participants

Congratulations and well done to all the children that took part in this year's exams.

## **STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Congratulations to Cherie Bibbie for being recognised at the Netball North Harbour Awards Evening with a Silver award. This recognises Cherie's contribution to Primary School Netball in her role as a school coordinator for 23 years.



Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 4 2022 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 18 November – Y1-3 Assembly – 9.30am (Invite Only)	Friday 18 November – Y4-6 Assembly – 11.15am - (Invite Only)
Tuesday 22 November – Y6 Rainbows End Trip	Wednesday 23 November – Level 5 Waterwise Sailing
Thursday 24 November BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom	Friday 25 November – Super Cluster Athletics – Millennium Stadium
Monday 28 November – Super Cluster Tennis	Tuesday 29 November – Super Cluster Athletics (Save Day) - Millennium Stadium
Tuesday 29 November – Board of Trustees Parent Helpers Morning Tea – 10.30am -School Hall	Wednesday 30 November – Level 5 Waterwise Sailing
Thursday 01 December – Jingle – 4.30pm - School Fields	Monday 05 December – Y0/Y1 Decoration Day
Monday 05 December – Y3 Kiwiana Day	Tuesday 06 December – Jingle (Save Day) – 4.30pm School Fields
Wednesday 07 December – Level 5 Waterwise Sailing	Monday 12 December – Y3/Y4 Movie Trip
Tuesday 13 December – Y6 Graduation	Wednesday 14 December – Y5 Movie Trip
Friday 16 December – Term 4 Ends – 1pm	Tuesday 31 January – Term 1 2023 Starts



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### TRAVELWISE ODD SOCK DAY

Our Odd Sock Day - Travelwise event was a huge success, and it was so lovely to see children and staff getting fully involved. Our Travelwise ambassadors were out on the pavements giving out stickers to all who participated and as always, our focus was on sustainable transport. Although the weather was against us it was great to see so many families making a big effort to either walk, bike, scooter, or bus to school.



### TRAVELWISE CELEBRATION DAY

Our Travelwise team were invited to take part in a Travelwise celebration that was hosted by Auckland Transport. The following has been written by Abbie, one of our Year 5 Travelwise ambassadors:

The 2022-2023 Travelwise Y5 team got to experience an amazing day out of school to celebrate Travelwise! I don't think you'll believe this, but Browns Bay School got a gold award for the best sustainable transport school! We have held this gold streak for a few years, how awesome is that! All the schools participating were included in a huge scavenger hunt! After that, we got back to the Cloud for biscuits and gelato and our lunchboxes for lunch. We did some activities like changing a bike wheel, kahoot, a quiz and a giant board game. There was also VR (virtual reality), but the line was too long. We had a great time. PS: We went on a double decker bus!





## TE AO MAORI DAY

This year our Te Ao Māori Day was celebrated at Te Hana Te Ao Marama. We left on the bus and travelled north. We were welcomed onto the Marae by Whaea Annie and learnt about protocol, legends and the way of life in a 17th century Māori village. We also learnt how to weave a putiputi out of harakeke and had a traditional hangi for lunch. It was delicious! The tamariki were great ambassadors for our kura and were well supported by our whanau community.



## UKULELE FESTIVAL



Here are some of our Kiwileles Ukulele players who represented our school so beautifully last week. Our Kiwileles Festival at Pinehurst School was one of many held around the country on 10 November and was hosted by the lovely Suzy Cato. Our strummers have worked so hard to master lots of songs and were pronounced best singers and players by one of the organisers of the day! Thanks to all our parents for their support and listening ears...we hope you mostly enjoyed the home practising. I cannot believe how much progress the students have made and how many chords they can now play with confidence and skill. Great job strummers! Karen Warren.





### **SUPER CLUSTER TOUCH**

Our boys and girls Super Cluster Touch teams had a great day competing at the recent Super Cluster Day. Both teams played some exciting games throughout the day. Congratulations to the girl's team who made it to the bronze final. The team played out of their skin to take the win placing them 3rd place overall.



### **STAR STUDENTS**



#### **MUSIC EDUCATION**

Congratulations to Henry Smith (Rm 27) who has recently passed his Grade 1 Trinity School of Music London exam, achieving a Merit.  
Well done Henry – we are proud of you.



### **GI NATIONALS NZ GRAPLER**

Jasmine Rm 16, Phoenix Rm 18 and Gabriel Rm 3 all took part in the GI Nationals on November 12 at the Barfoot & Thomson Stadium in Kohimarama, Auckland. They received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively. There were more than 800 children competing in this competition. Well done for representing Browns Bay School!



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### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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#### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

As the school has grown, we cannot all fit into the school Hall. We have split the Assemblies into a Junior (Year 1 – 3) and Senior (Year 4 – 6) Assembly. These Assemblies are a Sharing Assembly where School Certificates are presented.

The Assembly times this Friday are:

Year 1 – 3	9.30am
Year 4 – 6	11.15am

The last Assemblies of the year will be organised by our Year 6 students and these dates are:

Thursday 15 December Year 1- 3 at 2pm

Friday 16 December Year 4- 6 at 11am

Parents of children receiving School certificates / trophies will always be invited to these Assemblies.

## **SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB**

Parents wanting to order scholastic books, to do so online by Wednesday 23 November.



There will be no cash orders at school.

Online book orders: [www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP)

Magazine Issue 8 went out this week.

## **LOST JACKET FROM THE SCHOOL DISCO**

This jacket was left after the school disco – it is a smaller adult's size. If it is yours, it can be collected from the studio or the school office or can be sent home with a student. Hope it finds an owner! Karen Warren.



## **FOTS – Friends of the School**

### **JINGLE IS COMING: THURSDAY 01 DECEMBER!**

In association with Browns Bay School students and staff, FOTS is excited to help bring you the end-of-year concert and celebration, Jingle. Book this date in your family's diary now! Every child will perform a song with their year group at this early-evening, outdoor event. FOTS will provide a variety of food and treat stalls, starting at 4:30pm. Performances start at 6pm, and all family and friends are invited.

**We will need volunteers** on the BBQ, food, drink and Silent Auction stalls, as well as for setting up, so please fill out [this google form](#), if you want to get involved.



### **JINGLE AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS**

The Jingle Silent Auction is now live at <https://www.32auctions.com/jingle2022>. We've had some amazingly generous donations, so please check it out and start bidding. The auction will close at 6 pm on 01 December.

We also have some amazing Hampers donated by New World and Farro's. They are in the Office to view, but raffle tickets will be sold at Jingle.

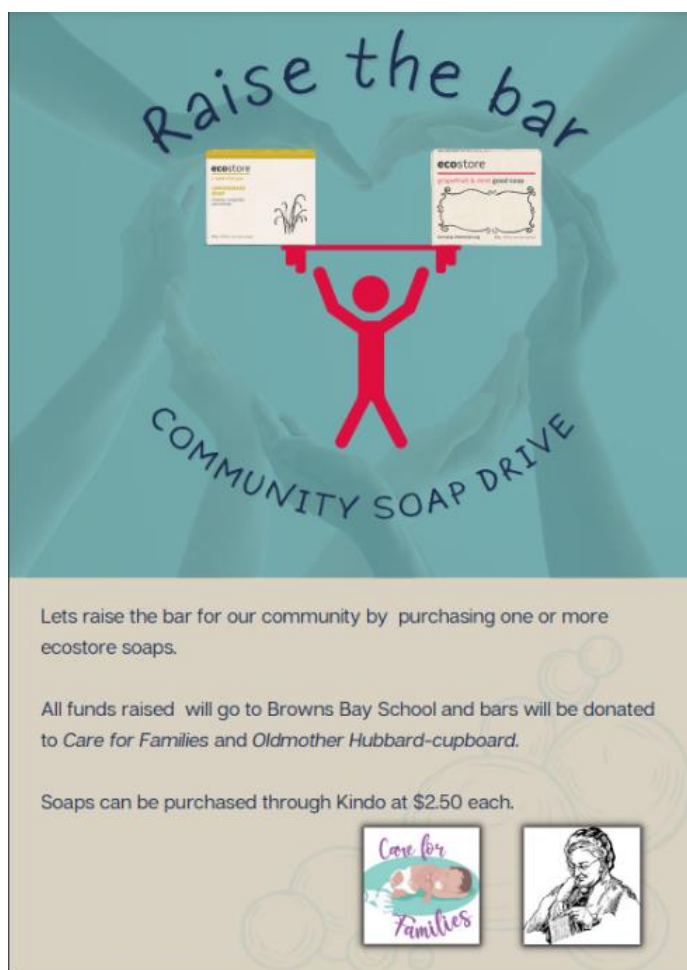
If you would like to donate a product, voucher, service, or experience to the Silent Auction or Raffle, please get in touch: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz). **We would love your support!**

**A heartfelt thank you to the following businesses & individuals who have contributed donations already:**

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- [Skin Boutique](#)



- [Stephanie Danieli Photography](#)
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- [Waiheke Wine Tours](#)
- [Yoga Within](#)



## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS?  
We are now accepting donations at the school office for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in Term 1 2023.

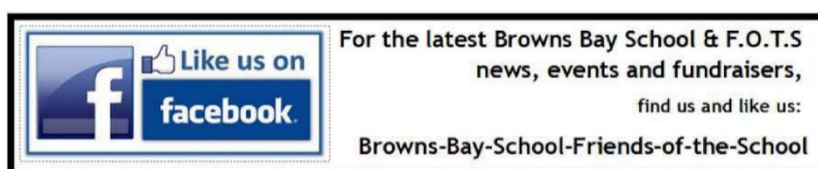


## CONTACT FOTS

If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more please email [fots@my.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).





## HAPPENING TODAY AT 5.30PM



### Johanna Emeney – Author Talk

Thursday 17 November 5.30pm – 7pm  
East Coast Bays Library

Join us to hear about the creation of *Sylvia and the Birds: How the Bird Lady saved thousands of birds, and how you can too.*

Part graphic biography, part practical guide to protecting our bird wildlife, this remarkable book for young readers and their families is fully committed to detailing the wonders of our native birds, the threats they face and how we can help them. Based on the life of 'The Bird Lady', Sylvia Durrant, who helped over 140,000 sick, injured and lost birds during her lifetime, it inspires a reverence for the natural world and is a call to action to all young ecologists and environmentalists.



Tea and coffee provided. All welcome. For more information see Library staff.



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**LIGHT UP  
THE PLAZA 2022**  
PHOENIX PLAZA • CLYDE ROAD • BROWNS BAY

**Friday 18 November**  
from 4.30pm

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Browns Bay School  
Masterton Road, Browns Bay

**Short Day:** 7.00am to 3.00pm \$48.50  
**Full Day:** 7.00am to 6.00pm \$57.00

## Christmas 2022

Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
<b>HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>JINGLE BELL ROCK</b>	<b>HO HO HO-LIDAY PARTY</b>	<b>WE ARE CLOSED TODAY</b>	<b>WE ARE CLOSED TODAY</b>
Join us for a jam-packed day of Christmas baking, crafts, games, swimming, & awesome sKidsfun! Decorate your own miniature gingerbread house to take home!	We're partying sKids style with face painting, dress-ups, a Christmas photo booth & a jingle bell disco! Cool off with ice cream sodas and a swim in the pool!	Today we say goodbye 'til 2023 but we're still celebrating with a pool party, Christmas movies, and a Christmas themed ice cream sundae bar! Meri Kirihimete!	Wishing all our sKids kids and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.	Thank you for being a part of our sKids family in 2022 - we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!
				

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**We will be OPEN for an Early Closure session on the last day of school**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Book 1:00pm – 3:00pm or 1:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Book now at [www.sKids.co.nz/brownsbay](http://www.sKids.co.nz/brownsbay) and click 'BOOK HERE'**



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