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Newsletter

Welcome
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TO
School

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Katou

Happy Lunar New Year – the Year of the Rabbit from 22 January.

The Rabbit is the symbol of **longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese Culture**, thus 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.



Welcome back to the new school year, and a particularly warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined our school community this year. The school roll has continued its upward trend and we would encourage any parents with pre-schoolers to complete the online enrolment form as soon as possible.

It was a challenging start to the year with the Floods and then the confusion over the schools starting time. We hope there are no more inconveniences in 2023.

WHAKATAU

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new staff and students to our Browns Bay School Community with a Whakatau (traditional Māori welcome ceremony, which means to settle).

During my whaikorero/mihi (welcome speech), I reminded our students of our school values:

Respect / Manakitanga
Taking Responsibility / Takuhanga
Personal Excellence / Tu Rangitira
Inquiring Minds/Whai Whaakaro

These values are connected into how we do things at Browns Bay School.

This Term I know each Team is doing different Key Studies and these studies support one of our key school values: Inquiring Minds/Whai Whaakaro. This value is represented in this poster by the blue background and is described as the 'wide world of knowledge'. This value is about exploring, wondering and questioning the world. I really encouraged the students to develop their thinking skills during these studies so they can learn to create, come up with new ideas and think carefully about what they are told.

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Thank you to last year's Year 5 now Year 6 Kapa Haka members for coming together to lead and support throughout our Whakatau/Welcome Ceremony



PB4L

**He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.**

This year we are thrilled to be launching Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) at Browns Bay School. PB4L is a school wide initiative that aims to develop a positive school culture using evidence-based behaviour management strategies. In other words, we want to embed positive behaviour practices that support the whole school community and enable students to feel confident, connected and actively involved in school life. We will be running short lessons, once a week, across the school that focus on school wide behaviour needs which have been identified by staff and students. PB4L has been proven to be most successful when lessons are short and clear and when students receive positive feedback when they are spotted doing the desired behaviour.

Our first lessons focus on Health and Wellbeing. We will begin with Hat Wearing. In order to be sun safe students are required to wear a hat when outside (even if it's overcast). If a student doesn't have a hat with them, they will need to stay in the shaded areas during breaks, fitness and physical education lessons. Could you please support your child by checking that they have a named school hat in their bag each morning? This will enable them to participate fully in all areas of the curriculum and during the school day.

We look forward to seeing how PB4L enhances our already established school values and helps our community to thrive.



STRUCTURED LITERACY

Browns Bay School has made the decision to change their approach to the Teaching and learning of Reading and Writing to a 'Structured Literacy' approach in Year 1 and 2. Structured Literacy focuses on 'phonemic awareness (hear, identify, move or change sounds) and alphabet knowledge' - alongside other key components - giving children the skills they need to read, spell and write with confidence. Even though we have always included phonics as part of our Literacy programme, Structured Literacy has a greater emphasis on this strategy.

We are inviting you to come along to a Parent Evening run by Adrienne Kinder who will offer some insight into the research around Structured Literacy and the programme we will follow.

Parent Evening – Thursday 16 February 6.00 pm in the school hall.

If you are planning to attend this evening, please complete the form in the [link](#):

MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences for the start of the school year will be held on Thursday 09 February (tonight) and Wednesday 15 February from 3.15pm to 7.15pm each night.

The purpose of this conference is for parents to share information with the teacher about their child, and for the teacher to talk about how the class is organised for the year. Each conference is 15 minutes long to enable parents to have time to leave the room before the next parent. This timing must be strictly adhered to. The online booking link has closed. If you would like to amend or place a booking, please email bbs@brownsbay.school.nz.

Inquiring Minds / Whai Whaakaro



- Explore new ideas
- Wonder and question
- Experiment, reflect and create
- Show critical, creative and innovative thinking

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

It was pleasing to see the two old classrooms finally loaded onto trucks and taken away to be demolished. They were once great classrooms, yet time has impacted on them, and their departure signifies the final part of the New Build development.

The land beside the ESOL Room 34 is still bare as this will be where Room 35 will go in the middle of the year.

The Room 1 to 7 development has also finally been completed! The canopy was finished over the holidays and the decks are being used all the time by the students in those rooms.



ROAD SAFETY

I received a call from a driver on Friday to say that they had very nearly hit a child on Masterton Road at the end of the school day. He believed that a dad and several children were crossing the road – he had noticed the main group but there was another child that he had not seen. He had no details of the people involved but he did say he had commented to the parent involved that it was not a safe place to cross. They were crossing at the intersection rather than the crossings.

It may take a little longer to cross at the Pedestrian Crossings, yet it is the safest. Please set a positive example to all our students by using the safe places to cross the roads.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 09 February – Conferences – 3.15pm-7.15pm	Monday 13 February – FOTS Meeting 7pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 15 February Conferences – 3pm-7.15pm	Wednesday 15 February – Waterwise Level 4 Testing
Thursday 16 February – Structured Literacy Parent Evening - 6pm (School Hall)	Tuesday 21 February – Y4-6 Swimming Sports – Millennium Sir Owen Glenn Aquatics
Thursday 23 February – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom	Monday 27 February – Wednesday 01 March - Year 6 Camp – Carey Park
Wednesday 01 March – Waterwise Sailing	Friday 03 March – Y2 Assembly – 9.30am
Friday 03 March Y4 Assembly - 11am	

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DATES FOR 2023

Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Education Day	17 March 24 March (save)	School based
Year 3 Outdoor Education Day	13 March (2 classes) 14 March (2 classes)	Long Bay Regional Park
Year 4 Camp	1 - 2 May (2 classes) 8 – 9 May (2 classes)	MERC, Long Bay
Year 5 Camp	6 – 8 March 8 – 10 March	Peter Snell Youth Village
Year 6 Camp	27 February – 1 March	Carey Park Camp

These Outdoor Education days are reliant on parent support so please book some leave from work so you can spend some time with your children.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTRANTS IN RM 7 AND RM 11



YEAR 6 STUDENTS

At Browns Bay School we are lucky to have such an awesome group of Year 6 students who have taken on the responsibility of being a Peer Mediator and/or Friendship Games students.

This sense of responsibility helps to develop students' self-esteem and strong leadership skills. Throughout this year these Year 6 students will learn key skills that will empower them to help the younger students at our school feel cared for and to help them make positive behaviour choices.

OUR NEW PEER MEDIATOR STUDENTS



OUR NEW FRIENDSHIP GAMES STUDENTS



SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

We are very fortunate to have a school swimming pool at Browns Bay School.

As we are also surrounded by so many beaches on the lovely North Shore in which we live it is vital that our students become confident and capable around water. This is a life skill that is hugely important, and the devastating drowning toll that we have had in New Zealand over this summer is a sobering reminder of how important it is to learn water safety skills.



As part of our Physical Education Programme, your child(ren) will have bi-weekly access to the school pool where **they will be supported in becoming safe and confident in and near the water**. It is extremely important that they bring their swimming togs and towels on all of their swimming days to make the most of this amazing resource we have in our school grounds as this is an important part of our curriculum.

SCHOOL NOTICES

BBS SWIMMING SPORTS

The BBS Swimming Sports are scheduled for Week 4, Tuesday 21 February at the Sir Owen Glenn National Aquatic Centre (Millennium), Mairangi Bay.

This is for Year 4 - 6 students who are competent swimmers and can swim 25 meters at speed in deep water.

Registrations can be done via the school website:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/sports/swimming>

Registrations are due by 9am Monday 13 February.



LUNCHROOM

The school lunchroom will continue to open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Orders via Kindo. Ezlunch will also continue to operate on those days and Subway will continue on a Thursday.



FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a group of children who can react seriously to various foods. PEANUTS and TREE NUTS are two such foods. Severe allergies present a considerable challenge to schools, children and families. Symptoms can cause significant health problems for allergic students.

We encourage parents to monitor the food that is placed in your child's lunchbox. We would appreciate you not including those items if at all possible.

FOTS – Friends of the School

WELCOME!

Hello! It's great to see our new and returning families to Browns Bay School in 2023! If you don't already know us, FOTS are a voluntary committee of parents/caregivers and Browns Bay School staff who create activities and events for our students and families and fundraise for Browns Bay School. Past projects have included Pool Sheds, Shade Covers, Junior Outdoor Education Days, School Camps and more!



To keep progressing our fundraising efforts and to continue to host favourite events like Discos, Family Movie Nights, Jingle etc, we need more volunteers to help plan and organise activities. Developing FOTS events is very flexible and can fit around commitments to work and family, so please consider getting involved. Your time and effort are really valued, and it's really rewarding to help create memorable experiences and outcomes for our Browns Bay School kids and families. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Please contact us for more info: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz.

NEXT FOTS MEETING –MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY FROM 7:00PM IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In March we'll be holding the FOTS Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted in for a 1-year term. The AGM marks the start of the new committee for the year and is a great time to get involved.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE - TBA

Do you have any Browns Bay School uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate to us for the uniform fundraising sale this term? Please bring them into the office over the coming weeks. We'll be holding the sale soon in Term 1 - please keep an eye out for confirmation of the date.

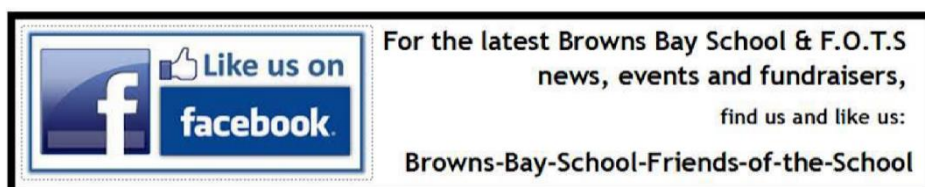
CONTACT FOTS

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, or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School.

Please come along to our next monthly meeting **Monday 13 February at 7 pm** in the staffroom. All are welcome.

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.





**MUSIC LESSONS
AT SCHOOL!**

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including **Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!**

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our **individualised lessons that're both fun and educational!**

Learning **music supports all areas of learning** through **developing confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!**

To enrol, please visit bit.ly/MusicEducation2023

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Browns Bay School

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Friday 3rd March
- Time: 3.10 - 3.55pm
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$69 per child
\$34.50 per extra sibling

Register on enrolmy.com/msports-northshore



M-sports-footykids.org.nz

SUMMER

Spectacular

Saturday 4 March 2023
10am - 7pm
Browns Bay Beach Reserve

• BEACH ACTIVITIES • TOYS & GAMES

• PONY RIDES • BOUNCY CASTLES • MUSIC

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
10AM - 3PM

LIVE MUSIC

11AM - RUMPUS BAND (PHOENIX PLAZA)
3PM - RED TONIK (BEACH RESERVE)
5PM - REWIND (BEACH RESERVE)

Visit brownsbay.org.nz/events/