



# Browns Bay School

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## ERO REPORT

As you will be aware, the Education Review Office recently conducted a review of the school as part of its regular cycle. The confirmed report for our school has been received this week. The Board of Trustees is delighted with this report and the initial paragraph of the report further emphasises this:

*'Browns Bay School continues to provide the very high quality education previously reported by ERO. Students are well supported in their learning. Caring, positive relationships underpin school operations and support students' sense of belonging in the school. Teachers have high expectations for students' learning and achievement.'*

Further comments from the report include:

*'Effective leadership helps to ensure that the school is successful. Students benefit from teachers who engage in research based, relevant professional development.'*

*'Effective teaching and learning practices are clearly defined and well understood by staff.'*

*'Students are well engaged in their learning.'*

*'Students make very good practice and achieve well.'*

*'Students progress is very carefully monitored....'*

*'Clear reporting systems have been developed....'*

*'School leaders and teachers have developed a school curriculum that is aligned to the vision, principles, values and competencies of the NZ Curriculum'*

*'The school is well placed to sustain and improve its performance.'*

*'The school is well led by an innovative, experienced and widely respected principal.'*

*'Senior leaders are strategic, collaborative and skilled change managers.'*

*'Strong leadership and a commitment to building leadership is evident throughout the school.'*

*'The Board has a strategic vision for the development of the school and effective governance processes are in place.'*

As a result of this very positive report, the school has been placed on a 4-5 year review cycle (the maximum possible) which places the school in the top 10-12% of schools in NZ. We think this is an outstanding result and due recognition for all of the hard work undertaken over a long period of time.

The full report is available on our website [www.brownsbay.school.nz](http://www.brownsbay.school.nz) – although this is not available on the ERO website for a further two weeks.

Ruth Jillings  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back for the new term and a special welcome to the families of the following students that have joined our school recently: Jacob Preston, Siannah Bell, Luke Gillespie, Coco Giroux, Elle Williams, Haruto Ryu, Kaylee Philpott, Jaidon Brunton, Olivia Stevenson, Sasha Mengazetdinov, Jacob Preston, Pedro Carrillo-Trivino, Finley Bullent, Anna Simmons, Melson Shi and Isaac Walton. We hope you find your time with us enjoyable and rewarding.

## LEAVERS 2012

As we are beginning the organisation process for 2012, we are asking for any parents whose children are not likely to be with us next year (apart from current Y6 children) to notify the office as soon as possible. We understand that there may be some families who are in a situation whereby they are likely to leave the school but have yet to receive final confirmation. We would like to know about any children in this situation as well. This information is urgently required so that our class organisation is made on numbers that are as accurate as possible.

## NEW WORLD SUPPORT

When you are shopping at New World Browns Bay, don't forget to write our school name on the till receipt and place in the box labelled for our school. This could provide additional funds to those already being provided by New World Browns Bay.



## PHYSIO CLINIC

A reminder of the physiotherapy clinic being run each Monday and Thursday morning by one of our parents, Viv Sheldon. This excellent service for our students is being very well used at present. If you want your child to be treated please contact Viv directly by phoning 021 2674770.

## SPORTS AND CLASS PHOTOS

Sports photos and class photos (for those classes that weren't taken at the start of the year), have recently been distributed.

We would like to finalise this quickly – so could all money, or the photo if you do not wish to keep it, be returned to school by Wednesday of next week.



## THINK-A-THON FUNDRAISER

WOW—Everyone got a great result in the testing. Keep collecting your money, the first prize draw is on Monday 7 November, so see if you can have your money in by then.

FOTS have got a plan for the new senior playground which they will share with the children shortly—It's looking fantastic!!

Jacky Carr (Associate Principal)



## EZLUNCH

Ezlunch operates in our school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Check out the Ezlunch website [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz). They provide interesting lunch alternatives that can be ordered from home.

## REMINDER

Parents choosing to pay school donations on a term by term basis are reminded that these are now due.

## Dates to Remember

November 14	Kids for Kids performance—7pm	November 16	Kids for Kids performance—7pm
November 16/17	Gymnastics Competition	November 21	Y6 to Rainbows End
November 24	Y1/Y2 Dog Safety Show	November 28	Cluster Athletics