

# Browns Bay School

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## KAKAPO MUFTI DAY

A **mufti day** for all students will be held tomorrow, **Friday 18 November**.

We had received a detailed proposal from one of our Year 6 students, Shae Townend, as a result of work being undertaken as part of a GATE module.

*'I have been investigating the kakapo as an endangered species and have found that through the kakapo recovery programme, it is possible to fund an incubator to assist the programme. A portable incubator (which is the most useful type) can be purchased for \$1000 or alternatively a smaller fixed version costs a little over \$500. I would like the school to try to fund the purchase of an incubator to help this important programme and thought a mufti day may be a way of achieving this. Students may be able to wear something that is yellow or green on this day – the colours of the kakapo' – Shae Townend Year 6, Room 21.*

The proposal presented by Shae not only made a case for assistance but also addressed many of the supporting requirements for such an event. Shae has personally addressed all sections of the school with information about the programme and how we can assist, she has organised assistance to collect and count the funds, she has arranged the most suitable way to send this donation and has set up an on-going contact for the school.

Shae has provided the following information:

### Kakapo

- Is listed internationally as a critically endangered species. – The next step is extinction
- Kakapos are unique and they are one of the rarest parrots in the world.
- It's nocturnal and only found in NZ
- It's flightless – one of the only flightless parrot in the world
- It's the world's heaviest parrot
- It's one of the world's longest living birds, possibly even the oldest
- It has mossy green feathers which are incredibly soft and that smell beautiful
- It has a large grey beak, short legs, large feet, wings and a short tail ...
- It has a subsonic mating boom that can travel several kilometres



As a result of the detailed proposal, it has been agreed to hold a mufti day tomorrow and for the funds raised to go towards purchasing an incubator in the school name. Students wearing mufti tomorrow are expected to make a gold coin donation to this worthy cause.



What a great way to end our IWalk week!! Thanks to everyone who walked, or rode to school today.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the following children who were invited to attend a one day Netball talent Development programme at Netball North Harbour: *Amie McGhie, Kaitlin Dawson, Megan McIsaac, Holly Patrick, Connie Owen, Bronte Alvis, Shae Townend, Gemma Morpeth, Olivia McIsaac and Kahli Foote—Stars in the Making!!*

## SWIMMING POOL

The school swimming pool will once again be available to parents for use out of school hours. Pool cards are available through the school office for purchase by parents. Cards will be issued from tomorrow (Friday). We ask that all parents purchasing pool cards take careful note of the rules and conditions that will be provided with the card. We are particularly concerned about students who are given the pool card to use with no supervising adult.

## THINK-A-THON FUNDRAISER

We have had a great response and have raised just over **\$11,000.00** to date.

Below is the proposed plan for our Y5 and 6 playground and all Thinkathon money will go towards the building of this.

Our final prize draw will be tomorrow. All children who have returned sponsorship money will go into this draw. If your money is not back, get it in by tomorrow to be in this draw— **The FOTS team**



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## KIDS FOR KIDS

It is perhaps a bit early to be into the Christmas spirit but I am sure that all those families and friends who have been at one of the Bruce Mason concerts this week will be hunting out the decorations and humming Santa songs!

Browns Bay School has been part of every 'Kids for Kids' concert for a long time now and it is always something special. The idea of our kids working hard to perform and raise money for so many other kids who are not nearly as lucky as they are is a good one – we know that through the work Worldvision do, that some kids, somewhere, will be benefitting from our community.

This year we were able to perform on two nights and we did! 75 BBS students on Monday and 45 on Wednesday night. Year 4 children had the chance to join us this year and worked really hard to learn all the words and harmonies ready for performance. Our kids looked great, showed their fabulous BBS manners and sang along beautifully with master entertainer Suzanne Prentice. Thanks parents for getting them there and supporting the shows so generously. **Karen Warren**

## Dates to Remember

<b>Fri 18 November</b>	Full school assembly 11.15am	<b>Mon 21 November</b>	Year 6 to Rainbows End as culmination of DARE programme
<b>Mon 21 November</b>	Hearing and Vision testers in school	<b>Thurs 24 November</b>	Year 1/2 dog safety show
<b>Monday 28 November</b>	Cluster schools athletics	<b>Friday 16 December</b>	Last day of Term 4—school finishes at 1pm

## LEAVERS 2012

As we undertake the school organisation for 2012, we need to know of any students who will not be with us next year (apart from current Y6 children). Please notify the school office as soon as possible. This information is urgently required so that our class organisation is made on numbers that are as accurate as possible.

## HATS POLICY

A reminder that the Board of Trustees has a policy that requires all children to wear a hat whenever they are outside at school during the period of Labour Weekend through to Easter.

## POLICE VETTING

The Board of Trustees has in place a policy that requires all parents staying overnight at a school camp to have undergone a police vet. All parents who may be staying overnight at either the Year 4, 5 or 6 camp next year must hold a current Police Vet, which must be sighted by the school. Police Vet notifications have been sent out to all Year 3 parents. Any other parents who wish to undertake the vetting process please collect a form from the office. As the vetting process takes some time it is important that the forms are returned to the office by Thursday 1 December. The Police Vet forms must be sent from the school – the vetting service will not process individual applications.

**Jo Hewitt (Deputy Principal)**

## HEARING AND VISION

On Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having our last visit for the year from the Hearing and Vision Technicians. They will be checking children new to school, any re-checks required and any children that the Teacher or parent has a concern about. Children are not able to be checked without Parent consent, so please return any forms to the office if required.

**Liz Day (Associate Principal)**