



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

18 November 2021
Newsletter

**Welcome
back
To school**



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

ALERT LEVEL 3 PART TIME SCHOOLING

We have been delighted to welcome 250 students on Wednesday and 234 students on Thursday back to school. At school the teaching programme has aimed to provide opportunities for students to connect with each other and socialise in a safe way. Teachers provided time for the children to talk about their anxieties and share their stories of lockdown. Teachers were also keen to get back to work with children in reading, writing and maths, as well as engaging in outdoor activities and art. At the break times it was great to see the playgrounds back in use.

We have been preparing the classrooms and our systems to ensure we are able to minimise the risk of someone getting infected and ensuring we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact if someone in the school is infected.

The key messages are:

- Ensure people feeling generally unwell stay away from school
- Maintain physical distancing (students are not breathing on or touching each other and Year 4 to 6 students / teachers wear masks)
- Good hygiene practices
- Keep track of who is in school

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

The school map (see below) shows the division of the school by Year groups. Each area has a playground and open space to spread out at break-times.

The Year groups have different gates to use. We are aware some families will be dropped off by parents and then come in via the wrong gates – for safety reasons we will allow mixed sibling groups to come in the same gate when this happens. They will then separate to their areas of the school. Please consider this plan when organising drop offs at the start of the day.

Teachers have reviewed classroom seating to ensure students have their own space. There are no large gatherings taking place at school and any singing will be outside the classrooms. The library is currently closed for whole classes, yet teachers can get class sets of books. Teachers and children are making great use of the mild (yet windy) weather and are teaching outdoors as much as possible.

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Community Notices



The Year 4 to 6 students have been very impressive with their mask wearing behaviour.

Teachers will continue to encourage students to regularly wash and dry their hands, and to cough / sneeze into their elbows. Each classroom has supplies of soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser, wipes and disinfectant spray. All surfaces will be cleaned daily. Children can share equipment and use the playgrounds because they are using these good hygiene practices. The classrooms are well ventilated – too much on Wednesday with the wind howling through some rooms!

We have asked children to bring water bottles as the drinking fountains have been closed off for shared use.

PARENTS ONSITE

If a parent needs to come onsite for a specific reason they must wear a mask, register on the Covid App and on our school register in the Office.

STAY HOME IF SICK

Parents are asked to keep sick children at home. Symptoms to look out for are a cold, head cold, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, sore throat, chill's and a fever. Anyone with these symptoms should not enter school. If a child is showing these symptoms, parents will be asked to collect them from school.

We would expect a doctor's certificate or a recent negative Covid test result before a return to school

DISTANCE LEARNING

Distance Learning is available for students who are not on site. The Distance Learning grids will be available all the time yet Zooms will only be on the days the Teachers are off site. If you are keeping your child at home for any reason, then the Distance Learning programme will be available.

BUBBLE CLASSES

We continue to have three Bubble Classes for children of essential workers or those families who have no appropriate care option at home. These Bubble groups have separate play times to the other Year groups and remain with the Bubble all day to limit the number of interactions in the playground. Jo Hewitt is managing these Bubble classes.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school lunchroom is closed and school lunches are not available to order.

COVID CASE IN SCHOOL PLAN

The Ministry of Education (MOE) and Health (MOH) have provided a very detailed resource for schools to use if this should occur at our school.

A brief outline of the plan is that when there is a confirmed case in the community, public health officials will undertake a case investigation and work closely with the confirmed case to identify any close contacts, including any connection to a school or early learning service.

Health officials will then contact either our regional Director of Education or the school directly to provide direction on contact tracing and other relevant information. The MOE will support with communications to the school community based on this public health advice.

If a staff member, parent or caregiver notifies us that they or their child are a confirmed case, we will contact our regional Director of Education, who will provide advice on the next steps. Their team will connect with public health services to seek advice on the next steps for our school.

We will be able to identify those in our school who may also be considered contacts, through our:

- timetable (which staff were onsite with which classes, groups, bubbles)
- attendance register
- visitor register

We have been provided with letter templates to support communications to our school community, including for any person(s) who may need to self-isolate and/or get tested.

BOT MEETING

The Browns Bay School Board of Trustees meeting for this month will be via Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursday 25 November. If you would like to attend this Zoom meeting please send an email to peterm@brownsbay.school.nz before 6pm on Tuesday 23 November and a link will be emailed. Please note that these meetings are open to the public yet they are not entitled to take part in the meeting by word or action (the board can resolve to grant a member of the public speaking rights).

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.

Thursday 25 November – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Zoom	Friday 17 December - Term 4 Ends – 1pm
Wednesday 02 February – Teacher Only Day – School Closed	Thursday 03 February – Term 1 2022 Starts

SCHOOL EVENTS

ROOM 1 NEW ENTRANTS

The New Entrant children are all doing really well with their letter shapes and sounds. Room 1 have been learning the letter 'p' in phonics (sound) and in the Casey Caterpillar shape (hanging stick, gate that is closed). They drew a pig and made a sentence with the words they have been learning in their reading sessions. They have also been busy with their Life Education artwork.



ICAS EXAM RESULTS

This is a list of the children who received a Distinction or High Distinction award for this year's 2021 ICAS exams. Congratulations and well done to all of the children that took part in this year's exams.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Reuben Ariawan Olivia Chen Rafe Sykes	
Yr 5	Austin Chen Sophia Dai Junchen Jiang Yi-Hsiu Lo Laurence Ma	Sophie Lau Yihan Lu
Yr 6	Roy Deng Rocky Hang Edison Jiang Bella Liang	

ENGLISH

	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Austin Jiang William Keesing Samuel Wang Junia Yule Nolan Zhang	Zachary Bailey Olivia Chen Blair Yan
Yr 5	Lucas Liu Yihan Lu	Yi-Hsiu Lo Jonathan Xu
Yr 6	Ethan Cooper Rocky Hang Edison Jiang Jayden Jones Samantha Ridgley Helena Yule	

MATHS

	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Nathanael Hii Austin Jiang Ryan Lau Samuel Wang Aaron Yang Junia Yule	Olivia Chen Blair Yan
Yr 5	Sophia Dai Daniel Fang Junchen Jiang Sophie Lau Lucas Liu Yi-Hsiu Lo Yihan Lu	Jonathan Xu

Yr 6	Edison Jiang Noah Li Bella Liang Joe St Johanser Cody Yang Helena Yule	Roy Deng
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SCIENCE		
	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Zachary Bailey Austin Jiang	Olivia Chen Samuel Wang Blair Yan
Yr 5	Junchen Jiang Ethan Lau Sophie Lau Yihan Lu Jonathan Xu	
Yr 6	Emerson D'Aguiar-Sanders Roy Deng Rocky Hang Edison Jiang	



ROOM 1 BUBBLE ART AND DESIGN

Fabulous art and design work was created in the Room 1 Bubble class.



OUR FAVOURITE PLACES IN BROWNS BAY

Last week the ESOL groups learnt about the history of Browns Bay. Did you know that people used to come to Browns Bay for camping holidays, and the campground was where Countdown is now! There was a skating rink where the skateboard park is now and a wharf for boats to moor at. The first school in the area was built in 1888 and we all know which school that was, although at the beginning it was only Rooms 1, 2 and 3.

Now Browns Bay still has the same wonderful beach, but the trees have got bigger, the ice creams have got better, and the school has got bigger and better! There are so many amazing places to play and relax with our families. The ESOL students' task was to think about one of their favourite places in Browns Bay and to send a photo of themselves enjoying that place. We hope you recognise some of your favourite places here too. Mrs Cebalo.

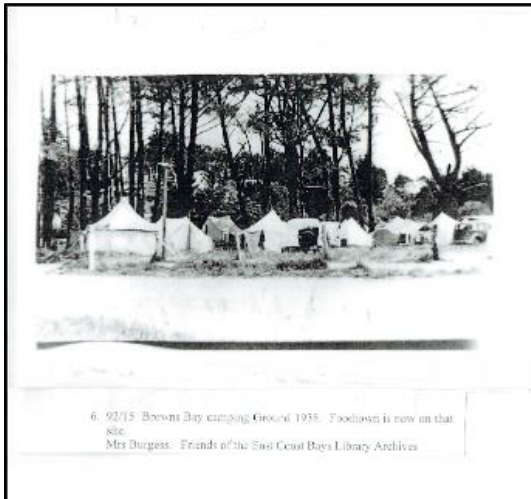
Browns Bay Wharf



Browns Bay Children Skating



Browns Bay Campsite



Browns Bay School



A Browns Bay House



The children also made models of their favourite places in Browns Bay





LIFE EDUCATION LEARNING WITH HAROLD



Room 8

Harold the Giraffe and Charlie, from Life Education, have been teaching us how important it is to be kind and helpful to other people, even when they may be very different to us. Last week Room 8 made their very own Harold, using recycling materials.



Room 11

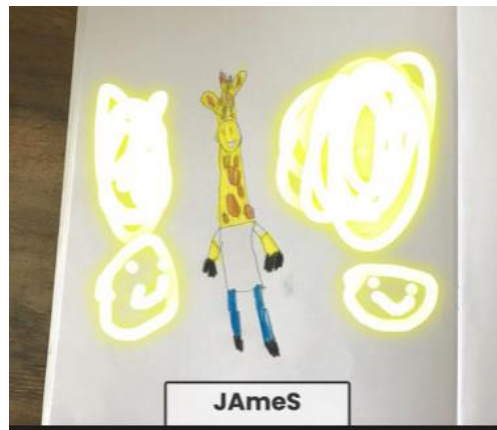
Drawing and creating a giraffe after working with Harold.



Room 9



Room 12



Room 2

Room 2 has made Harold the Giraffe using recycled objects!



FOTS – Friends of the School

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO ~~DO~~ CLUE
CHALLENGE
YOUR FAMILY
TO THE GREAT
FOTS
Browns Bay School
Tiki Tour Competition

1. Buy your family a set of clues
2. Decipher the clues to discover locations of interest around Browns Bay
3. Walk your way to these iconic places and search for a letter
4. Solve the letter jumble and send back your answer to be in-to-win!

Enter via Kindo, \$5 per family
Clues will be sent to your selected email address
Send in a photo of your family looking for clues and be in with the chance of a spot prize
All answers and photos to be sent to: fots.tikitourcompetition@my.brownsbayschool.nz
Competition closes on 6th December 2021

Good luck as there may be odds events in your favour
Winners will be drawn randomly from all correct entries and prizes announced in the school newsletter

BROWNS BAY SCHOOL TIKI TOUR COMPETITION

Join the Tiki Tour around Browns Bay to find the clues

- 1- Buy a family entry through Kindo and get the clues (\$5 per family).
- 2- Decipher the clues and discover the locations of interest around Browns Bay.
- 3- Walk to each of the locations and find a letter.
- 4- Collect all the letters and solve the letter jumble.
- 5- Send in your answer and be in-to-win!

Competition closes on 6th December.

There are spot prizes for sending in family photos of you searching for the clues.

Good luck!





HELLS PIZZA LUNCH

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

WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO - CANCELLED

We are sorry to confirm the disco scheduled for Friday 20th 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.

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

FOTS are asking for suitable donations as prizes for an end-of-year raffle. Please contact FOTS via email fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz if you would like to donate.

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.



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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

