



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

24 March 2022
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

It was great to see the Year 1 and 2 children enjoying the Junior Outdoor Education Day with all the parent helpers. It was a reminder of the things we have missed due to Covid, and I was really pleased the day could go ahead in the current situation. A grateful thanks to the parent helpers for supporting the children and to the teachers for all the work and effort they put into the organisation of the day. I hope you enjoy the pictures later in the newsletter.

COVID – 19 SCHOOL REPORT

Today I can report that from March 19 to March 23 we had 14 students (2%) who have tested positive over that week.

Year 1	1
Year 2	3
Year 3	3
Year 4	3
Year 5	1
Year 6	3

We have five teachers and two support staff who have tested positive or are in home isolation. I was pleased to see 85% of our students at school today learning in their classrooms.

We are currently managing to cover absent staff with relievers, so we remain open for learning. I am very grateful to our pool of relievers who have worked with our school to ensure we can continue to operate – I know they would be able to get a lot of work elsewhere. They are absolutely vital to the school remaining open.

Please note that I will not be sending out any more Class Covid letters as most classes have had positive cases and everyone should now be aware of the symptoms of Covid-19.

COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

We will be continuing with our current RED LEVEL organisation apart from the changes listed below. I will advise parents if there are any significant changes. Once we have final guidance from the Ministry of Education, we will need to consider them within our school setting. An example of this is that we may be able to hold Team Assemblies under the new indoor capacity limits, yet we will need to check the space in our Hall compared to the new capacity limits to confirm if we can have the Team Assemblies or not.

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Please note there is no change to masks in education settings from the existing RED LEVEL setting. Medical-grade masks must be worn by staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13.

CHANGES TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

From Friday 25 March 11.59pm

- Masks will not be required outdoors for all New Zealanders, **including in school settings.**

From Monday 04 April 11.59pm

- Removal of vaccination mandates for education workers.
- There is no requirement to display QR code posters or have other processes, other than your regular processes, to support people to check-in.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2022

1. Our Vision

The Charter focuses on achieving Our Vision of **Building Leaders and Learners.**



The Strategic Plan is in its final year of a four – year cycle. This year the Board of Trustees will be consulting with the Community on the direction of the school for the next three years. The Board will be ensuring the new Plan meets the National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) that set out the Government’s priorities for education to ensure the success and wellbeing of all learners. They are statutory documents issued under the Education and Training Act 2020 that direct government and education sector activities towards the actions that will make the biggest difference and ensuring that we are able to strengthen the education system to deliver successful outcomes for all learners.

This year one of our curriculum goals will focus on Recovery Learning to support our students so their learning is accelerated (where needed) to fill in any “unfinished learning” from the past year.

We are delighted our Year 5 and 6 Teams are able to continue working with Jo Robson, Senior Consultant and Expert Partner. Jo will be working with these teachers on the latest ideas around teaching collaboratively in preparation for moving into our new classroom block in the middle of the year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees have decided to select a school community member to complete Daniel Smith’s remaining term of office until the Board Elections in September this year. To begin this process the Board is required to publish the Notice. Please note the deadline is tomorrow.

Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to Stacey Strang bbs@brownsbay.school.nz before 25 March 2022

This year is an election year for Board members and if you are interested in becoming a Board member, the [NZSTA website](#) has a lot of good information for interested people.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – THURSDAY 14 APRIL (SCHOOL CLOSED)

The Board of Trustees have approved this day as a Teacher Only Day for professional development as part of the Government Accord. This means the school will be closed for instruction on the Thursday and children are not to come to school. All teaching staff will be engaged in professional development. This is the day before the Easter weekend and will be the start of the Term Break.



The final Teacher Only Day will be in Term 2 on THURSDAY 23 June (this is the day before Matariki Holiday).

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 and Term 2 2022 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 24 March – BOT Meeting - 6.30pm - Zoom	Monday 28 March – Rm 12 opens
Wednesday 30 March – Level 5 Waterwise	Wednesday 06 April - Level 5 Waterwise
Wednesday 06 April – FOTS AGM – 7pm - Staffroom	Wednesday 13 April – Level 5 Waterwise
Wednesday 13 April – Last day of Term 1	Thursday 14 April - Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Monday 02 May – Term 2 Starts	Monday 09 May -Tuesday 10 May – Y4 Outdoor Education Programme - MERC – Rms 31/32
Monday 16 May -Tuesday 17 May – Y4 Outdoor Education Programme – MERC – Rms 30/33	Thursday 23 June – Teacher Only Day (school closed)

SCHOOL EVENTS

ICAS MEDAL WINNERS



As mentioned in the last newsletter, three of our very talented Year 5 and 6 students won medals in last year's ICAS exams. A Distinction award means they have scored higher than 90% of their peers and a High Distinction means they have scored higher than 99% of their peers. However, the medals are only awarded to those children who score every question correct – a total of 100%. Last week Jonathan, Olivia and Blair were awarded their medals and the Achievement Cup. Huge congratulations to them all.

JONATHAN Year 5 in 2021 - ICAS Medal Winner for MATHEMATICS.

OLIVIA Year 4 in 2021 - ICAS Medal Winner for SCIENCE.

BLAIR Year 4 in 2021 - ICAS Medal Winner for SCIENCE.



SUPERSTAR



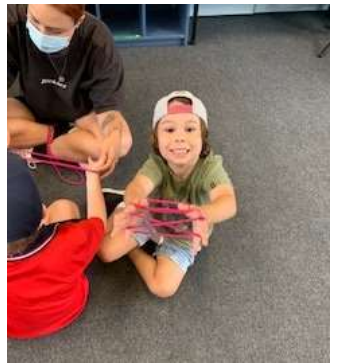
Niamh from Rm 26 received the Service to School award in the last prize giving but missed out on her photo being in the last newsletter. Here she is with her certificate and award. Well done!



JUNIOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY

Last Friday, the Year 1 and 2 classes had their Outdoor Education Day at school. They had a rotation of 8 different activities including an Inflatable obstacle course, Gardening, Orienteering, NZ games, Nature Art, Obstacle course, Bush hut and a Water slide! They all had a wonderful day and would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that helped on the day! We wouldn't be able to run the day without you!





SCHOOL NOTICES

EARLY ARRIVALS

I would like to remind families / whanau that children are expected at school after 8.30am. Several children are arriving at school as early as 7.45am. There is no supervision available before 8.30am.

The school has the following arrangements for student supervision before school:

- Students may be on site before 8.30am for sports coaching or practice as long as a parent is present in the coaching or manager role.
- Teachers are in the classrooms at 8.30 am with students having access to bag storage and toilets.
- Two teachers/adults are on duty at the crossings from 8.30 am to 8.50am.
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually DP or Principal) from 8.40am.
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the morning so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition from parents before school.

SKiDs operate a Before School programme for children who need to be dropped off early. <https://www.skids.co.nz/>

SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

The school lunchroom will be **closed** for one day on **Friday 01 April**.



SCHOOL DONATION

A friendly reminder to please pay your donation. Donations paid now can be claimed after 1 April for a 33% tax rebate. When paying through myKindo, here's how to find your school donation receipts for this year's tax rebate claim: You can claim back 33.33c for every dollar you spend on donations (where donations are greater than \$5).

1. Log in to myKindo.co.nz and go to My Orders.
2. Choose record type 'Donation Receipts'.
3. Set the date range.
4. Select Download Summary for IRD tax return to get a PDF document suitable for attaching to your tax return (containing all school donation amounts paid in the year).

Individual donation receipts can also be downloaded as required, or several can be selected and downloaded into a zip file. Information is available on support.mykindo.co.nz.

Thank you to the families who have paid the donation.

NOTE: Kindo cannot change the details on your donation receipt, so please ensure your Account Holder name is correct BEFORE paying any donations.

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YEAR 3 TO 6 WINTER HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS

Winter Hockey registrations for Year 3 to 6 children are now open.

Games are played on Mondays, at North Harbour Hockey Stadium.

For more information and to register please go to the school website under Hockey.

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

Registrations close 9am Monday 28 March.



SPORTS SUPPORTERS

A reminder to parents/whanau to read and know our [Fair Play Code of Conduct](#) for sports. We have many sports teams under our school banner and the Code is to clarify players and parent's expectations when you are representing Browns Bay School.

If you have a concern when games are being played, please notify your teams coach and manager.

Meika Isgrove is our sports co-ordinator. She can be contacted at: meikai@brownsbay.school.nz.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2022/2023

Do you have a child/ren who will turn 5 in the next 12 months? If so, please enrol them as soon as possible as we need to know numbers now for our future roll growth planning. Please use the following link for more information about our enrolment process and to access the enrolment form.



All enrolments are now online: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/enrolments/process-forms>.

FOTS – Friends of the School

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NEXT FOTS MEETING: **WEDNESDAY 06 APRIL, 7PM, STAFF ROOM**

Interested in joining Friends of the School (FOTS)? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year. All welcome. Please email fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz if you want to attend the AGM in person. We have limited seating available.

Ahead of the AGM, we're calling for nominations from school parents/caregivers for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles have a 1-year term.

Nominations can be made via email to fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz and must be received by Tuesday 05 April, 3:30pm. Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school>

If you want to know more, please contact us: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

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 in Term 2. Please leave them **outside** the office over the coming weeks. The time and place of the Uniform Sale in early Term 2 is to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

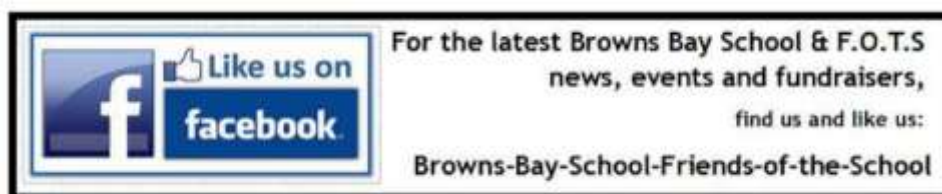
CONTACT FOTS

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

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HIGHEST NEEDS REVIEW

The Ministry of Education are undertaking a review of the resourcing for our children who have the highest needs at school.

MOE: The purpose of the review is to ensure that these children and young people, and their families, whānau and aiga, receive the right learning support they need, when they need it, and for as long as they need it. The education journey of children and young people, from early learning to leaving secondary school, falls within the scope of the Review. Children and young people are our taonga, and it is essential we include their opinions and those of their families, whānau and aiga, as well as teachers, support staff, education leaders and school boards. We want as many people as possible to know about the Highest Needs Review so they can engage and share their opinions on how we can improve and change the services provided to children and young people, within scope of the Review.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/highest-needs-review/>.



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 email brownsbay@sKids.co.nz | phone 021 384 038



General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our highly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training in behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweater, hat, drink bottle and bag.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be free approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Website: kellysports.co.nz/ecb-takapuna-devonport
 Contact: Felicia Maris
 Email: felicia@kellysports.co.nz
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 Facebook: @KellySportsEastCoastBays
 Address: 37 Sunrise Avenue, Murrays Bay

APRIL 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MURRAY'S BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

WEEK 1	Mon 18 April	Tues 19 April	Wed 20 April	Thurs 21 April	Fri 22 April
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY Happy Easter! No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA Compete in our Easter challenges and rabbit relay! Then join in a scavenger hunt, play Capture The Flag and create sand art.	BOUNCY CASTLE Roll up, roll up and join us for a day at the carnival! Have fun on the bouncy castle then take part in tagground games, juggling and clown race! (Extra \$10)	GOAL DAY Who doesn't love scoring for their team? Today score as many goals, tries, touchdowns and hoops as you can! Even better, try and score against your coaches!	KARATE & BOOT CAMP Join us for an awesome day with GKE Karate. Today is all about toughness (mental and physical) and teamwork! Get your team together and test your fitness with some fun boot camp challenges.
WEEK 2	Mon 25 April	Tues 26 April	Wed 27 April	Thurs 28 April	Fri 29 April
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY Public Holiday No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	ANZAC REMEMBRANCE Today we will remember our soldiers and compete in some fun challenges, games and an army obstacle course. Plus take part in some wacky Minute To Win It activities.	TAG YOU'RE IT Play all of your favourite tag-based games like Master Tag, Spike Tag, Octopus, All in Tag and many more!	ALL BALL DAY If the game needs a ball we will be playing it - Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Dodgeball, Four Square, Gaga Ball, Kickball and more.	SPORTS MASH UP Two sports are better than one to combine your favourites to create your own new game! Mix up the rules to 'basket-football' or 'ippo-tennis' and play with friends.

FULL DAY: \$55 8am-3:30pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$45 9am-3pm
HALF DAY: \$40 8am-12:30pm or 1pm-5:30pm
EVENT DAY: Extra \$10

BRING/REFER A FRIEND AND GET \$5 OFF YOUR TOTAL INVOICE.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

World of Cultures: Culture Collective Market

[Browns Bay Plaza](#), Browns Bay Road, Browns Bay, Auckland

Saturday 26 March 2022 11:00am – 3:00pm



CLEAN UP GROW

**BROWNS BAY
ECOFEST CLEAN UP**

Sunday 3rd April 2pm - 4pm

Bring yourself, a drink bottle, and some gumboots if you have them

<https://www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz> thecleanupcrewnz@gmail.com

'We're working together to grow great kids'
E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki

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KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Carey Park Christian Camp runs OSCAR funded kid's camps every school holidays. Come for a full week or just for a day. Registrations are now open for the April Kids Camps.

Where: Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson Valley

Who: Kids aged 5-13

When: 19-22nd & 25-29th April, 2022

Cost: Full Week Registration \$250.00, Day Camper \$50.00 per day (all meals included)

For more information or to register, please visit www.onebigadventure.org.nz or give us a call on 837 0494.