



Browns Bay School

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**20 August 2020
Newsletter**



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou

I hope you have adjusted to Alert Level 3 and worked through the impacts this is having with your family and whanau. I have just watched Thursday's Government Announcement where 5 new cases were advised. I hope this low level of cases will mean a return to normality soon. If we do either remain at Level 3 or go to a lower level, we will ensure our organisation at school has the safety of our students at the forefront.

WELL-BEING

I realise this is a stressful time for families; and that is normal during times of uncertainty. Children will be facing their own issues: missing friends, missing sports, no play dates during the lockdown, to name a few. Please talk about this with your children so they can possibly reframe their current experience in a positive way and in doing so develop resilience. [Aroha's Way](#) and [The Huge Bag of Worries](#) are two books we have used at school to help children with anxiety.

The [COVID-19](#) website has plenty of advice on looking after your mental well-being. If you need support with anxiety, distress or mental well-being, you can call or text 1737 to talk with a trained counsellor for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can talk to counsellors in languages other than English.

You can also contact the Asian Family Services. They are a nationwide mental health service that provides free and confidential support in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Phone 0800 862 342 from 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Teachers will upload a new Distance Learning grid on Monday morning for August 24 to 28. Please communicate with your teacher if you are having issues with learning at home.

Zoom meetings have started with classes. Teachers will only send Zoom invites using their school email address. Should you have any issues, please initially check the zoom invite is from the teacher's email address.

The School has a skeleton staff from 8.30am to 3.30pm each day and we are available if you have any questions. If you need anything from the school, please phone or email the Office and we will try to help you. Phone 09 479 4301 or email bbs@brownsbay.school.nz

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As in the previous COVID-19 lockdown, the Ministry of Education distance learning website is live, and will continue to be updated: [Learning from home](#).

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV is also back to support learning for children aged 2 to 11 years while Auckland remains in Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country in Alert Level 2. Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV will take over TVNZ DUKE's daytime schedule 9am to 1pm on week days. Programming for younger children includes the popular Karen's House at 9am. DUKE is available on Freeview channel 13, Sky and Vodafone TV channel 23. It can be live streamed on the TVNZ website, www.tvnz.co.nz.

COVID – 19 INFORMATION

The website below provides the latest information for any Health and Education questions:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/>

BOT MEETING

The Board of Trustees meeting is going ahead tonight at 6.30pm. This meeting will be by Zoom. BOT Meetings are open to the public and if you would like to view the meeting please email before 5pm peterm@brownsbay.school.nz for the code.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Teacher Only Day planned for Friday 21 August (tomorrow) has been postponed.

HARD PACKS

If you are finding the online environment a challenge to access please contact us and we can provide a BBS hard pack for you. I would ask you to contact:

Year 1 to 3 jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz

Year 4 to 6 joh@brownsbay.school.nz

Please keep connected with us, as you have been doing. We look forward to seeing everyone at school very soon.

Peter Mulcahy

PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 3 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 20 August – BBS BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Zoom	Friday 21 August – Teacher Only Day – (POSTPONED)
Friday 28 August – Superheroes Disco – (POSTPONED)	Thursday 03 September – FOTS Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER CLUSTER BASKETBALL

What an awesome day at the Cluster Basketball event. Browns Bay School entered two teams into the competition against six other schools. The girl's team consisting of Emily Armes, Ruby Smith, Madison Pardington, Mia Appleton, Sienna Hiley, Crystal Park and Sienna Hickling-Crane, made it to the finals unbeaten, but just lost the final game in the last minute! The boy's team consisting of Arran Begic, Caleb Stuart, Xavier Badland, Levi Marshall, Matthew Fleming, Daniel Zhou and Jamie Holroyd, made it to the finals but also lost their game. Both teams came second in the competition. A huge effort from every player. They all showed grit and determination to the very last second. They displayed amazing 'can do' attitudes and sportsmanship. We were all very proud of them. Well done!



SUPER CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

Last Monday we were super lucky to have participated in the Super Cluster Cross Country event. Once again our team of 34 Year 5 and 6 students represented Browns Bay School with pride and great sportsmanship.

All 8 schools from our Super Cluster took part. Each race consisted of 64 competitors, making the competition very tough. Each individual runner can be extremely proud of their achievements.

An impressive result by all runners – Browns Bay School was awarded 2nd placed school overall! What a great achievement.

Top 10 results

Hope Williams - 1st Year 6 girl
 Sophie Herde - 3rd Year 6 girl
 Sienna Hickling- Crane - 7th Year 6 girl

Matthew Fleming - 2nd Year 6 boy
 Daniel Anstiss - 4th Year 6 boy
 Taine Wilson - 5th Year 6 boy
 Connor Mees - 9th Year 6 boy

Eva Wilson - 7th Year 5 girl
 Jasmin Reader - 9th Year 5 girl

Joel Edmonds - 2nd Year 5 boy
 Dylan Bridgens - 3rd Year 5 boy
 Angus Lockett - 7th Year 5 boy
 Loghan Gibbon - 10th Year 5 boy



ECO-WARRIORS PLANTING AFTERNOON

On Friday 7th August, our group of Browns Bay School Eco-Warriors spent the afternoon planting seven Puriri trees along the edge of our field looking out onto Hyde Road. Over time, these will grow into beautiful large native trees; providing shade as well as amazing new homes for our local wildlife. A big thank you to Mr Mike, Anthony, Ben Sheeran, Sarah Sheeran, Holly Thomas and of course the Eco-Warriors themselves for helping make the afternoon run so smoothly.



JUNIOR WORM FARM

We now have another worm farm set up in the Junior School for students to put their food scraps into. Thanks to the lovely students in the Junior Bubble during Level 3 (and Mr Mike) for helping to settle our new worm friends into their new home. Students will have the opportunity to help look after our worms once school resumes normally.



NEW ENTRANT, YEAR 1 AND JUNIOR BUBBLE CHILDREN ENGAGING IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

The New Entrant and Year 1 children had a challenge last week to create a boat out of paper and see if they can get it to float. The only way they were allowed to get it to move was by blowing it.



Practising writing high frequency words on the concrete.



Students enjoyed having a go at coin rubbings as part of our link to money week.



The Junior Bubble created an entire garden on the concrete.



SCHOOL NOTICES

ICAS EXAMS

Due to Level 3 restrictions, Browns Bay School students who are registered for the ICAS exams will be sitting them in the alternative sitting window. This will be during the weeks from Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October.

ENROLMENTS 2021

We are now looking at 2021 and beginning to establish class numbers. If you are aware of any new enrolments or know you may be changing schools next year, we would appreciate notification. All enrolments are now online. Please see the school website: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/enrolments/process-forms> for more information.

AN UPDATE FROM MUSIC EDUCATION

As you know, your Music Education Centre lessons will be moved online for the rest of this week. Students will receive their regular lesson at their normal time, so that their education can continue as normal.

At this stage, we are hopeful that the Covid level 3 restrictions will be short-lived and if they are lifted again as indicated on Friday midnight, then we will plan to resume as normal again on Monday.

Thank you for your ongoing support of music and the arts in your school and we look forward to keeping your students inspired and benefiting from all that learning an instrument adds to overall education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly on 0800 89 39 39.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Those children due to receive their School Certificates will receive these when school resumes.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

- Thank you to everyone who came along to watch Abominable on 7 August. You were a great crowd and we hope you really enjoyed a relaxed evening with your families.
- Congratulations to Emily Armes for winning the raffle for the Skids VIP lounge experience, and Max Davey who won the DVD to take home at the end of the night.
- Second Screening - We were planning to hold a second screening of Abominable last Friday but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions this was postponed. We are hoping to reschedule for a date later in the term, and will let you know the details as soon as we can.
- And finally, a big thank you to our wonderful sponsors Andrea Tavae of Barfoot & Thompson, SKIDS Browns Bay and NEW WORLD Browns Bay for their support.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

If you have been meaning to try the new digital Entertainment membership, now is your time. From **Monday 10th August 2020 until Sunday 23rd August 2020**, you can get 6 weeks for free to try it, use it, love it. Please purchase and support our school fundraising. Enjoy offers from your local hospitality favourites and much, much more! To order go to -

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9905w6>



SUPERHERO DISCO: POSTPONED

With our current COVID restrictions in place, we have to postpone the Superhero disco! New date will be advised as soon as we can.



NEXT FOTS MEETING: THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER, 7:00pm, in the school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend our informal monthly meetings.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK: For news, photos, updates, and event information, go to: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/

COMMUNITY NOTICES





WINZ Subsidy

Have your circumstances changed due to COVID-19? You may qualify for the Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy. Talk to us today.



Did you know that sKids Browns Bay offers before and after school care and awesome holiday programmes right here at Browns Bay School? If your circumstances have changed due to Covid19 you may now qualify for an OSCAR subsidy.

Follow this link for more details: <https://www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy/>

Check out our sKids Browns Bay Facebook page for examples of our awesome daily activities, holiday programmes and trips, as well as lots of great craft, cooking and activity ideas to do during lock-down.

<https://www.facebook.com/SKidsBrownsBay/>

Wishing our Browns Bay School community a happy and healthy lock-down and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

LONG BAY COLLEGE
In partnership with the Ministry of Education, proudly presents,
THE TRADES AND VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS EXPO
Wednesday, Sept 23, 6pm-7.30pm, M and Technology Blocks.
Students of all ages and their parents/caregivers are welcome.

OUR MUSIC IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
...promotes holistic education through convenient music lessons, during school hours.
No hassle, no waiting, no traffic!

BOOST BRAIN POWER
Studies have shown that playing music activates parts of the brain responsible for focus and memory - this is the perfect brain booster for your kids!

STIMULATE CREATIVITY
Aside from music, your child's creativity will trickle to everyday life! See your kids think outside the box and come up with innovative ideas.

CONTACT US NOW!
www.musiceducation.co.nz
0800 89 39 39



Tuesday, 18 August 2020

To our Auckland whānau

With the change in COVID-19 alert levels to Level 3 across the Auckland region, the wellbeing of our community is paramount.

Practising guidelines set jointly by the Ministry of Health and Dental Council of New Zealand state that all routine dental treatment should be postponed. Therefore, the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service) is only able to provide urgent and emergency dental care to children, once the child's condition has been assessed by a dental clinician over the phone.

The Dental Council of New Zealand has further advised that if a child's dental condition can be accurately diagnosed and effectively managed *without* needing to see the child in-person, then that is best. This means the child's dental condition may be able to be managed with medication alone.

From 12 August 2020, we will have seven essential dental care clinics open across Auckland (please find the list below). Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4.30pm.

Clinic name	Direct dial	Direct email
Silverdale	09 426 8470	ARDS.Silverdale@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Glenfield Intermediate	09 444 6160	ARDS.GlenfieldIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Henderson Intermediate	09 838 9571	ARDS.HendersonIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Point England	09 570 4309	ARDS.PointEngland@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Browns Road, Manurewa	09 264 0047	ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Buckland Road, Mangere	09 442 7208	ARDS.BucklandRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Pukekohe Intermediate	09 237 1070	ARDS.PukekoheIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz

If your child is in pain or you have concerns about their teeth, please phone the nearest clinic to you from the list provided above. Our dental clinicians will be available to discuss your concerns with you and to make a plan for your child.

If you need to contact a health professional outside our operating hours, please phone Healthline on 0800 611 116.

We kindly request you *do not* present to the clinic unless you have phoned the clinic and have been offered an appointment. Please note that we are required to ask COVID-19 pre-screening questions prior to all children and their whānau attending an appointment in our dental clinics.

Please review our website for further updates to our service delivery:

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/dental-oral-health/>

Thank you for your continued support,
The Children's Community Dental Service.

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