Browns Bay School
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Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

The new School year began really well on Tuesday with students settling into their new rooms and re-establishing friendships after the Christmas break. We had a brief school assembly on Tuesday where I spoke to the students about our School Values and their importance to us at school. I also challenged the children to set new goals and challenges for themselves over 2018 – from being involved in our Production or trying a new sport or setting an academic goal.

Starting a new year, in a new class can be daunting for your son/daughter, so I would like to offer some suggestions about how you can make the transition as smooth as possible:

- Start your routines again as soon as you can. Getting back to school-day bedtime is a good place to start. Decide on a school-day routine and stick to it.
- Finding a quiet place to complete homework is also beneficial for your child's learning.
- If your child has had problems at school, discuss what they want to happen this year and how they can achieve their goals. The teaching staff is available to meet you to discuss any concerns.

STUDENT SAFETY

Traffic Control

The roads outside the school have been very busy these past few mornings and afternoons. I would like to remind parents of the following requirements to keep our students (your children) safe:

- 40kph speed limit in the roads before and after school
- Use pedestrian crossings – Masterton Road and Browns Bay Road (we have had several close misses when people try to cross the roads away from the Crossings)
- Listen to our Traffic Wardens commands at the Crossings and wait for the **CROSS NOW** command
- Follow the directions on the signs around the schools
- Leave driveways clear for our neighbours.

The ideas on our Travelwise webpage are really helpful www.brownsbay.school.nz/school-information/travelwise to reduce the congestion around the school.

The Police and Auckland Transport wardens are often around the school at these times and will enforce the rules of the roads.

Food Allergies

We have a group of children who can react seriously to various foods. PEANUTS and TREE NUTS are two such foods. Severe allergies present a considerable challenge to schools, children and families alike. Symptoms can cause significant health problems for allergic students.

We encourage parents to please monitor the food that is placed in your child's lunchbox. We would appreciate you not including these items if at all possible. If your child does bring food that is likely to cause an allergic reaction to another child, please educate your child to not leave the food lying around and take wrappers home in their lunchbox. Letters will be going home to classes where specific children are affected.

Medical Alert

In the next few weeks we will have a student returning to a Senior class after receiving chemo treatment for Burkitts Leukaemia. As a result of the treatment the student will be susceptible to picking up chickenpox, measles etc because his immune system will still be compromised and he will struggle fighting some of these viruses. If possible, could parents please contact the office if your child has had a confirmed diagnosis of any such serious illness so we can notify his family. We know his contact with the middles and juniors will be limited, but it's good for us to know what's around just in case.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

I would like to acknowledge the payment of the school donations recently. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can offer your children. Although our school is funded through an Operation Grant which covers fixed running costs, we are very reliant on donations to maintain the standard we expect with extra Teacher hours, Teacher Aides, professional development for staff, computer equipment and new classroom resources.

Please note there are various methods to pay this donation and it can be claimed as a tax rebate at the end of the financial year.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Board of Trustees has given approval for the school to close on **Friday 1 June** for professional development for teaching staff. This is the Friday before Queens Birthday Weekend. On this day the school will not be open for students.

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 06 February – Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	Wednesday 07 February–Meet The Teacher Y3 & 4 6pm
Thursday 08 February – Meet the Teacher Y1 & 2 – 6pm	Thursday 08 February–Meet the Teacher Y5 & 6– 6.45pm
Friday 9 February – Football Kidz Rugby Skills	Wednesday 14 February - Waterwise
Wednesday 21 February – Waterwise	Wednesday 21 February – FOTS Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 23 February – Full School Assembly	

SCHOOL EVENTS

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING **Wednesday 7 February and Thursday 8 February**

Teaching staff will be available on Wednesday 7 February and Thursday 8 February for the Meet the Teacher evening. On this night parents are asked to go directly to the classroom for a presentation by the teacher. There are no set interview times – it is just a chance to meet your child's teacher and fellow class-mates families.

Wednesday 7 February

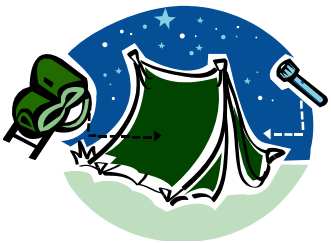
Year 3 - 4 6 pm Meet in your child's classroom

Thursday 8 February

Year 1 -2	6 pm	Meet in your child's classroom
Year 5 - 6	6.45pm	Meet in your child's classroom

If you are unable to attend we will be putting information on the class on the class or team website.

CAMP DATES



Year 1, Year 2 – Outdoor Education	9 March
Year 3 – Outdoor Education	21 May / 11 June (Rooms TBC)
Year 4 Camp	7 - 8 May (Rooms TBC)
	14 - 15 May (Rooms TBC)
Year 5 Camp	19 – 21 March (Rooms 17 and 23)
	21 – 23 March (Rooms 16 and 22)
Year 6 Camp	21- 23 March

Police Vets are required if a Parent is intending to stay overnight at a camp. If you are unsure whether you have one and intend to go on camp, please notify Ms Hewitt as soon as possible.

WATERWISE Level 5 Sailing Programme – Waiake Beach

Those Year 5 and 6 children who are on Waterwise Level 5 will begin their sailing programme at Waiake Beach Wednesday 14th February. Information will go home with the children this week. This programme relies on parents being able to volunteer to help during some of the sessions, so thank you in advance to those who are able to. Thank you also to those parents who have trained to become Waterwise Instructors – the programme could not operate without you.



THE STUDIO IN 2018

Welcome back everyone! There will be lots happening this year and we will advise performance dates for your diaries as soon as we can. Looking forward to seeing all our students in the Studio from Week 3 onwards – *Karen Warren*.

SCHOOL NOTICES

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Year 5 and 6 students are able to bring their own digital devices to school, however students must have a signed BYOD Agreement before a device can come to school. These forms are available from the classroom teacher. Students who have already signed a BYOD Agreement in 2017 may bring their devices to school when their teacher advises. Our ICT Leader, Cherie Bibbie, is the contact person for any queries on devices cherieb@brownsbay.school.nz

SPORT

Miniball/Basketball – Any Year 2-6 children wanting to play miniball/basketball this term, please download a notice from the school website, or collect one from Room 21.
Please note Basketball forms are due back tomorrow Friday 2nd February and trials will be Wednesday 7th February.
Miniball forms are due back Monday 5th February.

Flippaball – Any year 2-6 children wanting to play Flippaball (junior Waterpolo) this term, please download a notice from the school website, or collect one from Room 21.
All forms are due back Monday 5th February.

UPDATE – The Newbies League have advised that there is no game on the 8 April, not the 8 March as they previously published on their website and this was on the 'Newbies' notice.



STATIONERY



Thanks to all the parents for organising the stationery. We have discovered a glitch in our process regarding the ordering of **Large Journal Bags** and **A4 Magnetic Whiteboards**. We are resolving this with our supplier and will have more information soon.

Please note that NO ONE has been charged for items they did not receive. These items were never in the various packs and were to be purchased as extras (if required). I apologise for the confusion and we are reviewing this area of the stationery form.

LUNCHROOM



The lunchroom will open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, that includes tomorrow. Children need to bring their lunch order in a named envelope and put it in the lunchbox in their classroom. Ezilunch will also continue to operate on those days and Subway orders will continue on a Thursday.



FOTS – Friends of the School

WELCOME!

Hello! It's great to see our new and returning families to BBS for 2018! If you don't already know us, FOTS are a voluntary committee of parents/caregivers and BBS staff who create activities and events for our students and families and fundraise for BBS. We're currently focusing fundraising on an upgrade to the Junior Playground, Junior Outdoor Education Days, School Camps and more!

To keep progressing our fundraising efforts and to continue to host favourite events like School Discos, Family Movie Nights, Christmas Jingle etc, we need more volunteers to help plan and organise activities. Developing FOTS events is very flexible and can fit around commitments to work and family so please consider getting involved. Your time and effort is really valued. It's really rewarding to help create memorable experiences and outcomes for our BBS kids and their families. We look forward to seeing you soon.



President: Jan O'Connor-Brown, Vice-President: Katy Dakin, Treasurer: Amy Van Der Loo, Secretary: Rebecca Gourlay.
Please contact us for more info: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WED, 28 MAR

In March we'll be holding the FOTS Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted in for a 1 year term. The AGM marks the start of the new committee for the year and is a great time to get involved. Please diarise this date now.

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE WITH ROTARY'S JUMBO TENNIS 7'S– FRI, MAR 9

Over-sized tennis rackets, crazy costumes, 7 minute rounds, prizes and loads of fun - that's Jumbo Tennis 7's, Rotary of Browns Bay's annual charity fundraising event. We'd like to enter a BBS team or two and encourage lots of local businesses to enter teams as well. Get your team of 2 more together, enjoy some team bonding and family-friendly-fun while supporting a great cause. Funds raised by this event will be donated to MERC, an outdoor education facility based at Long Bay used by our Year 3's for Outdoor Education Day & Year 4's for School Camp. Jumbo Tennis 7's will be held on Fri Mar 9 and starts at 4.30pm at Albany Indoor Tennis Centre. If you'd like to register a team for BBS, please contact FOTS – fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz or alternatively contact Martin Trendall of Rotary ASAP on 021 063 7295.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any BBS school uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate to us for the uniform fundraising sale later this Term? Please bring them in to the office over the coming weeks. We'll be holding the sale towards the end of Term one when the weather is a little cooler and the abundance of Fleeces we have in stock will be needed! If you can help with washing and sorting uniforms at home in the coming weeks, please contact us: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with BBS? For news, photos, updates and event information, search FB: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School



Community Notices

Thinking Caps Maths tutoring is working at Browns Bay School every Thursday morning. If you want extra help for your child's maths, we have spaces available. Years 3-6. Sessions based on the school curriculum with friendly and experienced teachers. Phone: Julie 027 2453870 or Office 09 424 3536 www.thinkingcaps. co.nz

