



Browns Bay School

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

**15 February 2018
Newsletter**



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

HAPPY NEW YEAR

This week most of our Chinese and Korean families will be celebrating the Lunar New Year. Today the year of the Rooster finishes. On Friday the year of the Dog begins.

This is a time for families to have a meal and spend time together.

In Auckland the lantern festival starts on the **15th day of the new year (2nd March 2018)**.

Find out more about the lantern festival at the Auckland Domain here.

<https://www.aucklandnz.com/lantern-festival>

새해 복 많이 받으세요.

이번주는 대부분의 중국과 한국 가족들이 음력 설을 지내시죠.

오늘이 정유년 닭띠의 마지막 날이고 금요일에 무술년 개띠의 해가 되네요.

음력설에는 가족 모두가 음식을 나누고 시간을 함께 하시죠.

오uckland에서는 음력설 15일 이후부터 (3월 2일부터)

랜턴 페스티벌을 개최합니다.

오uckland 도메인에서 하는 이 페스티벌에 대한 자세한 내용은 아래 웹사이트를

참조하세요. <http://www.aucklandnz.com/lantern-festival>

新年快乐！

本周，大部分中国和韩国家庭欢度农历新年。今天（2018年2月15日星期四）是农历鸡年的最后一天，星期五将是狗年的开始。这是每个家庭共同享用美食并共度时光的时刻。奥克兰将于新年的第15天（2018年3月2日），俗称元宵节，在奥克兰中央公园（Auckland Domain）举行为期4天的元宵灯会。更多资讯请登录官方网站查询<https://www.aucklandnz.com/lantern-festival>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At last night's BOT meeting Aaron Cooper was elected as the Board Chairperson. The Board Members are:

Aaron Cooper (Chairman)

Adrian Hirst

James Stewart

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Anna Hiley
Jane Retimana
Nick Brown
Liz Day (Staff Rep)
Peter Mulcahy (Principal)
Sue Moscrip (BOT Secretary)

The Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the staffroom from 7.30pm every third week of the month. A list of dates are advertised on the school website and also in the School Newsletter. If you would like to communicate with the Board then, either write a letter addressed to: The Chairman, BOT Browns Bay School or contact the school.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Late last year the Government announced changes concerning National Standards. The MOE has stated *"it wants to focus on understanding children's progress and achievement, across the whole curriculum, while not forgetting the importance of foundation skills of literacy and numeracy."* <http://www.education.govt.nz/news/national-standards-removed/> The Senior Leadership team are working through the ramifications of the removal of National Standards and part of that process will be engaging with the school community.

The Reporting to Parents process at Browns Bay School will continue to have:

- ✓ Two written reports in a year – mid year and end of year
- ✓ Written reports will explain your child's Achievement, Progress and Next steps
- ✓ Plain English reports
- ✓ Two Parent – Teacher conferences in a year
- ✓ Data Booklets (with tracking graphs of your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Maths through their schooling at BBS)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

I was delighted to see so many parents take up the opportunity of meeting their classroom teacher over the Meet the Teacher evenings. We trust you found this to be a useful start to the year. In the School Events section I have outlined how you can book for the **Goal Setting Conferences** on February 28 and March 1. These 10 minute interviews are an opportunity for parents to discuss with teachers student goals for 2018. Teachers would like to take the opportunity to check with you on previous year's goals and any information you would like to share with them. Students have a key role to play in these conferences so it would be appreciated if they could attend, if at all possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Room 12 (Tanya Loader) and Room 18 (Carrie Jackson) will have interviews on Tuesday 27 February and Wednesday 28 February **NOT** the Thursday night. All these interviews can be booked online.

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.

Wednesday 21 February - Waterwise	Wednesday 21 February – FOTS Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 23 February – Full School Assembly (Year 6)	Wednesday 28 February - Waterwise
Tuesday 27 February – Conferences (Room 12 and 18 only)	Wednesday 28 February – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday 1 March - Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday 1 March – Y4 – Y6 Swimming trials
Friday 2 March – Travelwise Mufti	Wednesday 7 March - Waterwise

SCHOOL EVENTS

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES

Goal setting conferences for the start of the 2018 school year will be held on Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 1 March from 3.20pm to 6.30pm each night.

Conference times can only be booked on line:

Parents **log on to** <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

enter our school code – 969s5

enter your details (name, email, number of students, student names)

Choose your students room number

Choose the days and times you wish to attend (spaces will indicate times still available).

You will then receive an email confirmation of your appointment time(s)

Bookings are open Tuesday morning at 9am **and will close at noon on Tuesday 27 February.**

As is always the case, appointments will be made on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you are unable to access this site from home, the school office or the class teacher will be able to help arrange an appointment for you.

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SHORE TO SHORE

The 2018 Shore to Shore Fun Run is not far away! This year it is scheduled for Sunday 8th April. It's a fantastic morning out and every entry registered to Browns Bay School earns us money to spend on equipment for Sports, and P.E. sessions! It is super easy to register. Just go to www.shoretoshore.co.nz and look for Browns Bay School. We will have a school tent at the Milford Beach finish line, with a free sausage sizzle for all BBS entrants. There are also spot prizes and activities to keep everyone entertained! We hope to see you there!



SCHOOL NOTICES

SPORTS UPDATE

Miniball, Basketball and Flippaball teams are all go and ready to start their competitions. Good luck to all teams 'Play Hard, Play Fair'.

Up and coming sports -

BBS Swimming Sports 2018

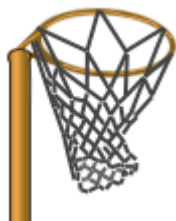
On Thursday the 1st of March BBS will be holding a swim trial meet to select our top year 4-6 swimmers who will represent Browns Bay School at the 2018 Cluster Schools Swim Meet. The trials will be held at Owen Glen Pool off Apollo Drive. Y4-6 classes will put forward names of children who are competent swimmers and show potential. In order to be considered for the trial children must be able to swim at least 25m, at speed, in deep water. Trials will consist of 4 strokes, but children only need to be competent in one. If your child is keen to do this, please let the class teacher know. Children who are identified for the trial will get a notice closer to the time. To be able to run this mini meet we will require interested parents that are able to help and assist during the morning. If you think you will be able to assist please email sports@brownsbay.school.nz

From this trial the top swimmers from each year level will be selected to represent Browns Bay School at our Cluster Schools Swim meet, held in week 10, Friday 6th April at Northern Arena, Silverdale.

Mid Bays Rippa Rugby/Tackle Rugby is coming up.

During week 4 Mrs MacIver and Miss Isgrove will be gathering interest for those who might be interested in **trailing** for these codes. It involves children in year 3-4 and 5-6 girls and boys. Students should listen out for the daily notices to know where and when.

WINTER NETBALL – Terms 2 & 3



Registrations for netball for Years 1-6 are now open.

The information and online registration can be found on the school website:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/sports/netball>

Our preferred method is via the online form – however if this is not possible a paper copy can be collected at the school office or from Mrs Bibbie.

Although teams don't start weekly games until Term 2, registrations **must** be made this term by the dates stated on the information sheets.

LION FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

The school was successful in being awarded a grant of \$3370.00 towards the purchase of Kapahaka uniforms.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Lion Foundation for their support.



DROP OFF ZONE

The Drop Off zone on Masterton Road has some particular procedures we would like you to know. They are:





- Drivers do not get out of the car
- Move to the front of the drop zone where possible
- Organise children before leaving home if you want to use the drop zone so they have their hair done, jumpers on, bags handy and understand their role on arrival.
- DO NOT use the drop zone if you need to get out of the car..... find a carpark

We appreciate people have their different ways to say goodbye, however it is imperative that you STOP, DROP and GO, allowing your children to exit the car without support and their needs already taken care of. If you are unable to achieve this then please find a carpark to finish your farewell. An even better idea?... Make use of one of our sustainable transport options shown below.

Help us reduce traffic around our school!







Did you know?

There are 3 drop points around the school which qualify you for our Travelwise incentives.

- Park by the testing station on the corner of Beach Road and Browns Bay Road and walk along to the crossing.  
- Park anywhere along Philson Tce and walk up to the crossing. 
- Park around the block at Miri Road and walk right to the school gate with no roads to cross.  




OR park anywhere outside of these 3 areas to be TravelWise!

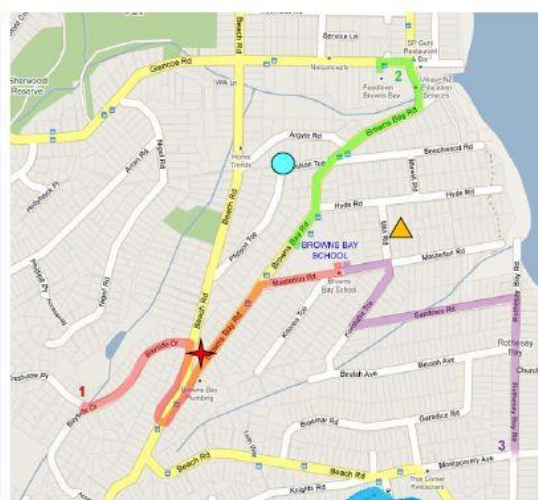
There are 6 TravelWise ways to come to school.

Bus	Scooter	Walk	Bike	Park & Walk	Walking School Bus
					

There are 3 Walking School Buses in our community you can join to keep safe.

Look on the map for the WSB closest to you!

- **Rothesay Bay** 
- **Countdown Browns Bay** 
- **Bayside** 



STUDENT SAFETY – BEFORE SCHOOL

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

- Students may be on site before 8.30am for coaching or practice as long as a parent is present in the coaching role or manager
- Students may be on site under parent supervision
- 8.30 am Teachers are in classrooms with students having access to 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.

RUGBY SKILLS CLINICS (NON CONTACT)

5 Weekly Sessions

Starts: Friday 09 March 2018

Time: 3.10pm – 3.55pm

Venue: School Field

Cost: \$49.00 for single child

\$24 for each siblings

www.footballkidz.co.nz

FOTS – Friends of the School

CURIOUS ABOUT FOTS?

1. **What is FOTS?** Formerly known as the PTA, we are registered charity made up of parents/caregivers who volunteer their time to raise funds for BBS and help connect our School community through events. Our biggest fundraising focus right now is to upgrade the Junior Playground and we've made some great progress!
2. **How is FOTS managed?** We have an Executive Committee that leads the group which is voted in at our AGM each March for a 1 year term.
3. **How often does FOTS meet?** Once a month, currently Wednesday nights at 7.15pm in the staff room.
4. **Who goes to meetings?** Parents/caregivers of BBS children and members of BBS' Senior Leadership Team. It's a great way to learn more about the School and meet other parents/caregivers.
5. **What happens at the meetings?** The meetings are chaired by the FOTS President who follows an Agenda of items. There's always an interesting report from the Principal Peter Mulcahy and we discuss our fundraising progress and event planning for the term. There's usually some form of chocolate or wine on hand!
6. **If I come to a FOTS meeting, will I be expected to start organising something right away?** No one expects you to sign up to something on the spot unless you really want to of course!
7. **Can I join FOTS without attending meetings?** Yes. Volunteering on FOTS activities can be completed by email and phone.
8. **How much of my time will FOTS take?** Whatever is realistic for you! Every little bit of help makes a difference. You might help coordinate one event or choose to do more. Most of our volunteering can fit around commitments to work and family.
9. **Will I have to work with a large committee?** No. FOTS activities are managed by smaller sub-committees of 2-5 people. This keeps things



manageable, the tasks are shared as a team and you get the opportunity to volunteer alongside others. Some great friendships have formed from FOTS volunteers working together.

10. **How do I find out more:** Please email the FOTS Executive Team: Jan, Katy, Amy or Rebecca:
fots@myschool.brownsbay.nz



We ♥ our Volunteers!

BE A BBS FRIEND



Make A Difference

JOIN FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOTS)

Browns Bay Parent Association

•HELP FUNDRAISE •HAVE FUN •MEET NEW PEOPLE •CREATE COOL EVENTS

You're invited

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY

1st MEETING FOR 2018

7.15PM, STAFF ROOM

ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WELCOME



APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW FOR THE FOTS DISCRETIONARY FUND

FOTS are calling for applications from within the school community for the FOTS Discretionary Fund for Term 1. If you are a staff member, a coach or a helper and require financial support to assist your work or initiative for our students, please collect an application form from the school office or print one out from [here](#). Applications close Friday, March 16 at 3pm. For further information please contact either Jacky Carr by email: jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or Jan O'Connor-Brown: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz
 Here are some of the initiatives the FOTS Discretionary Fund supported last year:

FOTS DISCRETIONARY FUND SUPPORTED 12 PROJECTS AT BBS IN 2017

1. Stability stool for Reading Recovery
2. Teacher Aid equipment
3. Lego for Lego Club
4. Kapa Haka poi & moko stamp set
5. 26 Flippaball caps
6. Replacement school cup
7. Technology Club Challenge & equipment
8. Wet lunchtime equipment
9. Goal post pads
10. Garden club seeds
11. Sandpit toys
12. School BBQ









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. Come and join in 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. 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 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



For the latest Browns Bay School & F.O.T.S
news, events and fundraisers,
find us and like us:
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

RESILIENT & CONFIDENT KIDS **Strategies you can use tomorrow**

JENNIFER POLLARD - THE KIDS COACH
DELIA DUANE - SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Wednesday 21st March
Windy Ridge School
Time 7 – 9^{pm} (trade tables 6.15-7^{pm})
Tea/Coffee provided

Cost: \$20.00

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED

Book Online: kidslink.co.nz/events

Learning Behaviour Physical Needs Extra-Curricular Childcare



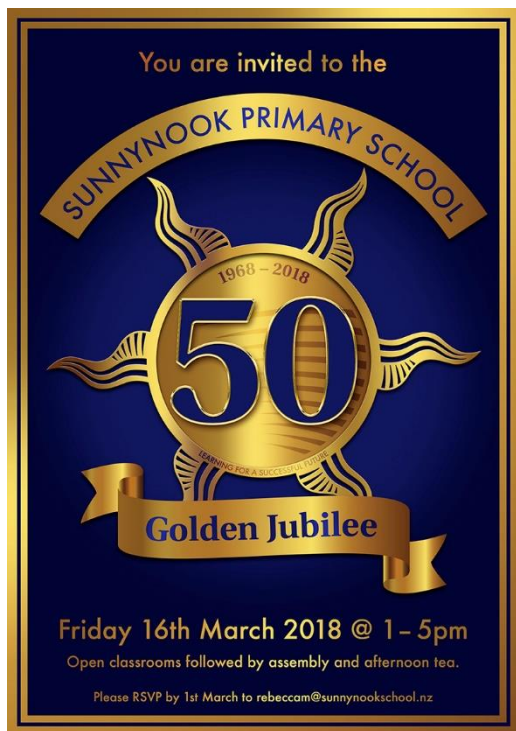
MAIRANGI BAY SCHOOL
50th Jubilee
Twilight Gala

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Beverage Tent, Food,
Performances, Cake Stall
Live Entertainment,
Rides, Games and more!
All Welcome!

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018
4 – 8PM

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GIRLS ONLY CLUB RIPPA

Does your daughter
want to play Girls Only Rugby this year?

Rugby season is coming around fast and soon your local club will be holding registration & muster days for Girls Ripa (non-contact)

Competition Information:

- Saturday Morning - 9.30am
- May-August
- Home and away games + 2 festival days
- Grade Structure: (7 aside)
 - Under 9 – Ripa
 - Under 11 – Quick Rip
 - Under 13 – Quick Rip

For more information contact your local club for their registration dates, or

Sarah McIlroy
Women's Rugby Manager
sarah@harbourrugby.co.nz
021 193 8716

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

2018 03 + 04 MARCH

BROWNS BAY BEACHFRONT

FILMS

SATURDAY
5.30pm - MOANA

SUNDAY
5.00pm - LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE
7.30pm - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

MUSIC

SATURDAY
7.30pm - MR.MEN

SUNDAY
1.00pm JAZZ - TWO MANY CHIEFS

FOOD TRUCKS
FROM MIDDAY - SATURDAY + SUNDAY

MARKETS
FROM MIDDAY SATURDAY

SEE **FACEBOOK** FOR MORE INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFO + TIMETABLES
Flicks + Fun 2018
brownsbay.org.nz

BROWNS BAY

SEVEN EVENTS

PRODUCTION & MUSIC

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Hilobus and Bays Local Board