



15 March 2018
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

COOL SCHOOLS: PEER MEDIATORS

Early this week the Year 6 Peer Mediator Team met with Christina Barruel from The Peace Foundation and had an afternoon training session with her. We are delighted at the number of Year 6 students who have taken up this challenge to support their school mates in the playground to resolve conflicts. The Peer Mediators are rostered on to be in the Playground at lunchtime. They wear their High Vis jackets and are available for students who decide they want support to solve problems.

The Team is trained in a process where they use mediation skills and empower others:

- They listen to both sides of the conflict.
- They reflect what people are saying.
- They ask open questions to get people to problem solve.
- They must be fair and honest, not take sides.
- They get each side to state their needs and get the people involved to suggest how they can solve the dispute.

We are very grateful for the Team who give up their lunchtime to help others and teach great strategies in the process.

PAID UNION MEETING

The Primary Teachers Union, the New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI), has advised the Board of Paid Union Meetings being organised for members. NZEI members are entitled to attend the Paid Union Meetings, where they will discuss the new Collective Agreement. The meetings for the North Shore members are during school time.

In our school we have a majority of teachers who are Union members. The teachers who are members of NZEI are attending the PUM on Friday 23 March.

I have discussed the arrangements with the Board and am inviting parents, if they are able to, to collect their children on Friday 23 March at 12.30pm, or alternatively give them written permission to walk/cycle home at that time. The school will remain open for the afternoon and any students remaining at school will be supervised until 3:00pm.

I would ask that if you give permission for your child to leave school on Friday 23 March at 12.30pm, that you return the form sent out last week to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 21 March 3pm.

NO children will be released unless we have written instructions giving permission signed by a parent.

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The teachers on the Year 6 (Rooms 18 to 21) and Year 5 (Rooms 16 and 22) camp will be staying on camp with those students. They will return to school as planned and gather in the Hall or classroom where they can be collected as per the camp organisation.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Outdoor Education programme is well underway with the Year 1 and 2 Team having a wonderful day on Friday. Next week it is the turn of the Year 5 and 6 students.

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| Year 5 Camp | 19 – 21 March (Rooms 17 and 23) | Peter Snell Village |
| | 21 – 23 March (Rooms 16 and 22) | |
| Year 6 Camp | 21- 23 March | Carey Park Camp |

We are very appreciative of the support from the parents and teachers to enable our students to have the experiences of these camps.

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.

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| Friday 16 March – Museum Visitor – Year 3 | Friday 16 March – 8.30am – Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| Friday 16 March – Full School Assembly – 11.15am | Monday 19 March – Room 11 Opens |
| Monday 19 March – Y5 Camp – Rooms 17 & 23 | Tuesday 20 March – Pre School Visit 9.30am |
| Wednesday 21 March – Y5 Camp – Rooms 16 & 22 | Wednesday 21 March – Y6 Camp – 21-23 March |
| Thursday 22 March – Y3 Museum Trip | Friday 23 March – PUM – 12.30pm Possible Finish |
| Tuesday 27 March – Maori Whanau Hui | Wednesday 28 March - Waterwise |
| Wednesday 28 March – FOTS Meeting 7pm - AGM | Friday 30 March – Good Friday - Public Holiday |
| Monday 02 April – Easter Monday – Public Holiday | Tuesday 03 April – Easter Tuesday School Holiday |

SCHOOL EVENTS

JUNIOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY

We were lucky with gorgeous weather last Friday, just in time for the junior outdoor education day and year 2 evening. Pictured are some of the fun activities and learning opportunities our students had. A special thanks to all those parent and whanau helpers. We couldn't have done it without you!





NEW PIANO



Last week we were very happy to accept a new PEARL RIVER piano donated to the school by the Huawei Corporation.

Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, 72, decided to give away 100 pianos to Kiwi schools after meeting Prime Minister Bill English in August last year. Huawei NZ has said Ren is very big on music and passionate about people being involved in music. Ren also has a bit of a soft spot for New Zealand.

The piano is in residence in The Studio and is waiting for a Piano Tuner to tune it before it becomes part of our school Music Programme.

We are very grateful to Huawei for the wonderful piano and look forward to hearing some beautiful tunes.

NEW FENCE

The new fence is currently being constructed by AP Fencing along a section of the Browns Bay Road. This section has been long overdue a replacement fence and we are keen to have the new fence stop all our balls rolling away down the hill.

This is the first stage in the replacement of the fences around the school.

BROWNS BAY SCHOOL SWIM MEET 2018

On the 1st of March we held our very own Browns Bay School Swim meet for Year 4, 5 and 6 children. This year we had 94 competent swimmers take part at the Sir Owen Glenn Pool. The meet consisted of 4 strokes, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and some even entered in the Butterfly. Heats were run, then there were finals for each event and year group. All together a total of 45 races. There was some amazing swimming and some great results throughout the morning.

All the competitors should be very proud of themselves for all their efforts, outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you also goes out to all the parents and teachers who helped out on the day so the children could experience such a great event.



Congratulations to the following swimmers for receiving a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in the school finals for their events.

Year 4

Paige Williams 2nd freestyle, 2nd backstroke, Sophie Herde 2nd breaststroke, 3rd backstroke, Emily Armes 3rd freestyle, 3rd breaststroke, Sienna Hickling-Crane 1st freestyle, 1st backstroke, 1st breaststroke, 1st butterfly, Chris

Kumala 3rd freestyle, Arran Begic 3rd breast stroke, Julian Noh 1st freestyle, 3rd backstroke, Harry Oliver 1st backstroke, 2nd breaststroke, Jamie Holroyd 1st breaststroke, Matthew Fleming 2nd freestyle, 2nd backstroke

Year 5

Brooke Gillespie 3rd freestyle, Abigail Moxon 3rd breast stroke, Henna Hwang 3rd butterfly, Ella Waterman 1st freestyle, 2nd backstroke, Deonna Qu 1st backstroke, 2nd freestyle, 2nd breaststroke, 1st butterfly, Alicia Zhou 1st breaststroke, 3rd backstroke, 2nd butterfly, Thomas Mansfield 3rd freestyle, Evan Dong 3rd breast stroke, Dane Waretini 3rd backstroke, 3rd butterfly, Ethan Storey 2nd freestyle, 2nd backstroke, 2nd breaststroke, 2nd butterfly, Dennis Wu 1st freestyle, 1st backstroke, 1st breaststroke, 1st butterfly

Year 6

Lizzie Boyce 3rd backstroke, Lara Deacon 3rd breaststroke, Jess Emery 2nd freestyle, Grace Hirst 2nd backstroke, 3rd freestyle, 3rd butterfly, Katelyn Boyce 2nd breaststroke, 2nd butterfly, Maeve Lockett 1st freestyle, 1st backstroke, 1st breast stroke, 1st butterfly, Jamie Rentoul 3rd freestyle, Jungwoo Jung 3rd backstroke, Lechuan Xiao 3rd breaststroke, Anton Scherbakov 2nd breaststroke, Toby Holroyd 2nd freestyle, 2nd backstroke, Vincent Prajago 1st freestyle, 1st backstroke, 1st breaststroke, 1st butterfly

TACKLE RUGBY AND RIPPA RUGBY 2018

Trials for Tackle Rugby and Rippa Rugby have been taking place for girls and boys of Years 5 and 6 over the last couple of weeks.

Mrs MacIver is currently taking names of Year 3 and 4 boys and girls who would like to trial for Rippa Rugby. Students should see Mrs MacIver in Room 1 if you would like to trial, then listen out for the daily notices as to when your trial will take place.



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

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Please consider our neighbours when you park around the school – the grass verge is not a good place to park and please do not park over driveways.

STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER

I would like to remind families / whanau that a number of children are at school before the due time of 8.30am. We are seeing some children at school as early as 7.40am. When a child is under 14, you need to make sure that you **make reasonable provision for the care of the child**. Some factors that you might need to consider when thinking about whether the care is reasonable are:

- the age and needs of the child
- the child's level of maturity and understanding
- the place where the child was left
- how long the child was left alone, and how often this occurs
- were any other children left alone with the child
- is a pre-arranged responsible adult accessible to the child
- does the child know what to do or who to contact in an emergency
- is there a responsible adult that will check in on the child



It's probably also worth noting that it's not enough to say that *you* would consider it reasonable – other people would need to be able to consider it reasonable as well. For example, you may believe it to be reasonable for your 6 year old to be allowed to go to the park alone for 4 hours but many other people would not consider this reasonable. The list above would be useful to think about in regards to children walking to and from school.

Teachers can be at school from 7am yet they are not responsible to check on the children before 8.30am. A safe option would be that the children attend SKIDS in the Hall or an alternative arrangement is made.

EASTER BREAK

The school will be on break over Easter, we will be closed Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April and Tuesday 3 April.

The term finishes on Friday 13 April and Term 2 starts on Monday 30 April.



WINTER HOCKEY

Winter Hockey- Term 2 and 3

Forms are now available for any Year 3-6 children interested in playing winter hockey.

Games are played Monday nights and practices will be at Sherwood School on Tuesdays from 4.30-.5.30 from next term.

If your child is interested and/or you would like further information, please collect a form from the office.



SCHOOL DONATION

A reminder that the discount for full payment of the school donation ceases from the end of Term 1. Those who have chosen to make this payment on a term by term basis are most welcome to continue to do so, with the next payment being due at the beginning of Term 2. Payments made before 31 March 2018 may be able to be claimed as a tax credit in your 2017/2018 Tax Return, as it is a donation.

SKIDS BROWNS BAY IS OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

EASTER TUESDAY 3rd April

Go to - <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>

Choose: Special day/term 1(2018)

Short day option 7.30-3pm

Full day option 7.30-6pm

Bookings are limited and close Thursday 29th April.

Do not hesitate to email or call with any queries.

brownsbay@skids.co.nz Site phone:0221290050 Sue:021 384038

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www.skids.co.nz

TERM 1 DISCRETIONARY FUND CLOSES TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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. Applications close tomorrow, Friday, March 16, 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

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM & DESK SALE – THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 8.30AM IN THE STUDIO

Come along to school a little early for the sale and be ready for when the doors open at 8.30am. While we have a lot of second-hand uniform stock available, it is sold on a first come first served basis and there may not be enough to go around everybody. It sells ultra-quick so we apologise in advance if you miss out. Newer fleeces will be \$10 and most other items will be \$5. Please bring cash. Funds raised will go to BBS. Many thanks to Amy Van Der Loo and Holly Thomas who have washed and sorted a mountain of stock.



The school also has about 30 - 40 desks (with plastic containers) available to parents for a small donation. The desks will be outside the Hall and are mainly Year 4 size with some bigger Year 6 desks. These desks are old stock as we move towards more modern furniture.

EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT BOOK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE TODAY ONLY WHEN YOU PRE-ORDER

BBS FOTS is the place to order your 2018/19 Entertainment Book/Digital Membership! Not only will you receive loads of discount vouchers but your purchase helps our school to fundraise. The benefit of ordering the new Entertainment Digital Membership online by the end of today (March 15) is that you will receive over \$200 of bonus Early Bird Offers, plus you will also receive two complimentary Event Cinemas eVouchers. All eVouchers will be sent on March 16, but there are a limited number of these passes and time has almost run out so get your pre-order in before midnight tonight! Go here: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9905w6>




FOTS AGM

Interested in joining FOTS? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year. We're calling for nominations for the Executive Team. This year Jan O'Connor-Brown will be stepping down from her role as President and Katy Dakin will be stepping down from her role as Vice President. The FOTS Constitution, role descriptions and nomination forms are available from the school office and must be returned by Tuesday, March 27, 3.30pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The time has come for Katy Dakin - Vice President and myself, Jan O'Connor-Brown - President to end our time after 2 years, on the FOTS Executive Committee. For me, FOTS has been my first experience of volunteering, and I've really enjoyed the past 4 years serving on the Committee and the past 2 as President. Katy and I have both loved watching the faces of our BBS children and their families as they enjoy the events we've helped to create, seeing groups of people pull together to make things happen and observing the amazing generosity of time, energy and funds from so many in our community to help our school. It feels like a real accomplishment to have been a part of the



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOTS)

AGM

Parents/Caregivers Invitation:
Come along to our Annual General Meeting & wine and cheese evening

**Wednesday 28 March
7pm in the Staff Room**

- Meet & greet
- Drinks & nibbles
- Reports from the Principal & FOTS Exec
- New Exec elections
- Plans for 2018


Find out how you can support BBS through FOTS!

It's a great time to join the Committee!
All parents/caregivers of BBS students can become part of the 2018 FOTS Committee. So come along, get involved, and make a difference at BBS!

Make a difference!

Nominations for FOTS Exec 2018 (1 year term):
All parents/caregivers of BBS students are eligible to be nominated for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nomination forms and position descriptions can be collected from the school office. Nominations must be returned to the office by Tuesday 27 March, 3:30pm.

For more information:
www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school
or email: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz



creation of The Studio and soon the Junior Playground which we are making some exciting progress with this year (more information coming soon). These projects make a big difference to improving our children's school environment now and in the future. Personally, I've had some memorable moments thanks to FOTS, like getting to ride on a Harley around Browns Bay, meeting amazing people at our school and in the community and overcoming the challenge of public speaking! In 2018 I will remain on FOTS to help bring about our new community fireworks fundraising event, Blast In The Bays (we're going to need lots of volunteers so please keep that in mind for September/October this year!). On behalf of Katy and myself, I'd like to give thanks to everyone for the support you've shown to us, FOTS and BBS during our time on the Executive Committee. I'd like to encourage others to join FOTS – it's a great way to connect with other families and BBS staff, use your skills and help contribute to making BBS an even greater school. At the AGM on March 28 we will hand over to a new Executive Team and we wish them every success. If you would like to more information about FOTS, please get in touch: fots@brownsbay.school.nz



Jan O'Connor-Brown, FOTS President 2016-2018 & Katy Dakin, FOTS Vice President 2016-2018

CALLING FOR SPONSORS - BLAST IN THE BAYS, OCTOBER 2018

Browns Bay School together with the Browns Bay Business Association are proud to be launching Blast in the Bays this October. Now thousands of people seeking a safe, professional fireworks display can look forward to enjoying a fantastic family evening of fun. Planning for this event is well underway. Organisations are now invited to become sponsors and benefit from the excitement, passion and buzz generated from the outset of our inaugural Blast in the Bays event. To discuss sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch by contacting Jan O'Connor-Brown on 021 701 513.



Keen to follow what's happening with our Blast In the Bays fireworks event? We've set up a Facebook page. Please follow it and share it with your family and friends. www.facebook.com/blastinthebays



FACEBOOK

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



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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

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018
3PM - 6.30PM

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OPEN DAY
24 March 2018
10am - 4pm • Devonport Naval Base

Limited parking available at Ngataringa Bay

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| Free entry | Boat rides | Ship tours | Helicopter displays |
| Navy band | Kids activities | Food & drink | Free shuttle to Navy Museum |

*Come along
and meet
your Navy!*

For more information,
go to our Facebook page
@NZNavy



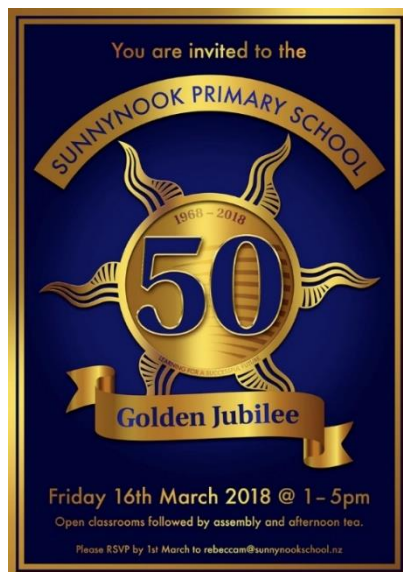
**We are looking for girls and boys to come and join
in the fun at East Coast Bays Football Club**

Whether you have never played before or have been playing for years we would love you to join us. Football is a fun sport that keeps you healthy and is a great way to make new friends! You can start if you are turning 5 some time this year.

We have fantastic facilities, a supportive environment and we share a passion for 'the beautiful game' - come join us today!

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or registrations can be done via our website: www.ecbafc.co.nz



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