



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

17 May 2018
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

TEACHER ONLY DAY – June 1 – SCHOOL CLOSED

In 2015 Browns Bay School joined with the following schools and formed the MidBays Community of Learning:

- Rangitoto College
- Murray Bay Intermediate
- Campbells Bay School
- Mairangi Bay School
- Pinehill School
- Murrays Bay Primary



The COL has organised a **TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 01 JUNE 2018** for professional development. This means the school will be closed. All teaching staff will be attending a professional development day with the teachers from our Community of Learning Cluster. This is the day before the Queen's Birthday weekend and may be an opportunity to make it a slightly longer weekend.

The Community of Learning (COL) is about raising student achievement through the schools collaborating and supporting teacher's inquiry into good practice. It is hoped that our students will benefit from a seamless consistent localised approach to learning.

SKIDS ARE OPEN THAT DAY – PLEASE CONTACT SUE AT SKIDS ON 021384038 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

BUILDING WORKS

In a couple of weeks there will be repair work being completed in the following areas:

- Rooms 1 – 7: Corridor skylights replaced to stop leaks
- Room 7 exterior wall: rotten boards replaced
- ESOL Room: roof replaced
- Rooms 8 – 11: Browns Bay Road side roof edges replaced

The builders are expected to be on site for 6 weeks. The areas will be fenced off for the safety of everyone and may mean the redirection of walking traffic around these rooms. The ESOL roof repair means we lose 5 parks in the top carpark over a week and will need to move the disabled parking space temporarily.

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BULLY FREE WEEK

This week Browns Bay School has taken part in the New Zealand wide Bully Free Week promotion. Classes have been completing activities looking at what is being a bully and what you can do to get help. The theme this year is 'Let's talk about it' and the week provided a great opportunity for our students to talk about what bullying means to them.

In our School Values we encourage respect / manaakitanga and taking responsibility / takohanga to promote positive relationships to make it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated.

As parents you can help your children by:

Taking an active interest in your child's life at school

Encouraging your Child

- To bring friends home (to establish a support network);
- To accept and tolerate differences in others.

Building their Self Confidence

Encouraging Constructive Responses

- Physical bullying or persistent teasing should be reported;
- Hitting back or retaliating with name calling won't solve the problem.

Setting an Example

Being Alert for Signs of Distress

- Unwillingness to attend school;
- Dropping off in academic performance;
- Damaged clothing and frequent loss of personal property;
- Unexplained injuries;
- Loss of confidence and uncharacteristic mood changes;
- Aggression towards siblings;
- Withdrawal from social activities, especially with peers;

Acting

- If your child is being bullied at school – please report it to a teacher.

What is bullying? *Bullying is any repeated, unprovoked and unwelcomed behaviour by student/s designed to hurt, threaten or frighten other student/s in such a way that the student feels unable to prevent such behaviour.*

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday 21 May – Year 3 Outdoor Education Day	Tuesday 22 May – Cluster Football
Thursday 24 May – Cluster Football – Save Day	Thursday 24 May – Year 2 Trip to Kelly Tarltons
Friday 25 May – Year 5 Zoo Trip	Friday 25 May – Full School Assembly
Friday 25 May – School Disco	Tuesday 29 May – ICAS Science Exam
Friday 01 June – Teacher Only Day – School Closed	Monday 04 June – Queens Birthday Holiday – School Closed

SCHOOL EVENTS

MOTAT – ROOM 9, 10, 11

'In Term 2 the Year 1 inquiry focus is 'Up, up and Away' – Discoveries change our lives.

In week 2 the Year 1 children visited Motat. We enjoyed creating something we thought would fly and trying it out in the wind tube. We had to balance the forces of 'lift' and 'weight' to do this... it was a little tricky, but we didn't give up. Everyone made a wing and climbed into the giant wind tunnel to see how it moved in the wind. What an amazing day!



BROWNS BAY SCHOOL ART IN BROWNS BAY

The Year 5 children of Browns Bay School were excited to rise to the challenge set by Chorus: design a mural that captures the life and community of our little beach suburb.

Four classrooms put pencil to paper and the spirit of competition was thick in the air (boosted of course by their four highly competitive teachers!)

We were able to walk down to the shops and see our two artists, Amy Van der Loo and Holly Thomas, painting the two winning murals. This has truly been authentic learning with lots of community involvement. Our murals are already so loved and talked about in our Browns Bay community.

The winners:

Coco Feng Age 9

Marnie Barber Age 9



Help our Streams Strive to Survive

Room 25 have been doing a Stream study at Rothesay Bay Stream. The aim is to help save our streams and the freshwater life.

We went with Sophie from the Whitebait Connection Programme, on two trips down to the stream. On the first trip we looked to see how clear the stream was and did some water testing and identified bugs within our stream.



During water testing we used a water clarity tube to see how clear the water was. It was between 59% - 100% on this day, which is good. We also tested the pH level to see what the acidic or alkaline level is and temperature, in case it is too high for the fish and the insects in our stream to survive.



However, on our second trip the stream smelled like rotten eggs and the colour was murky and too dangerous to do any testing. After our investigation we discussed ways in which you and I could help protect our local habitat and freshwater life?

- Throw your rubbish in the bins provided
- Dog owners please pick up your dog poo
- Report if the stream is smelling or looks bad to your local council
- Keeping our beach area tidy so rubbish doesn't go into the stream

We want to see our stream clean, clear and healthy for the inanga fish, insects and bugs that live there.

Keep our freshwater life alive today so that we can let them live another day.

Keep our stream nice and clean.

By Room 25



CLUSTER BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Cluster Basketball teams for coming 3rd at the Mid Bays Cluster tournament.



RIPPA RUGBY

The first Rugby Tackle and Rippa Day was held at Windsor Park today. It was an excellent day with great results - huge thanks to all the parents who coached and supported the teams.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Well done to our tackle rugby team who represented BBS at the North Harbour Primary Schools Rugby League tournament recently. A great effort for their first time at this tournament!



TRAFFIC SAFETY

School traffic in the morning and afternoon is extremely busy around Browns Bay School and it is a time when students need to be shown Road Safety ideas. The best one of all is

- **Use the pedestrian crossings on Masterton Road and Browns Bay Road**

We are aware parents are crossing the road with their children at other areas yet this does not show children the best ways. Adults can judge the speed of cars, can see further ahead and are more visible to drivers whereas children are smaller and don't make the best judgements at times. We cannot patrol all the roads so I am asking that you show children the safest way to cross roads and use the crossings.

MEASLES ALERT

As students return from the Term 1 holidays, the Ministry of Health is reminding schools to be aware of the risks of measles. Over the past month, measles cases have been reported in Canterbury, the Southern District Health Board region, Nelson-Marlborough, Hamilton and Auckland.

Immunisation – the best protection against measles and it is free!

Immunisation is the best protection against measles and to be effective, people need to have two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations. Anyone who is unsure if they are fully immunised against measles can be vaccinated for free at their GP. Anyone who is not immunised and gets exposed to a confirmed case of measles will need to stay home for at least 14 days to ensure the virus doesn't spread.

General advice

Anyone who suspects they may have measles should avoid contact with other people, especially those who aren't fully immunised, and should phone their GP before visiting. It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room.

Further information and advice is available from:

Healthline on 0800 611 116

0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)



Measles Alert

'STUDIO STUFF'

The 'business' end of the performance year is rapidly approaching! We have a heap of performance opportunities coming up for our talented performers in music, dance and drama. Information, dates and organisational details coming home next week. Thanks, **Karen Warren**.



BROWNS BAY SCHOOL 2018 Mathathon



Browns Bay School Fundraiser Term 2 2018 will be our first **Mathathon**.

We are raising money for shade around our school. Our goal is to raise 10 to 12 thousand dollars which, after expenses, will all go to this project. We plan to use the money raised by summer 2019 so children are benefitting from this as soon as possible.

Each child will glue a set of questions into their homework book aimed at their current Math's level in the classroom. It will be the children's Math's homework for the weeks dedicated to the Mathathon. It will provide another real opportunity for students and their families to focus on consolidating math's knowledge.

Mathathon begins on Monday 28 May...Keep an eye out for all the information, questions etc as they will come home on that date.

From the FOTS Team

NEXT FOTS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 7.15pm, STAFF ROOM

Do you want to meet other parents and find out about important news and events in the school? Come along to our informal monthly meetings and get involved! If you can't make it to our meetings, but want to get in touch or help out, please drop us an email: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

LAST CHANCE TO BUY WINTER WHITEOUT DISCO TICKETS

Winter Whiteout Disco is next Friday 25 May in the school hall. Junior Disco (Years 0-3) 5:00-6.30pm and Senior Disco (Years 4-6) 7:00-8.30pm. Kids, make sure you dress up in white so you glow under the black light!

You must order tickets (\$6) and hotdogs (\$3) by midnight next Monday 21 May. Return your money and form to your class teacher or order on KINDO (<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/> - Disco is listed under FOTS).

If you have lost your order form, you can pick one up from the office or download a junior form [here](#) or a senior form [here](#).

Children will receive their ticket in class by Friday 25 May. To speed up entry, please have them bring it along to Disco (if they forget, their name will be checked off a list at the door). Parents/caregivers please note: To reduce over-crowding and for safety reasons, Discos are kids-only zones. Please drop your child off at the door and they will be well looked after by BBS staff and FOTS. If your child is Year 0 or Year 1, it is understood that you may need to stay at Disco with them.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SMALL SCHOOL PROJECTS!

FOTS are now inviting applications from within the school community for the FOTS Discretionary Fund. We have funds available for small school projects and activities that need support in Terms 2-3. Last year, we supported the Technology Club, Kapā Haka, Garden Club, Flippa Ball, Reading Recovery, and more!

If you are a staff member, coach, or helper and require financial assistance for students or their activities, please click [here](#) to download an application form. Applications must be submitted to the school office by 3pm on Friday 8 June.

For further information, please contact Jacky Carr: jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or the FOTS Discretionary Fund Sub-Committee: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR PRECIOUS LABELS YET?

Lost property is a major issue at the school, so we hope we have the answer for you! Precious Labels offers great quality labels for clothing, lunchboxes, stationery, sports gear, and more. Label everything and it will all come back home! There are heaps of designs to choose from as well as monthly specials, under \$15 deals, and free standard shipping.

For your purchase to support the school, simply go to:
<https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/?aff=58>



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thanks to everyone for supporting FOTS and purchasing Entertainment Books. All memberships purchased by 31 May 2018 go in to win a trip to Bali! If you still have your book at home, please either purchase your copy or send it back to school with your child. There are boxes in the office for returned books.

To order a digital membership instead, use the following link:
<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9905w6>



Prize valued over \$2,300

Purchase your Membership by May 31, 2018 for your chance to WIN:

- \$1,000 Jetstar gift card for flights to Bali
- 5 Nights at Amadea Resort & Villas
- World Assist Travel Insurance underwritten by QBE

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SIGN UP! GET INVOLVED! IT WILL BE A BLAST!

We're planning to create a blast in Browns Bay this October with our public fireworks fundraising event, Blast In The Bays. We need sponsors now to help make our hot community event happen! Are you keen to get involved? Do you know others who might be? Please share our event information with your contacts. A variety of sponsorship packages are available and now is the time to get in touch! To find out more, please contact Jan O'Connor-Brown on 021 701 513.

Please also take a look at the Blast In The Bays Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/blastinthebays/



Sponsors wanted!

Blast in the Bays

A great family evening

Fireworks
Food
Entertainment
Stalls
Fun!


SAT, OCT 27,
5.30PM-9.30PM
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LIVE LAUGH BRUCE

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

For news, photos, updates, and event information, check out: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/



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



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E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki

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Want to learn to Ski or Snowboard???

Open Schools Program is a 6 week Snow Sports program for students who are interested in learning to ski or snowboard or looking to improve technique and ability. The program includes:

1 hour group lesson including:

Rental equipment hire, skis/snowboard & boots. (Clothing not included)
Helmet hire (Helmets are compulsory, and must be worn to participate in the program)

The program emphasizes skill development designed to allow an individual to enjoy the sport of skiing for life and, to book follow the link:

<https://t2openschools18.eventdesq.com>

PTA Rangitoto College

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Growing a dynamic community by connecting parents and the College

How to Successfully Survive Parenting Tweens & Teens!

DATE: Mon 21ST May, 2018 7:30^{PM} - 9:00^{PM}
VENUE: 564 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay
INVEST: \$15^{PP} or \$20 per family couple (no children please)
REGISTER: mimo.com/events/

PARENTS DISCOVER:

- Why you need a family brand
- How to stop your kids outsmarting you
- Secrets to staying married while parenting

Plus much, much more!

YVONNE GODFREY - award winning speaker, author & media personality. Don't miss this presentation!

Introducing Yvonne to our parents & students has been a great move!

Julie Strang
Deputy Principal
Rangitoto College

A clever blend of old school truths & modern research.

Ben Skeen
Associate Headmaster
Auckland Grammar

Brilliant wisdom, laced with common sense & humour.

Richard Tucker
Head of Guidance
Saint Kentigern College

YVONNE'S BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT VIA CASH, EFTPOS & CC

Tahiti Trip

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

PURCHASE DRINKS & SNACKS PLUS RAFFLE

TICKETS \$2

WIN A GO-PRO!

Kindly donated by

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ENTRY

6.15 - 8.15PM

LONG BAY COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

LONG BAY COLLEGE



Planting Day – Long Bay Regional Park

20 May 2018

When Sunday 20 May 2018, 10.00am - Sunday 20 May 2018, 1.00pm
Where Long Bay Regional Park, Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland
Cost Free

Join rangers and volunteers and help us to keep Auckland green. We'll be planting trees grown by our volunteers from the nursery at Long Bay Regional Park.

Follow the signs to the meeting place and we'll lead you to the planting site. Spades and gloves will be provided but you might want to bring your own.

We'll provide fruit, cookies, tea and coffee and at lunchtime, we'll sizzle some sausages.

You'll get muddy but you'll be saving the planet!