

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers Kia Ora

The weather has shown some slight improvements and we are able to see the children enjoying the field more. The sunshade has been installed over the new Junior playground and the Senior sunshade has being repaired. The hexagon shade structure that was removed for the new playground is also being re-positioned in the Junior area. Regardless of all this shade I would still remind everyone to take on the responsibility to:

SLIP on a shirt, SLOP on sunscreen, SLAP on a hat and WRAP on some sunglasses

BOT COMMUNITY SURVEY

Next week the Board of Trustees will send out a survey to parents. The BOT want to collect feedback from parents to assist in their decision making and strategic planning. As in all schools, people will have differing ideas and ultimately it is in the Board's responsibility to take this into account when they make decisions. The more information they have, the more confident they can feel about making the best decision. Your views are important.

The survey will be sent out as a link in an email to parents – if you have recently changed your email please advise terrym@brownsbay.school.nz so our database can be updated. The survey will also be available on paper at the office. Your responses will remain confidential. The analysed information will be summarised in a written report to the Board.

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The BOT are asking questions on the culture, leadership and management, future directions and health topics.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

I would like to advise parents that there is a possibility of Principal and Teacher Industrial Action on Monday 12 November. The BOT will advise parents on whether or not the school will be open or closed. If the school is closed then you will need to organise your own care for children on that day.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2019

On November 5 each student will bring home a notice requesting your input into the classroom placement of your child in 2019.

The process takes several weeks with class lists drafted by the Leadership Team after input from the 2018 classroom teacher. For each class of children we consider:

- Social (where at all possible the child will be kept with at least one nominated member of their social group)
- Teaching/Learning Style an attempt is made to match the child with the teacher who will best facilitate their learning style
- · Age of the Child
- Academic level of the child
- Number of boys and girls
- Class placement in the previous year

Please understand that your information is considered as one part of a bigger picture. These notices can be returned to the classroom or Office.

SWARM OF BEES

Last week we had some interesting moments with a swarm of bees being rescued from under Room 7. An apiarist came to school and set up a new hive for the bees to move too. The swarm eventually moved and have now been relocated to a safe place.

The students coped very well with the event and the swarm proved to be really interesting to watch and very educational.





UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 4 is available on our website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday November 2 – Full School Assembly Y3 11.15am	Friday 2 November - Disco
Tuesday November 6 – Cluster Touch (save 8 Nov)	Wednesday 7 November – Whanau Meeting 7pm
Friday 9 November – Life Education begins	Friday 9 November – Year 2 Cultural Lunch
Monday 12 November – Strike Day (TBC)	Wednesday 14 November – Parent Session of Life Ed.
Wednesday 14 November – Loud Shirt Day (Mufti)	Wednesday 14 November - Waterwise
Thursday 15 November – BOT Meeting	Friday 23 November – Life Education finishes

SCHOOL EVENTS

BASKETBALL GOALS - DONATION

A huge thank you to Citywide Electrical for their generous donation and Eric Wahlstrom (grandfather of Clara and Ivy) who donated his time putting up our brand new senior basketball goals. These are a fantastic addition to our playground and will be enjoyed by children of all ages.





Congratulations to Cole Simkin, Caleb Heard and Campbell Bibbie for winning the Auckland Primary Schools Snowboarding Championships.

All 3 of our team scored consistently well in their runs earning them the top prize for

the school. They competed against a number of other schools with teams of much greater numbers.

A well-deserved result given the disappointment of the cancellation of the North Island Primary Schools Snowboarding event due to weather conditions.

Thanks to Victoria Simkin for organising the team.



LIFE EDUCATION

A visit from the Life Education Mobile Classroom has been arranged for our Year 0-5 students. The caravan will be on site from November 9th and until November 23rd. The Life Education programme encourages children to adopt a healthy lifestyle with an emphasis on the things children are able to do to look after themselves. It aims to help children develop respect, understanding and appreciation of the human body. A Life Education Trust educator will work with us to teach some of those important health ideas. The sophisticated technology and equipment of the

Harold's Souvenirs Plush Toy = \$20 Joke book = \$5

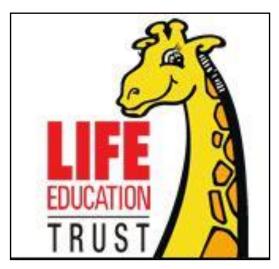
Notepads = \$3 Bookmark = 50cents

Badges = \$2_

Pen with pull-out banner = \$2



Also available - small plush toys for \$8 and keyrings for \$8



Life Education supplements and extends the resources that we are able to offer the children.

The <u>cost per child</u> to visit the Mobile Classroom will be <u>\$7.00</u>. Part of this cost covers a related workbook that is filled with valuable learning resources. Please forward the \$7.00 to class teachers as soon as possible or pay by KINDO. (Year 6 children will not be involved in this programme this year, due to the 'Choice' programme).

We would also like to invite parents to attend a special session of the Life Education Mobile Classroom to experience for yourselves the nature of activities your child/children will be involved in. This will offer opportunities for you to talk with your child at home about what they are learning.

We hope you can attend our meeting on **Wednesday 14 November at 2.30pm** in the caravan.

This year our educator will have merchandise available for sale i.e. Harold button badges and pens \$2.00, joke books \$5. Note pads \$3, bookmarks 50c and Harold toys \$20. These will be available from the caravan at 3pm daily or the children can take the money to their class teacher.

Loud Shirt Day

Loud shirt day is a mufti (non-uniform) day in aid of The Hearing House, which helps deaf kids to get used to hearing through their cochlear implant. An implant is a device to help profoundly deaf children to hear.

Loud Shirt Day is on Wednesday 14 November 2018.

Wear very bright clothes and accessories and bring a gold coin donation. This day is organised by Leilani Fair (Rm16), Sofia Bell-Syer (Rm16) and Jasmine Fair (Rm2) Jasmine has hearing loss and gets lots of help from The Hearing House, so we want to help them. Our target is \$500, which will fund specialised therapy for deaf children.



SCHOOL NOTICES

PLANT REMOVAL

Room 8 (Year 1 class) were quite sad last week when they came to school and saw that 15 strawberry plants had been removed from their garden. The plants that are planted outside rooms are planted with the children as part of their learning.





FOTS – Friends of the School

NEXT FOTS MEETING:

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 7:15PM, STAFF ROOM

Feel free to join us for our last meeting of the year. As always, everyone is welcome!

If you want to get in touch or help out, please contact us via email: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

MONSTER MASH DISCO!

Here's everything you need to know about Monster Mash Disco this Friday 2 November in the school hall:

Kids, get dressed up and bring cash, as we will have glow products, chips, lollies, chocolates, hair braiding, face paint, and more!

Sorry, but there will be NO door sales. Ticket sales have now closed and children will receive their ticket in class today/tomorrow. To speed up entry, please have them bring it along to disco (if they forget, their name will need to be checked off a list at the door). For those who ordered hotdogs, these can be collected from the kitchen once inside disco.



JUNIOR DISCO (Years 0-3): Drop off is at 5pm at the main entrance to the hall and pick up is at 6:30pm from within the hall. Once you have found your child, you will leave together through the side doors.

SENIOR DISCO (Years 4-6): Drop off is at 7pm at the main entrance to the hall and pick up is at 8:30pm from within the hall.

***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. Please see a staff member at the entrance to the hall for a sticker that will identify you as a Year 0/1 chaperone.

STUDENT ARTWORK CALENDARS & STATIONERY

Calendars and stationery have now been ordered and will be delivered to children in the next few weeks. If you purchased items, thank you so much for your support. Also, an enormous thank you to all BBS staff and FOTS' Christine Wilson for making this fundraiser happen. For any questions about your order, please contact Christine on 021 0320457.

JINGLE IS COMING: TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER!

In association with BBS students and staff, FOTS is excited to help bring you the end of year concert and celebration,

Jingle. Book this date in your family's diary now. Every child will perform a song with their year group to entertain family and friends at this early-evening, outdoor event. FOTS will be providing a variety of food and treat stalls.

As part of this event, we will have some amazing hampers up for grabs as raffles and silent auctions. If you have a business that would like to donate goods, services, experiences, or vouchers for one of these hampers, please get in touch: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

JINGLE JARS

Start saving your glass jars now for this annual Browns Bay School tradition! Every child is encouraged to decorate and donate a glass jar filled with treats and small new items. Children can then buy a Jingle Jar back at Jingle, with all funds raised being donated to the school. There will be a prize for the class that donates the most Jingle Jars. More information coming soon.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We are now accepting donations at the school office for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in term 1 2019.

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,

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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



Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

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Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan.

Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

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