



Browns Bay School

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

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Newsletter



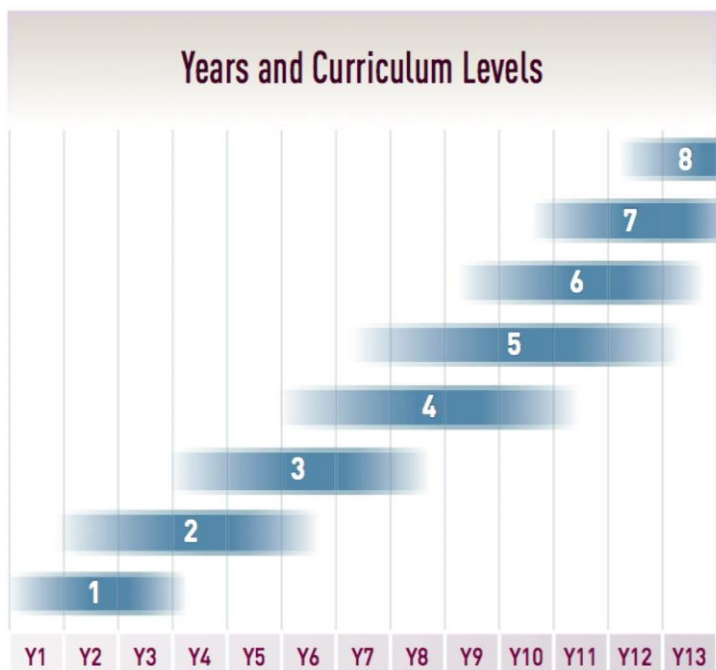
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers are writing End of Year reports and will then share them with the Senior Leadership Team for moderation. These reports will be sent home on Friday December 7 with the Data Booklets.

The reporting to parents on student achievement in relation to National Standards is no longer a requirement of our school reports. We are now reporting against the Curriculum levels as outlined in the NZ Curriculum. The chart below shows how the curriculum levels typically relate to years at school. These curriculum levels are shown on our progress graphs in our Data Booklets. The NZ Curriculum have always been a basis for the National Standards.



The achievement objectives in each of the Levels are broad statements yet there are specific tests in reading, writing and maths that support a teacher to make a judgement of a student's curriculum level (e.g. success at Reading Curriculum Level 3 is at 11 – 12 years based on a Probe reading test with a comprehension score of over 75%). The teacher judgements are shared with parents on the progress graphs.

The school report format for End of Year has remained the same as previous years.

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A change that our Year 1 to 3 parents will notice is that we no longer refer to the "end of one year" or "end of two years" or "end of three years" of schooling. The reports are based on the class level the children are in, therefore regardless of the length of time a child has been at school, they are either Year 1, 2 or 3.

eLEARNING PARENT MEETING

Browns Bay School endeavours to provide a modern learning environment for its students. A significant feature of a modern learning environment is having a strong e-learning programme. Our e-learning goal is that “students will become engaged and self-directed in a learning environment which effectively integrates ICT across the curriculum. We want our children to be connected to their learning, connected to their future, connected to their personal excellence and connected to their community”.

The Board has allocated significant funding to provide the programme for the students over the years. This has been highlighted by the continued upgrades to devices as well as maintaining the wireless network and migrating to cloud based servers. The use of Google Apps for Education has allowed a streamlined and managed system for our students to access a suite of publication apps.

We are gauging the interest of parents for a presentation on Wednesday 28th November at 7pm, via a google form sent out on Tuesday. At the meeting we will show eLearning practices from the classrooms. The meeting will cover e-Learning in the Curriculum, Google Applications for Education (GAfE) and Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) from Year 4.

BOT ELECTIONS

In 2019 the Board of Trustees election will be held in June across New Zealand. I would like to encourage parents to think about being on the Board to support the school community. All parents are welcome to attend Board meetings to view the processes and see what is involved. Board meetings for the rest of this year are:

Thursday 15 November (tonight)

Wednesday 13 December

The Board Meetings are held in the staffroom and start at 7.30pm. Board meeting dates are always set at the start of each year – when this is done they will be advertised.

PRINCIPAL SABBATICAL

In 2019 I have the privilege of being accepted for a TeachNZ Principal Sabbatical. The Primary Principals' Sabbatical is a period of 10 school weeks' leave to undertake professional learning and reflection. Each year there are only 105 sabbaticals available to principals and my application has been accepted to take a sabbatical in Term 1. I will be using the time to investigate modern learning designs for classrooms and how they could be used to ensure even better outcomes for student learning. During my sabbatical Jo Hewitt will take over my role and lead the school with the support of the teachers and Board.

Peter Mulcahy

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.

Thursday 15 November – BOT 7.30pm	Tuesday 20 November – Y6 Rainbows End
Wednesday November 21 – Life Education ends	Friday November 23 – Onepoto Festival
Friday November 23 – Full School Assembly	Tuesday 27 November – BOT Parent Helpers
Wednesday 28 November – BYOD Evening	Thursday 29 November – Cluster Athletics
Friday 30 November – Year 5 Trip	Tuesday 4 December - Jingle
Wednesday 5 December – Year 2 Trip	Thursday 6 December – Y6 Helpers BBQ
Thursday 6 December – Jingle (save)	Friday 7 December – Reports home
Friday 7 December – Y2 Trip (save)	Monday 10 December – Yr 1 and 2 Decoration Day
Tuesday 11 December – Y6 Graduation	Wednesday 12 December – BOT Meeting
Friday 14 December – Final Assembly	Friday 14 December – School closes 1pm
2019 School Year starts – February 4th	

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER STARS

At the last full school assembly, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

YEAR 0/1 TEAM – Finley Brown 8, Jennifer Wang 9, Leo Xu 10, Abril Mana 11, Casper Kent 12, Alex Smith 13

YEAR 2 TEAM – Cooper Smith 4, Justin Park 5, Sofia Klun 6, Judd Smith 7

YEAR 3 TEAM – Jayden Jones 1, Alexa O’Sullivan 2, Liam Barber 3, Olive Brien 14, Emmerson Eslick 15

YEAR 4 TEAM – Chloe Kim 24, Emily Armes 25, Ruby Wandler 27, Henry Swift 28

YEAR 5 TEAM – Connan Cong 16, Faith Mead 17, Brody Donald 22, Reina Lin 23

YEAR 6 TEAM – Jay Strang 18, Paige Farquhar 19, Jessica Emery 20, Maia Lee 21

VALUES CUP – Samantha Coleman 20

ARTS AWARD – Jessica Emery 20, Lauren Copeland 21

ACHIEVEMENT CUP – Michael Yang 21

SERVICE TO SCHOOL – Grace Hirst 18

SPORTS CUP – Girls Rippa - Team 1

Eliana Heard 18, Maeve Lockett 21, Keira Labuschagne 20, Sienna Bell 20, Katelyn Boyce 18, Gabriella Jantke 21, Ruby McDonald 19, Ella Waterman 17, Ava Oshana 22, Gemma Agar 16, Madison Taelima 17, Brooke Gillespie 17

SPORTSMANSHIP CUP – BBS Snowboarding Team

Cole Simkin 21, Caleb Heard 18, Campbell Bibbie 17



Loud Shirt Day

Yesterday was a great success, mostly everyone dressed up and we fundraised \$832.40 for The Hearing House to help deaf children and their families. Everyone had lots of fun, there was a lot of thought put into those outfits!

As well as collecting money, we also collected stick on earrings, money from different countries and Anzac money!!

On behalf of The Hearing House and children like Jasmine with hearing loss and their families, we would like to give a **huge** thank you to Browns Bay School for letting this mufti day go ahead.



By Leilani, Sofia and Jasmine :)



ROOM 8 GARDEN

Room 8 is smiling again!

In the last newsletter you may remember a story about some strawberry plants being taken out of Room 8's garden. After reading this story two parents, Martyn Fair and Gill Bonnett, very kindly asked if they could help. Room 8 said yes please! So Martyn went to Chris at the Browns Bay Mitre 10, explained what happened, and Chris very generously donated 15 strawberry plants and a bag of plant mix. On Tuesday 6th November, Martyn and Fiona who are volunteer fire fighters, arrived at school in their fire truck with the strawberry plants. Everyone helped to plant and then Martyn let us water the plants in with the hose from his fire truck! Very exciting! Thank you so much! We are looking forward to caring for our strawberry plants and maybe eating some if the birds don't get them first! Look out for an article about this story in the North Shore Times Advertiser soon! Thank you to everyone involved.



YOUNG OCEAN EXPLORERS

At the end of Week 1 this term, BBS students were lucky enough to be visited by Steve Hathaway (BBC underwater cameraman and creator of Young Ocean Explorers). He presented to our students as part of his Young Ocean Explorers Information Roadshow. Steve shared many amazing photos and videos of his ocean explorations! He also spoke about his website www.youngoceanexplorers.com which has fantastic information, videos and fun activities for children about ocean creatures and conservation. Steve has a book available online at <https://www.youngoceanexplorers.com/shop> Any book orders will be delivered to school with your child's name on it.



SCHOOL NOTICES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday November 27th at 10.30am the Board of Trustees is hosting a morning tea in the school hall to acknowledge and thank the wonderful Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and friends that contribute to our school over the year. If you have been involved in a sports team through coaching or managing, been a regular classroom helper, supported our school library, are involved in FOTs etc, please join us in the hall.

To those who are unable to make it, please accept our thanks for your valuable contribution to the success of our school.

Board of Trustees



OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2019 – POLICE VETS

As most of you will be aware the school runs a very extensive Outdoor Education Programme, incorporating a sequential skill development programme, from Years 1 -6. As an added safety precaution the Board of Trustees has a policy in place requiring all parents who stay overnight at any of our Year 4 -6 camps to undergo a Police Vet. It is vital that we have parent support at our camps, both during the day and overnight. Without this support these programmes will not be able to take place.

If there is any possibility that you might be considering staying overnight at any Year 4, 5 or 6 camp in 2019 could you please contact the school office and we will send the relevant documentation to you.

(If you have previously been vetted by the school, you will be notified if your vet is no longer valid).



OUTDOOR EDUCATION DATES FOR 2019

Year 0, Year 1, Year 2 – Outdoor Education – Friday 8th March (Save 15 March)

Year 3 – Outdoor Education – Wednesday 8th May and Thursday 9th May

Year 4 Camp – Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May and Monday 20th May – Tuesday 21st May

Year 5 Camp – Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March and Wednesday 27th March – Friday 29th March

Year 6 Camp – Monday 11th March – Wednesday 13th March

BOT COMMUNITY SURVEY

A link to this survey was sent out by email on Thursday 8th November. The survey remains open until Monday 19 November. If you prefer a paper copy they are available in the Office. If you have lost the link then please contact bbs@brownsbay.school.nz.



SCHOOL POOL

The pool is currently undergoing testing in preparation for the 2018/2019 season. A School Pool Card notice has gone out to all families with information about purchasing a pool card for the summer.

FOTS – Friends of the School

LAST FOTS MEETING OF 2018:

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 7:15PM, STAFF ROOM

We've made excellent progress this year with our fundraising for shade, and already the junior playground is benefiting from wonderful new shade sails – thank you for your support in creating a great environment at BBS! However, we haven't finished yet!! The Ministry of Education does not fund shade, so it comes down to fundraising to protect our children from the harsh sun. We still need more people to get involved in the planning of next year's events and activities so we can finish the shade projects around school. So come along and have your say, share your ideas, and meet a great group of parents.

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

JINGLE: 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. Every child will perform a song with their year group at this early-evening, outdoor event. FOTS will provide a variety of food and treat stalls, starting at 4:30pm. Performances start at 6pm and all family and friends are invited. We will need volunteers to help with setting up and managing stalls, so please look out for a notice in homepacks this week.

JINGLE SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES

We would LOVE your support!! As part of Jingle this year, FOTS is holding a Silent Auction and Raffle to help get your Christmas presents sorted!



We are putting together hampers with the following themes: Wine and Dine, Family Fun/Kids, Health and Fitness, Fashion and Beauty, Golf, House and Garden.

This is where you can help! Do you own, work for, or know someone who would like to donate a prize to add to one of the themed hampers? Think product, voucher, service, or experience. All money raised goes towards creating more wonderful shade around the school. If you have a prize to donate, please contact Sarah Sheeran on slsheeran@gmail.com.

JINGLE JARS

Every year at Jingle, we sell lucky-dip novelty jars and they've become a BBS tradition! We're asking each student to decorate and donate a lidded glass jar of any size filled with fun, NEW and UNUSED items, such as small toys, stationery, marbles, hair accessories, arts and crafts, \$2 shop items, beads, stickers, and a small amount of lollies (nut free please). Jingle Jars will be collected in class from Mon 19 Nov until Mon 3 Dec.

CLASS PRIZE: The class that donates the most Jingle Jars will win a special treat!

MONSTER MASH DISCO

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Monster Mash Disco. We hope you had a great night and enjoyed the new DJ. With your support, Disco raised over \$3,000 for the school! A big thank you to the parents/caregivers and staff who volunteered their time to decorate the hall and help out on the night, and to our FOTS volunteers who put the event together – Christine Wilson, Holly Thomas, Amy van der Loo, Rebecca Gourlay, and Jacky Carr.

GET READY FOR SUMMER SWIMMING

Make sure your child's swimming gear comes back home this summer. Pick up some durable and cost-effective name labels from Precious Labels: <https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/?aff=BBSFOTS> Remember to enter 'Browns Bay School' in the Notes box on the Checkout page and you will be supporting FOTS as well!

UNIFORM DONATIONS

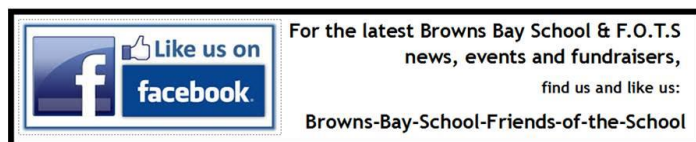
Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We are now accepting donations at the school office for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in term 1 2019.

STUDENT ARTWORK CALENDARS & STATIONERY

Final orders have now been placed. You should be receiving your calendars and stationery in class very soon. For any questions, please contact Christine on 021 0320457.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

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



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

