



26 March 2020
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

I hope everyone managed to get organised for our “stay at home” period. I must admit I did a last minute drive to school (before midnight) to get my computer keyboard that I had left on my desk at school.

I will be at home over the next few weeks with my wife Julie, who is also learning how to work as a teacher off site. We are sharing the house with our son William who is busy working on Year 13 NCEA projects. We also have Sylvia, our daughter, and her fiancé Simon with us. The photo above is of the large tree in our back yard with our dog Tess. Tess is going to keep me fit taking her for walks and the tree is a holiday project to prune. I will aim to not fall out of the tree!



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This morning has been spent finalising my new work space (shown above) and making sure I can communicate on line with our teachers. Jo Hewitt, Jacky Carr and I had our first off site “Zoom” conference which went really well when we stopped talking at the same time.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Browns Bay School teachers will be using the term **DISTANCE LEARNING** for the learning programme children will be completing while they are at home. Our Distance Learning programme for Term 2 will be emailed and shared by teachers on April 15. This will be in the form of a grid with activities for all curriculum areas. The activities are a mix of web-based and practical tasks. The tasks provide a choice and not all activities need to be done

This is a huge change for us as teachers and we know some things will work well and others will not be so great; please be patient and work alongside our teachers. If you have any questions next term please contact your child’s teacher by email or Seesaw.

To help prepare for this it would be helpful if you:

- **Check you have replied to your child's teachers emails to confirm your email**
- Have an area set aside for the children with equipment they may need (e.g. pencil, paper, pens, devices)
- Sort out a device for them to use (if you have more than one child needing a computer you may need to organise a timetable).
- Set a schedule with your child – they will not need to work from 9 am to 3pm. The schedule could be specific times through the day or a block in the morning.
- Organise breaks and physical activity during the day.

Teachers will be aiming to “catch up” with children on a regular basis over the weeks using various online communication methods (e.g. seesaw).

We will be sending out more details before April 15

WELLBEING

[Talking to Children about Covid-19](#)

The next few weeks will be a time when we need to consider everyone's well-being and be kind to each other. The website link provides really good information on ways anxiety around COVID-19 can be addressed with children.

Please remember to look after each other at home and if you need help reach out to someone.



BUILDING WORK

At the last Board of Trustees meeting the Board approved the expenditure of Accelerated Modernisation Funds (\$200 000) and School Improvement funds (\$400 000) on projects around the school. These two funds are Ministry of Education budgets that must be spent on Property projects around the school.

The Accelerated Modernisation Fund can only be spent on modernising the school buildings. This money will be used to fund the development of deck and canopy outside Rooms 1 to 6 (Room 7 area needs to be free for Emergency vehicle access). These classrooms have been identified as small rooms and this project will allow the students an outdoor learning area. An architect has been contracted to draft the plans.

The School Improvement Fund is for any other Property projects and was announced by the Prime Minister last year. The projects identified by the Board are:

- Contingency for AMS project
- External bag bays outside Rooms 8 to 11
- Canopy outside Room 26
- Shade cover over Middle school playground
- Shade cover over Senior school playground

This will leave money left over that the Board will allocate to further projects yet to be decided.

Regards

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 27 March – Term 1 finishes	Wednesday 15 April – Term 2 starts
Monday 25 April – ANZAC Day	

SCHOOL EVENTS

SUPER STARS

Last week I visited all the classes and presented the School Certificates, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

YEAR 0/1 TEAM - Sam Morris 8, Charles Archvarin 9, Victor Chen 10, Felicia Yu 11, Charlie Ryu 12

YEAR 2 TEAM - Radhika Bhatt 3, Brian Kim 4, Rudhran Sathiyamoorthy 5, Zaid Saqqa 6, Liam Bezuidenhoudt 7

YEAR 3 TEAM - Charlie Thorely 13, Harshath Bisht 14, Sydney Eliasson 15, Camila Piantelli 26

YEAR 4 TEAM - Isabella Hu 24, Eden Findlay 25, Shawe Feng 27, Phoenix Eketone Tekanaka 28

YEAR 5 TEAM - Daniel Booysen 16, Lexi White 17, Taya Dos Santos David 22, Joes St Johanser 23

YEAR 6 TEAM - Andy Huang 18, Lily Elst 19, Tehya Harris 20, Zoe Rhind 21

ACHIEVEMENT CUPS - Samantha Ridgley Rm 22, Bella Prajogo Rm23

SPORTS CUP - Cody Yang Rm 16, Kota Matsuno Rm 16

VALUES AWARD - Daniel Tennant Rm 21

YEAR 1 WHITEBAIT STUDY

Whakamana te maunga

Whakamana te wai

He mauri o ngā tangata

Ngā mea katoa he pai

If we look after the water from the mountains to the sea,
It will look after us
It is our life force



The Year 0 and Year 1 children enjoyed learning about showing respect for our water and looking after our environment.



WORM FARM

Last week Room 26 made a big, exciting worm farm at school. We made it because we want to save the environment and stop pollution. First Mr Mike brought the gigantic, enormous box into our classroom. It was as big as a cow! This made me feel very excited and happy. Then we constructed the magnificent worm farm! I knew it was going to be awesome because I love watching fantastic worms. The next day we put on the cotton bedding, soil, newspaper and cardboard layers. I loved helping put in the amazing cotton fibres! After that we put in the small, gross worms. It was so exciting! A few minutes later we put in the dirty food scraps. We put these in to feed the worms. Finally we let the worms happily settle into their cool, amazing and new home! I felt joyful because we were finished! My favourite part was putting in the dirty worms!

By Anika Guthrie, Room 26



SCHOOL NOTICES

PLAYGROUND

Please note that the school has signs at all entrances asking people to stay off site while we are in lockdown. The MOE have advised:

Schools are closed

After 11.59pm Wednesday, **no one** is to go on site to schools during the lockdown. If there is an emergency Police and/or Fire services will respond.

FOTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NEXT FOTS MEETING: POSTPONED

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL, 7pm, STAFF ROOM

This meeting is postponed and a new date set when we return to school

FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with BBS? For news, photos, updates, and event information, go to: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Monday, 23 March 2020

To the Principal

The purpose of this communication is to inform you and your community about the changes in service delivery for the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service) in response to Covid-19.

The wellbeing of our community is paramount, and therefore our service will only be providing essential dental care for children. If a child is in pain or there are urgent concerns about their teeth, we request their parent/caregiver phones [phone number of open clinic].

Our vans and Transportable Dental Units have been closed. We have limited fixed clinics open, including some on school sites.

Our service is following the Ministry of Health and Dental Council recommendations for personal and protective equipment and infection control measures. All children and their families/whanau receive screening questions in relation to potential risk of Covid-19 at times of booking and confirmation of urgent appointments.

All other previously booked non-essential dental appointments have been postponed. Parents/caregivers have been notified via phone call and/or text message. We will be in contact with parents/caregivers when our appointment books re-open to reschedule these appointments.

If you or your community have any queries, please phone the Clinical Team Leader of your area (contact details provided in the table below). If you have any additional concerns, please contact our service's Covid-19 Leads Operations Manager Patsy Prior (021 571 620) or Acting Clinical Director Dr Kirsten Miller (021 968 346).

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Kind regards,

Children's Community Dental Service.

Geographical area	Clinical Team Leader's Name	Contact number
Silverdale, Whangaparoa, Warkworth, Wellsford, Forrest Hill and East Coast Bay	Roberta Blair-Stilwell	021 719 181
Glenfield, Albany, Birkenhead, Belmont and Takapuna	Vikky Jang	021 968 975