



31 August 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### BOARD NOTICE

Tēnā koutou,

As the time draws nearer to Principal Peter Mulcahy's retirement, I wanted to provide you with a comprehensive update on the progress we have made in this transition period.

Over the past two months, the Board of Trustees has been collaborating with The Education Group. Recognized nationwide for their proficiency, the consulting team has been assisting us in several key areas, including defining the hiring process, establishing selection criteria, crafting advertisements, refining candidate filtering mechanisms, and setting forth interview procedures. Their guidance and expertise have been invaluable to us as we move forward.

A sincere mihi to everyone who participated in our three surveys sent out to teachers and staff, students, and the wider community. The response rate exceeded our expectations, indicating the genuine concern and interest our community has in this transition. The heartfelt comments and thoughtful suggestions we received have played a crucial role in shaping our selection and advertising strategies. We've thoroughly documented, summarized, and incorporated these responses to ensure that the voice of our community reverberates in our decisions.

We're happy to announce that the draft of the Principal Application Pack and our advertisements are near completion. By mid-September, they will be made available online and will also be featured in nationwide publications.

October will be dedicated to reviewing applications, conducting reference checks, and finalizing our shortlist. By November, we plan to complete the interview rounds and conclude our hiring process. This timeline ensures that we have the entirety of Term 1, 2024, to facilitate a structured, well-orchestrated transition, allowing the incoming principal ample time to integrate and align with our school's ethos and values. We are grateful for the continued support and engagement from our community. Together, we look forward to welcoming a new chapter in our school's history while upholding the standards and traditions set by Principal Mulcahy.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Jin Feng  
Presiding Member

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### **DAFFODIL DAY**

On behalf of the Cancer Society, I would like to thank the school community for supporting Daffodil Day last week. We were delighted to be able to contribute \$1066 to the Society from the Browns Bay School community. More details and photos below.



### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)**

Over the past two weeks the students have been learning about friendship. You might like to ask them about how they can make and keep friends. This week our lesson is all about showing empathy. We think this is an important life skill for all of our students to develop. Having someone show empathy can make a huge difference to the way a student feels and copes when things don't go to plan.

*School Uniforms* - We continue to notice an increase in the number of students taking pride and wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you for supporting this.

Our focus is now on students wearing:

- School trousers (rather than tracksuit pants etc). Here's the link to the uniform website: [www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/north-shore/browns-bay-school](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/north-shore/browns-bay-school)
- Plain black, white or navy blue tights
- Plain black, white or navy blue socks

Can you please support your child to wear the correct school uniform every day.

### **OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT 2024 APPLICATIONS**

It has been great to receive the new student enrolments for 2024 from our local families. If you do know of any families with school age children in 2024 – please encourage them to enrol in their local school. It is really important for schools to have those numbers now so they can plan for 2024 classes.

The student enrolments have allowed the Board to invite out of zone enrolment applications from parents who wish to enrol their children for next year. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office or on the school website. Applications can be made through the Browns Bay School website.

The Board has determined that the following out of zone places are available for 2024.

Year 0 - 2: 25 places in total

Year 4 - 5 places

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 11 October. If necessary, the Ballot will take place on Wednesday 18 October.

### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Disco - Friday night is our FOTS Disco with a Circus theme.** Some reminders for the evening:

- Room 10 parents can attend the Disco otherwise only staff and FOTS helpers will be in the Hall
- Ensure there is an adult to collect the children from the Hall at the end of the Disco

**Photos - Next Tuesday and Wednesday is Individual, Class and Sibling photos.** Some reminders:

- Children must be in correct uniform with sensible socks and shoes
- A comb is a useful item for the older children
- Sibling photos will be taken on the Wednesday, please complete the sibling form and return to the school office

### **STAFF NEWS**

Katrina Taylor has been appointed to be the teacher for Room 5 for Term 4. Katrina has been a teacher at Browns Bay School over the past few years and is very aware of our expectations and processes. Katrina and Tanya will be working together over the next few weeks, so the transition is as smooth as possible.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL



## UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 3 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 01 September – FOTS Disco (Circus Theme)	Tuesday 05 September – Class and Individual Photos
Tuesday 05 September – Maori Whanau Hui – 6pm - Staffroom	Wednesday 06 September – Sibling Photos
Thursday 14 September – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm - Staffroom	Monday 18 September – Pipiwhararao Festival
Tuesday 19 September -Thursday 21 September - Launch! Production week	Friday 22 September – Term 3 Ends 3pm
Monday 09 October – Term 4 starts	Wednesday 11 October – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom

### LAUNCH! UPDATE

The billboard is up and ticket sales are imminent so we are well and truly progressing towards our Week 10 performances. It is so exciting to be back in the 'Production' groove after so long. Thanks for the support we've had so far - the costumes coming in are looking great and add to the excitement levels. There will be a further update in the next few days for families of our performers. Here are some photos from Week 6 rehearsals which show our various Arts groups in action in our Thursday and Friday afternoon workshops. That's it for now...more to follow. BBS Production team.

## LAUNCH!



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### SUPERSTARS

At the recent school assemblies, the following pupils received certificates for their achievements:



**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Nolan Li R7, Evelyn Scott R7, Flynn McGregor R8, Rosa Yoon R8, Dylan Haerewa-Kite R9, Wanjiku Gitau R9, Ryder Rayward R10, Abby Weldon R10, Mira Mostert R11, Nerissa Huang R11

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Nathan Lu R1, Esme Goodinson R1, Will Packer R2, Laurel Haerewa-Kite R2, Leo Hulton R3, Maddie Wilson R3, Amelia Petzer R4, Ethan Xu R4, Louise Jin R5, Jax Chase R5

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - Elsa Shi R14, Mason Du Plessis R14, Lian Kim R15, Susie Chen R15, Angie Shang R16, William Li R16, Rhyss Daroy R17, McKenzie Verrell R17

**VALUES AWARD** - Vani Patel R15

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Luca Spangenberg R30, Jorja Taylor R30, Toby Barrett R31, Charlie Ryu R31, Theo Corbett R32, Stephanie Gray R32, Margarita Qiao R33, Stanley Huang R33

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Charlie Bissett R18, Joy Yu R18, Alhena Scott R19, Liam Bezuidenhoudt R19, Gabriella D'Aguiar-Sanders R20, Yuni Kim R20, Nora Abbas R21, Emma George R21

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Carlos Zhang R24, Anica Pietersen R24, Ryan Lau R25, Norah Bell R25, Chenxi Jiao R26, Summer Zhang R26, Sammy Sutton R27, Ellie Jang R27

**VALUES AWARD** - Anica Pietersen R24

**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - William Keesing R25, Olivia Chen R27

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL** – Rafe Sykes R25

**ARTS AWARD** - Gabriella D'Aguiar-Sanders R20, Minnow Parkinson R19

**SPORTS CUPS** - Annalise Edmonds R24, Tyler Baker R25







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## Travelwise!

Our School is a Gold Travelwise school!

This means we are recognised for encouraging our students to use sustainable transport. We encourage you to walk your children to and from school.

### The benefits include:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours!)
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn
- Keeps the school area clear of parked cars and traffic hold ups
- Helps your child to become familiar with their community and to learn road sense skills
- Saves you money spent on petrol
- Helps you and your children meet other community members

We also welcome older children using bikes however a bike license is required. Please see the school office for information on this. Younger children may use scooters however they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.





## **DAFFODIL DAY**

Browns Bay School shines bright on Daffodil Day!

In a vibrant sea of yellow, Browns Bay School came together to celebrate Daffodil Day with enthusiasm and compassion. Our students donned their sunniest outfits, spreading warmth and hope throughout the school.

We are thrilled to announce that our school community's collective efforts have raised \$1066 for the Cancer Society. This incredible contribution will go a long way in supporting those affected by cancer.

Thank you to all our students, parents, and staff for their fantastic spirit and generosity. Your dedication to making a difference is truly inspiring. Let's continue to stand together, supporting important causes and nurturing the spirit of giving within our school.





## **SPORTS NEWS**

Browns Bay School has had some outstanding success and results recently at the many Super Cluster Sports events that have taken place this Term. A huge congratulations to the following teams:

### **Super Cluster Netball - Year 6 Champions - 1st Place**



### **Super Cluster Mixed Hockey Team - 3rd Place**



### **Super Cluster Football Team – Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



### **Super Cluster Football Team – Girl's 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**





## Super Cluster Basketball – Boys Champions 1<sup>st</sup> Place



## Super Cluster Basketball – Girl's 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### **TRAFFIC CONCERNS – MASTERTON ROAD**

Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road – there are a number of parents who are crossing with their children by the entrance to the staff carpark. This is dangerous and is setting a very poor example for the children.

#### **STUDENT HEALTH**

I would like to ask parents to check children are wearing appropriate clothes and shoes to school. The weather has been changing quite rapidly over the day and it can be quite cold in the playground during breaks.

It may not be related to the weather but we are noticing a number of children coming into the sick bay with coughs and colds. Our sick bay is not built to look after students so parents will be called to collect their children if they appear unwell at school.



#### **CLASS INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS**

Photolife Studios will be in the school on Tuesday 05 September and Wednesday 06 September to take the annual school photos. Class and individual photos will be taken on Tuesday, and sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday. All children will have an individual photo taken.

When the photos are ready for printing the children will bring home a unique photo shoot key. This key will need to be used by parents to view and purchase photos on-line.

More information will be sent home next week.



#### **SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB**

Parents wanting to order scholastic books, to do so online by Monday 04 September.

There will be no cash orders at school.

Online Book orders: [www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP)

Magazine Issue 6 went out last week.



### FOTS – Friends of the School



For the latest Browns Bay School & F.O.T.S  
news, events and fundraisers,

find us and like us:

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## CIRCUS DISCO - FRIDAY 01 September - Sales closed.

Tickets will be coming home with your kids by Friday. Please bring the ticket along on the night to help speed up entry.

### Junior Disco Years 0-3

- 5 pm - 6.30 pm

### Senior Disco Years 4-6

- 7pm- 8.30 pm

Bring some extra \$\$\$ cash \$\$\$ for cupcakes, candy floss, chips, balloons and hair extensions.

Please note that ticket sales have closed on Kindo and there are **no door sales**.

No parents are allowed to stay inside the hall, exceptions for new Year 0 parents.

Thank you to all the friends and families that have volunteered to help out at the disco, it's really appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all Friday night!

## ARTWORK CALENDAR & STATIONERY



### Ordering will open in Term 4

Our children have created some amazing artwork that will be made into calendars and stationery for 2024.

Available to purchase are calendars, A5 diaries, card sets, mouse mats, A5 blank notebooks.

These items make great Christmas gifts, plus your purchase will help towards our fundraising project for more shade cover around Browns Bay School.

## JINGLE AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

**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! This is where you can help! Do you own or work for a business that would like to donate a product, voucher, service, or experience to the Silent Auction or Raffle? If you have a prize to donate, please get in touch: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any uniform items that you would like to donate to FOTS? We will be accepting donations at the school office **from Term 4 (please don't bring them before then)** for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in Term 1 2024.

## CONTACT FOTS

If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more, please email [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz) , or find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)

Please come along to our next monthly meeting **Wednesday 11th October at 7 pm** in the staff room. All are welcome.

## FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with Browns Bay School? For news, photos, updates and event information, search [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)





Sept-Oct Holidays

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\*Based on the maximum subsidy rate as of April 2023.



### Key Dates

#### Holiday Bookings Open

28th August

#### School Holiday Schedule Planner

Available from  
28th August

#### Sept-Oct School Holidays

25th September  
- 6th October



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