



12 October 2023  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia Ora

I would like to welcome the families of new students who have enrolled at Browns Bay School this term, in particular, our “new” New Entrants in Room 12 with Stephanie Swart. I would also like to welcome Tanya Sheppard into her new role as Associate Principal.

### PĪPĪWHARAUROA FESTIVAL ARTWORK AWARD

At the recent Pīpīwharau Festival at Rangitoto College, the piece of Artwork presented by a group of 12 Year 4 students led by Kylie Engleback, received the School Art Award (Photo above). The Festival was a culmination of an innovative programme within the Mid Bays Kāhui Ako (COL) to authentically weave Mātauranga Māori across our curriculum in Term 3.

### TERM 4

Term 4 finishes on Thursday 14 December at 1pm and between now and then we have a busy educational programme for your children.

This term the schoolwide topic is Health and Social Sciences, **Choice / Kia Kaha – diversity**, being proud of yourself: **We need to understand, and celebrate, the differences in our cultures**. The various Year teams will be looking at this topic in different ways – these will be shared with you through team newsletters. Other upcoming events happening across the school this term are Athletics, Travelwise week, Waterwise and Jingle. The Life Education Van with Charlie and Harold has arrived and will be with us for the next four weeks.

Term 4 is a very important term for a school as it is a time where we review student’s progress and achievement in preparation for reporting to parents. It is important that children attend school regularly so teachers have the time to get a valid and accurate assessment of where your child is at.

**Reminder:** **Labour Day holiday** is **Monday 23 October** and school will be closed  
**Teacher Only Day** is **Monday 13 November** and school will be closed

**Dates to Remember**

### MOVE-A-THON

On Monday, we will be launching our Browns Bay School Move-a-thon fundraiser to promote fitness and to get everyone moving. We are raising funds to upgrade, repair and create new essential sports areas for our school. The Browns Bay School Move-a-thon will run for three weeks, culminating in the Dance Fix challenge and an “active wear” mufti day on Thursday 02 November!

You will be sent an email explaining how to sign up for a fundraising profile for your child(ren).

We have partnered with Go Raise It to run our fundraising platform and we have some great fundraising spot prizes up for grabs – details on the school website. Thanks for your support!

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

As we begin the final Term for this year our PB4L lessons will focus on 'Having a can-do attitude.' It is an important life skill to develop the ability to give things a go even if they seem hard at first. Have a chat with your child about times when you've had to have a can-do attitude.

Next week's lesson is a reminder about when and why we wear hats. In Term 4 hats are compulsory (from Labour weekend onwards). Please ensure that your child has a school hat in their bag every day. If they need to wear a non-uniform hat for a day or two, please email or send a note to their teacher to let them know. School hats can be purchased from:

[www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/north-shore/browns-bay-school](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/north-shore/browns-bay-school) or the school office.

Thank you for your support.



## **'LAUNCH!'**



Well, after a stellar run in the last week of Term 3, we are well and truly back down to Earth! Our Term 3 Arts focus had us working hard to learn new skills in all four disciplines. Our teacher-coaches worked tirelessly to give all our students the tools they needed to achieve their artistic goals. It was so gratifying to perform to a packed hall each night and for our students to really experience the enormous 'buzz' of collaborative performance. Who knows where this experience will take our talented students?

It was wonderful for us to have the writer of 'Launch' in the front row of our audience with her family on Thursday night. How often do performers have the privilege of playing to the show's creator? We hope you are all enjoying the digital link to the professional filming of the show. We hope you enjoy many hours of viewing, and being able to share the show with others who were unable to be there on performance nights. Thanks again for all the practical and moral support we received throughout the term and for the positive feedback which has been much appreciated. We look forward to our next Arts focus term with eager anticipation!

I would like to acknowledge the team of people required to put such a Production together. They were the parents, staff and support crew who worked tirelessly giving up their own personal time to organise all the thousands of little and not so little jobs that go into a Production of this size and calibre. This team was amazing! I would like to especially acknowledge Karen Warren (Producer and Musical Director) and Carrie Jackson (Assistant Producer) who gave the "students the chance to experience the 'buzz' of performance!



## **NEW ZEALAND ELECTION**

This weekend Browns Bay School Hall will have a polling station for the General Election from 9am to 7pm. I would encourage children to avoid the school on Saturday as it could be busy.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL






## UPCOMING EVENTS


A full schedule of events for Term 4 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 13 October – Y0-3 Assembly – 9.45am – School Hall (Year 1 Hosting)	Friday 13 October Y4-6 Assembly – 11.30am – School Hall (Year 5 Hosting)
Saturday 14 October: NZ Election – please note the Browns Bay School Hall will be used as a Voting Station on this day – 9am-7pm	Thursday 19 October – New Zealand Shakeout Earthquake Drill – 9.30am
Monday 23 October – Labour Day (School Closed)	Thursday 26 October – Football Kids NZ - ( Y1-4)
Thursday 02 November – Move-a-thon Mufti Day – Active Wear	Monday 13 November – Teacher Only Day (School Closed)



# Travelwise Week

## 16 - 20 October



Join in the fun and use sustainable transport for the **WHOLE** week!

Use sustainable transport with your friends, family and even your neighbours! Sustainable transport is walking or you can park and walk from the drop points or use your bike or scooter. Please encourage your friends to travel with you or meet your neighbours... remember, safety in numbers!



Collect a minimum of 4 stickers and you will be invited to the 'BBS movies' in the hall on a date to be advised... BUT you do need to get a sticker for 4 out of 5 days from your teacher if you came to school by sustainable transport. You will have a special certificate to collect your stickers and that will then be your movie pass! It's really that easy!!!

Teachers walk - Join the teachers to walk to school. That's right, the teachers are going to walk to school with you! Teachers will be at the following points to walk to school with you on Wednesday 18 October from the following points:

- Corner of Mirwill Rd and Hyde road
- Testing station, Corner of Beach Rd and Browns Bay Rd
- Corner Sandown Rd and Korotaha Tce
- Corner of Philson Tce and Browns Bay Road

Friday 20 October Buddy walk Mufti Day. We would like you to buddy up with 1, 2 or 3 ... or more people! Dress all the same or be a dynamic duo like Batman and Robin or Mickey and Minnie or twins... you could just choose to all wear the same colour!

Guess the shoes competition Visit the library window to see all the teachers shoes. Use the entry form to "guess which shoes belong to each teacher" There will be prizes for the most correct answers in each year level.



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### NETBALL

In addition to our last newsletter, here are some more photos of our fabulous Netball Teams who had some great results in the winter season. Well done everyone!

Year 2 Ferns – 2<sup>nd</sup> In Matai Grade Pinehurst

Year 3 Red Stars – 1<sup>st</sup> in A Grade Pinehurst

Year 3 Rockets – 1<sup>st</sup> in C Grade Pinehurst

Year 5/6 Superstars – 2<sup>nd</sup> in D Grade Pinehurst

Year 4 Mavericks – Sportsmanship Award Pinehurst

Term 4 Spring Teams have all been registered and start on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.



## ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to all of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who challenged themselves by sitting the ICAS exams this year. They have shown our Browns Bay School values of Whai Whakaaro (Inquiring Minds) and Tu Rangatira (Personal Excellence). This year our students were offered the following exams: Digital Technologies, Science, English and Mathematics. A total of 82 children took part in at least one of these exams.

We would like to especially acknowledge those children who achieved a Distinction (top 90th percentile across all children their age in New Zealand) or a High Distinction (top 99th percentile for children their age).



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES		
	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Kaiyi Cao Victor Chen	Agnes Jun Margarita Qiao
Yr 5	Ryan Deng Grace Gao Jerry Luo Rocky Meng	
Yr 6	Austin Jiang William Keesing Ryan Lau Rafe Sykes	

ENGLISH		
	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Kaiyi Cao Victor Chen Agnes Jun Audrey Li Charlie Yang Eileen Zhang	Margarita Qiao Leah Wang
Yr 5	Ryan Deng Ella Gao Eric Liu Jerry Luo	Rocky Meng
Yr 6	Max Andrews William Keesing Aaron Yang	Olivia Chen

MATHS		
	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Margarita Qiao Charlie Yang Qiansong Zhang	Victor Chen Agnes Jun Leah Wang
Yr 5	Euan Kim Eric Liu Jerry Luo Rocky Meng	Ryan Deng
Yr 6	Olivia Chen Austin Jiang William Keesing Ryan Lau Leo Yang	

SCIENCE		
	DISTINCTION	HIGH DISTINCTION
Yr 4	Victor Chen Austin Cui Charles Du MeiLun Song	Agnes Jun Margarita Qiao Leah Wang
Yr 5	Ryan Deng Eric Liu Rocky Meng	Yuyu Ren
Yr 6	Olivia Chen Leo Yang	Ryan Lau



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Howard in Rm 21, recently participated at the Artistic Swimming New Zealand National Championships where he achieved outstanding results. He earned 1st place in Dolphin Figures Category (individual results) and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Dolphin Combo (Group Results). Howard is the first Male athlete in New Zealand history to win a medal at Nationals. Well done, Howard!



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### NEW ZEALAND SHAKEOUT

New Zealand ShakeOut, our National Earthquake drill, is taking place on Thursday 19 October 2023 at 9:30am. The school will be taking part in the New Zealand ShakeOut. At that time, we will ask everyone to Drop, Cover and Hold for up to one minute. Some areas will practise a tsunami hikoī, yet we will not do that this time.

The children will:

Do the Drop, Cover and Hold drill for 30-60 seconds:

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps from you).
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

#### Other ideas are:

If you are unable to drop, brace yourself in a chair or wheelchair (lock your wheels) and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. If you are unable to get out of bed, cover your head and neck with a pillow.

Many people are injured while trying to move DURING the shaking. It is safer to Drop, Cover, and Hold until the shaking is over. More information on the New Zealand SHAKEOUT and being prepared for emergencies can be found at the [GET READY](#) website.



### OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2024 – 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, 5 or 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 2024 could you please contact the school office, and we will send the relevant documentation to you. These vets must be submitted as soon as possible as the process can take several weeks.
- **(If you have previously been vetted by the school, you will be notified if your vet is no longer valid).**

Year 6 Camp – Carey Park

Monday 12 February – Wednesday 14 February

Year 5 Camp – Peter Snell Youth Village

Monday 18 March – Wednesday 20 March (Classes to be determined)

Wednesday 20 March – Friday 22 March (Classes to be determined)

Year 4 Camp – MERC – Long Bay

Monday 13 May – Tuesday 14 May (Classes to be determined)

Wednesday 15 May – Thursday 16 May (Classes to be determined).



### MOVE-A-THON 16 October – 03 November!

With the help of the school, we are organising a Move-a-thon to promote and fundraise for new artificial turfs with sport field markings.

Kids will be encouraged to get sponsored and get active for 20 mins a day building up to a Dance Fix challenge on Thursday 02 November.



See how the fundraiser works here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik4HWWAUwDE>

Prizes for kids bringing in the top sponsors:

- 1st Rainbows End Family pass
- 2nd \$100 Westfield voucher
- 3rd \$50 Westfield voucher



We also have a tonne of spot prizes to give away for participating!

### 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.

Pricing and order forms will be available in the coming weeks.

### 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 **during Term 4** for our second-hand uniform sale, to be held in Term 1 2024.



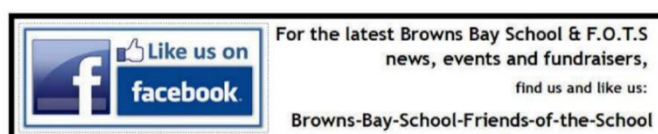
### CONTACT FOTS

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 **Monday 13 November at 7pm** in the staffroom. 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)





## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### sKids Browns Bay

*Before School Care* | 7:00 – 8:30 am

*After School Care* | 3:00 – 6:00 pm

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Please click [here](#) for term 4 bookings


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## ENJOY CHESS IN 2023!

✓ Improve logical thinking and problem solving skills

**Fridays in Room 6**  
13 October to 8 December 2023  
3:10 - 4:10pm

Scan to register 

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## In-School Maths Tutoring

### Enrolling for Term 4

Years 3 - 6

- In-School lessons
- Building up concepts and knowledge
- Building confidence and independence
- Building up basic facts

Focus:  
Basic Facts, Word Problems & 'Get Ready for Year 7'



### Thinking Caps Tutoring



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# Light up the Plaza 2023



**Phoenix Plaza - Clyde Road - Browns Bay**  
**Friday 17 November from 4pm**

• Arts & Crafts Market • Kids' Entertainment  
• Spot Prizes • Live Band • Games

Event details at [brownsbay.org.nz](http://brownsbay.org.nz)



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