



09 November 2023
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

MOVE-A-THON

The students have been very active over the last three weeks in order to meet their goals of moving during the day. The Move-a-thon finished on Thursday with a Junior and Senior DanceFix session with everyone enthusiastically dancing. Our cover photo is of our students with Amy and some of the DanceFix team.

A significant amount of money has been raised by the community and we look forward to using it to develop the school environment. You will need to read through to the FOTS section to find out what amount was raised!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that on **MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER** the school will not be open.



This coming Monday is a Ministry of Education allocated Teacher Only Day. It has been provided for teachers to be better informed on the NZ Curriculum Refresh. On Monday our teachers will be gaining an insight into our local history for the Social Studies History curriculum. Next year the Ministry of Education has approved two Teacher Only Days for teachers to understand the new Curriculum. Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to start using the fully refreshed Curriculum, although we must use the refreshed **Mathematics and Statistics** and **English** learning areas from 2025.

The local schools that form our MidBays Kahui Ako have established working streams in Mathematics and English to support each other and to ensure we are consistent in understanding the changes. This also allows the schools in the MidBays Kahui Ako from Primary School through to College to all have a shared understanding of the Curriculum Progressions for our students. Schools are also aware that with a new Government being formed there may be changes in focus which we will be required to implement.

Y4-6 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

PLEASE NOTE: The Year 4 to 6 Assembly tomorrow will start at an earlier time of 11.15am.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

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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 10 November – Y1-3 Assembly (Y2 Hosting) – 9.45am	Friday 10 November – Y4-6 Assembly (Y4 Hosting) – 11.15am *note earlier start time*
Monday 13 November – Teacher Only Day (School Closed)	Tuesday 14 November – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom *note new date*
Wednesday 15 November – Waterwise Level 5	Wednesday 22 November – Waterwise Level 5
Thursday 23 November – Y6 Rainbows End Trip	Thursday 23 November – BOT Meeting – 6.30 Staffroom
Wednesday 29 November – Waterwise Level 5	Thursday 30 November – Jingle – 4.30 School field
Monday 04 December – Y1/2 Cultural Shared Lunch	Tuesday 05 December – Jingle (Save Day)
Wednesday 06 December – Hearing & Vision Testing	Wednesday 06 December - Y0/1 Decoration Day
Wednesday 06 December – Waterwise Level 5	Thursday 07 December – Y2 Beach Trip
Monday 11 December – Y3/4 Movie Trip	Monday 11 December – Y2 Decoration Day
Tuesday 12 December - Y2 Beach Trip (Save Day)	Tuesday 12 December – Y5 Movie Trip
Tuesday 12 December – Y6 Graduation – 6pm School Hall	Tuesday 12 December – Y2 Beach Trip (Save Day)
Wednesday 13 December – Y1-3 Final Assembly (Y3 Hosting) – 2pm	Thursday 14 December – Y4-6 Final Assembly (Y6 Hosting) – 11am
Thursday 14 December – Term 4 Ends – 1pm	Thursday 01 Feb – Term 1 Starts

SCHOOL EVENTS

MOVE-A-THON

Everyone enjoying the Move-a-thon finale day!





TRAVELWISE WEEK
Colouring shoe competition.



Fundraising Spot Prizes



Movie treat

The children celebrated collecting 4-5 stamps for walking to school to gain entry to our lunchtime movie. It was an amazing turn out and the children thoroughly enjoyed the Looney Tunes movie!



RM 5 JAPANESE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Rm 5 have been learning about the Japanese Children's Day (Kodomo No Hi) celebration and how the carp fish represent strength and success!

They made their own carp fish. Each coloured fish represents each family member.

They even had their own Sushi Bar!



SCHOOL NOTICES

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

I would like to bring to your attention some Road Safety concerns I have recently noticed. The Road Safety issues are centred around the drop off and pick up times around our school. I would ask all drivers to **follow the road rules** and **drive with care and patience**. Over the last few weeks, our biggest concerns have been:

- Drivers parking on the NO PARKING lines.
- Drivers not stopping at the Pedestrian Crossings.

These actions are putting our children at risk and I ask all drivers to take care around our school.

SCHOOL POOL - COMMUNITY USE

The Board of Trustees have decided to continue to make the School Pool available for the School Community over the Holiday break although there will be changes to the use of the Pool.

These changes are:

- New Pool Rules that are explicit in the responsibilities of the Hirer when using the Pool.
- Pool rules have a clear focus on Health and Safety.
- Pool covers and the heating is not available over the holiday break.
- Pool times are:
 - **School open** – pool is only available from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon – not after school hours during the week.
 - **School closed** – pool is available from 8am – 8pm daily.
- School will do spot checks on Pool usage to ensure only Pool Hirers are using the Pool. Cards are not to be shared.
- A trained parent is available when School staff are on Annual Leave.

The Pool charge will continue to be \$100.

The Board is aware that it has responsibilities regarding the management of the Pool for the safety of everyone and the maintenance of the Pool. The Pool is a valuable yet expensive part of our School site and we wish to maintain its use for our Students and the School Community.

In the next few weeks parents will be offered the opportunity to buy a Pool Card so we want to make sure everyone is aware of the changes for 2023 – 2024.

ROB COPE – OUR KIDS ONLINE

Our Kids Online cyber safety presentation by Rob Cope - Tuesday 21 November, 7:00-9:00 pm, MBI hall – If you missed this presentation in February we strongly recommend if you can, that you attend this one...please visit [MidBays.com](https://www.midbays.com) to buy tickets.

ZERO DATA PORTAL

[Browse school websites free via Zero Data Portal](#)

To encourage everyone to access school | kura websites on their mobile devices without being charged for data, the multi-agency Zero Data Initiative has added over 2,000 kura and school websites to the updated Zero Data Portal. You can access important updates from your school, regardless of whether you have data credit or not.

To learn more about this initiative, visit:

[Zero Data Portal – New Zealand Government](#)



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 overnight 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 the Year 4, 5 or 6 camps 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 a number of weeks.

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

FOTS – Friends of the School

MOVE-A-THON!

\$29,650

435 Kids Fundraising

Wow Browns Bay School! What an amazing effort with the Move-A-Thon! We hope you enjoyed getting active and having fun at the DanceFix challenge.

Congratulations to all our spot prize winners throughout the Move-a-thon, and even bigger congratulations to our top three fundraisers who'll receive their prizes at their Assembly on Friday 10th November:

1. Leo Johnston Rm 25
2. Smith Jarvis Rm 21
3. Aiden Rush 15

Special thank you to the DanceFix crew led by Mrs Nock who helped out at the Junior event.

A big thank you to all the families who got behind their kids and helped distribute the sponsorship link. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed bringing it to the school.

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. Please drop off any uniform cleaned and in good condition.

ARTWORK CALENDAR & STATIONERY - Ordering closed.

Orders for Artwork Calendars & Stationery have now closed.



JINGLE IS COMING: THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER!

In association with Browns Bay School 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 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.

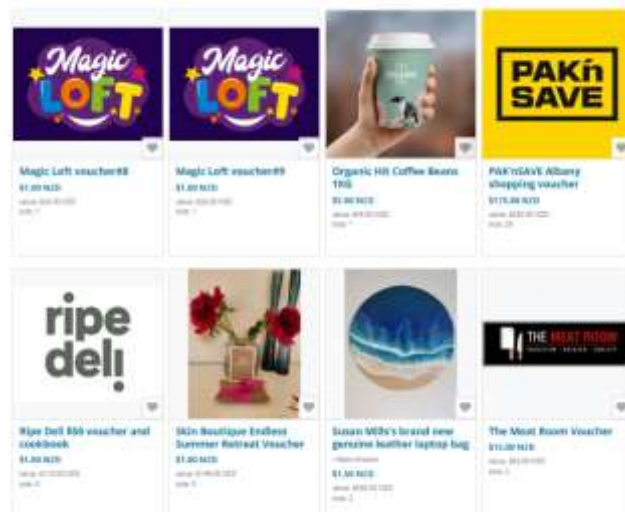
We will need volunteers to help with setting up and managing stalls, so please look out for a Google form to be sent out soon.

JINGLE JARS - A Creative Weekend Project for the Kids

Yes, Jingle Jars will be back for 2023! More information will be sent home with your children soon.

JINGLE ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

The Jingle Silent Auction is now live!



<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/103334/auctions/152550>

Thank you to:

- Asian Wok
- Auckland Zoo
- AUT Millennium Gym
- Becca Project
- Black Antler Eatery
- BRicks 4 Kidz
- GoodFor
- Hilton Brown Swim School Albany
- Kiwi Valley Farm
- Magic Loft
- Organic Hit
- Pak'n'Save Albany
- Ripe Deli
- Skin Boutique
- Susan Mills
- The Meat Room
- Ucan2 Dance

If you know of a business that can donate goods or services to the auction, please get in touch with FOTS:

fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

RAFFLE AND SUMMER HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED - We would LOVE your support!! Aswell as the Silent Auction, FOTS is creating several Summer Hampers to raffle at Jingle! This is where you can help!

- If you can donate an item suitable for a Summer Hamper e.g.: crackers, preserves, drink mixers (no alcohol), sweet treats etc we will be collecting them at the school office and packaging them into hampers for prizes!



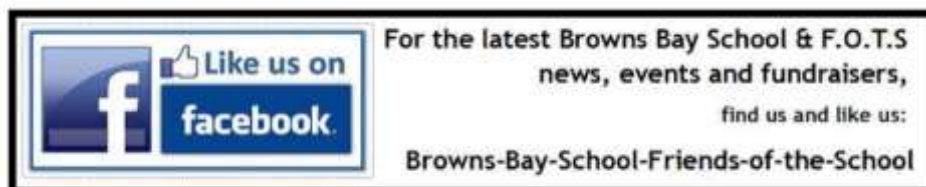
CONTACT FOTS

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, or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School.

There has been a date change for our next meeting. Please come along to our next monthly meeting on **Tuesday 14th 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



COMMUNITY NOTICES



**You're invited to our Teacher Only Day
at sKids Browns Bay!**

When
Monday 13th November 2023
7:00am – 6pm
7:00am – 3pm

Where
Browns Bay School - Hall

What
Celebrating World Kindness Day

How
Visit, www.sKids.co.nz/browns_bay/ to book now!

sKids



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It connects you to a range of trusted services who specifically work with kids & teens

visit: kidslink.co.nz

MATHS TUTORING



- Thinking of tutoring for your child in 2024?
- Let Thinking Caps make it easy for you.
- We tutor in school on Thursday!
- This leaves after school for family time!

BOOK YOUR SPACE

09 424 3536

thinkingcaps.co.nz

Thinking Caps Tutoring

Southern Cross Performance Arts Group is a Korean heritage youth performance group that covers not just the traditional Korean culture, but the most updated K-pop as well.

The 26th annual concert this year will be held at Whangaparaoa College, 5pm 25th November - free admission, donation welcome - for anyone to come and enjoy the music, dance and culture. Please reach out to nz.skpag@gmail.com for tickets and secure the seat.

Four of the performers are from our school- Eileen, Soonsoo, Lian and Yuni.

