



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

08 February 2024
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora Katou

Welcome back to the new school year, and a particularly warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined our school community this year.

Browns Bay School was delighted to host the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and the Education Minister and East Coast Bays MP Erica Stanford at our school for the first day of 2024. Please read more on the visit in School Events.

BBS VALUES

Our photograph shows **TRIMPER** our school and Travelwise mascot.

TRIMPER stands for our school values:

T Taking
R Responsibility
I Inquiring
M Minds
P Personal
E Excellence
R Respect



Taking Responsibility / Takohanga

- Take ownership of your own behaviour, belongings and your learning environment
- Make sensible choices
- Challenge yourself to become independent
- Work together co-operatively

Inquiring Minds / Whai Whakaro

- Explore new ideas
- Wonder and question
- Experiment, reflect and create
- Show critical, creative and innovative thinking

Personal Excellence / Tu Rangatira

- Be your best
- Have a 'can do' attitude
- Persevere to achieve your goals and challenges
- Be resilient

Respect / Manaakitanga

- Treat others how we would like to be treated
- Care for others, ourselves and the environment
- Acknowledge and value others points of view
- Appreciate that people come from different cultures with different beliefs

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Trimper helps our students remember our school values and Travelwise plans. In the School Notices section of the newsletter, we have outlined procedures for Road Safety.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Happy Lunar New Year – the Year of the Dragon

Years of the Dragon include 2036, 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952... People born in Dragon years usually possess natural courage, tenacity, and intelligence, often displaying enthusiasm and confidence.

2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon, beginning on 10 February 2024 (Chinese New Year) and concluding on 28 January 2025 (Chinese New Year's Eve).

In Chinese culture, the Dragon holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success. **2024 is forecasted to bring about opportunities, changes, and challenges.** If you're seeking a shift in your current lives, this year might offer a favourable chance.



MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

Meet the Teacher Evenings for the start of the school year were held last night and also tonight:

Thursday 08 February	Year 5	5.30pm	Te Whenua - MLE Downstairs
	Year 3	5.45pm	visit Classrooms then 6pm in the School Hall
	Year 2	6.45pm	School Hall

Copies of the presentations will be available online if you have been unable to attend these evenings.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2024 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 08 February – Meet the Teacher Evening	Mon 12-Wed 14 February - Y6 Camp – Carey Park
Tuesday 13 February FOTS Meeting – 6pm Staffroom	Tuesday 20 February – Pre-School Visits Rm 10/11 – 9.30-10.30
Tuesday 20 February BBS Swimming Sports Y4-6 – Millenium	Thursday 22 February – L4 Waterwise - Millenium
Thursday 22 February BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom	Friday 23 February – Lunar Festival – 3.30pm – Hall
Tuesday 27 February – Y5 Whitebait Connection Trip Rm 18/21	Tuesday 27 February – Conferences – 3pm-6pm
Wednesday 28 February – Level 5 Waterwise	Thursday 29 February – Y5 Whitebait Connection Trip Rm 19/20
Thursday 29 February – Conferences – 3pm-6pm	

OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME – TERM 1

Term 1 is always a busy one with many Outdoor Education programmes happening during the Term.



- Our Waterwise Sailing Programme starts on Wednesday 28 February for those students who are at Level 5 of our Waterwise Programme.
 - The Year 6 camp at Carey Park is on from Monday 12 February to Wednesday 14 February. Thank you to all those parents who have offered to help – all your help is greatly appreciated. There will be a parent helpers meeting scheduled prior to the camp date.
 - Year 5 Camp – unfortunately our Year 5 camp scheduled for Peter Snell Youth Village in March will not be able to go ahead. The activity providers for this camp are ceasing to operate at the camp from the end of February. We will be looking at providing an alternative programme for this year level for 2024.
 - The Year 3 Outdoor Education Days will be held at Long Bay Regional Park on Thursday 07 March and Friday 08 March. This is a one-day programme and parents will be notified which day their child will be attending. Bigfoot Adventures will once again be the facilitators of this programme.
 - The Junior Outdoor Education Day is scheduled for Friday 15 March. This will be held on our school grounds.
- A reminder that Police Vets are required if a parent is intending to stay overnight at a camp. If you are unsure if you have a current police vet, please contact the school office or email Jo Hewitt – joh@brownsbay.school.nz. Police vets can take a number of weeks to be returned so please action this ASAP if required.

SCHOOL EVENTS

PRIME MINISTER AND EDUCATION MINISTER VISIT



On the first day of school, we hosted the Prime Minister and the Education Minister. Mr Luxon and Mrs Stanford were greeted at our school entrance by students representing our School Council and Cultural Leaders. The group, with a lot of media present, visited the Year 6 Team in the MLE where they spoke to students and viewed the MLE. We then observed a Structured Literacy lesson with Tanya Sheppard and a group of Year 3 students. As it was our first day we also called in on our New Entrants and Year 1 classes to celebrate their first day at school.

The Prime Minister spoke to the Year 3 to 6 students in the School Hall where he urged the children to do their best at school. The Kapa Haka group and all the children were exceptional ambassadors for our School Community with both of our guests commenting on their excellent attitude.





WHAKATAU

On Friday, we welcomed our new students to our Browns Bay School Community with a Whakatau (traditional Māori welcome ceremony, which means to settle). During my Whaikorero/Mihi (welcome speech), I reminded our students of our school values:

- Taking Responsibility / Takuhanga
- Inquiring Minds/Whai Whaakaro
- Personal Excellence / Tu Rangitira
- Respect / Manakitanga

These values are connected into how we do things at Browns Bay School.

Thank you to last year's Year 5 now Year 6 Kapa Haka members for coming together to lead and support throughout our Whakatau/Welcome Ceremony.

Photo is of Room 11 new entrants with their teacher Mrs Dore settling into their first day at school.



AWHI 2024



We are excited to be entering our second year of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme at Browns Bay School. We’ve made it our own by giving it a name change so it reflects the Browns Bay School culture. We’re calling it **AWHI**.

AWHI is a school wide initiative that aims to embed positive behaviour practices that support the whole school community and enable students to feel confident, connected and actively involved in school life. We will continue to run short lessons, once a week, across the school that focus on school wide behaviour needs which have been identified by staff and students. We will begin this year with **Taking Pride in our Uniform**. All students will learn about what is the correct uniform and why it’s important. So that your

children can feel successful and proud at school we want to remind you of the expectations for uniforms:

Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School polo shirt (long and short sleeved) • School sports top • School polar fleece sweatshirt • A school rain jacket is available for purchase (optional) <p>Navy blue, black or red plain coloured long sleeved tops may be worn under the polo shirt. Raincoats can be worn to school yet must be removed during school time</p>
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy school shorts • Navy long school pants • School sports shorts • School skort <p>When wearing plain navy blue or black tights, a skort or shorts must be worn too. Bicycle shorts should not be worn under shorts</p>
Sunhats and Beanies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School sunhats are to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4 (after Labour Day Holiday) • School Beanies may be worn in the colder months
Shoes/Sandals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flat closed shoes or • sneakers can be worn (no coloured shoelaces) or • flat sandals, e.g., Roman or Velcro sandals <p>Shoes – should be sensible and appropriate for general school activities therefore Crocs, boots or jandals should not be worn at school</p>
Socks and Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black, navy or white socks, either long or short are required with winter shoes • Plain black or navy tights can be worn under shorts or skorts <p>Coloured tights or coloured socks should not be worn to school</p>
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery that has a special cultural or religious significance for the family can be worn at school. • The wearing of jewellery such as dangling earrings, rings, bracelets and necklaces can be very dangerous, particularly during play activities and these should not be worn to school. • Plain studs are preferred due to safety • On rare occasions students have to wear bracelets for medical reasons: On such occasions the parent/caregiver is asked to contact the Deputy Principal

If your child needs to wear a different piece of clothing for a short period of time, please send them in with a note.

Uniform items can be purchased through: www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/north-shore/browns-bay-school
 Full details can be found on our website: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/school-information/uniform>

School staff will be looking for opportunities to praise students for wearing their correct uniform. Please help them by ensuring that they have the items they need.

Huakina mai te tatau o tōu whare kia kitea atu ai i tōu taumata mātauranga.

Open the doors of your house and see the rich knowledge that is within.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL DOCS

The Board of Trustees set policies for the school to follow. The policies can be found on the Browns Bay School website [website](#)

The Username is: Brownsbay
Password: bbs



PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of our school 'Bring your own Device' (BYOD) programme. This includes cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and other similar devices.

Students are not permitted to have these devices in the classroom. They are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school. If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight.
- Devices must not be used at break times.
- Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, please call the school office.

Please note that Smart watches need to have their smart features disabled during school time.

WATERWISE – LEVEL 5 SAILING PROGRAMME – WAIAKE BEACH

Those Year 5 and 6 children who are on Level 5 of our Waterwise Programme will begin their sailing programme at Waiake Beach on Wednesday 28 February. Information will be sent home with these children shortly. The Programme relies on parents who can volunteer - especially those that are trained instructors. Thank you to those parents who have undertaken the training to support us with this valuable programme – we couldn't do it without you.



BBS SWIMMING SPORTS

The BBS Swimming Sports are scheduled for Week 4, Tuesday 20 February at the Sir Owen Glenn National Aquatic Centre (Millennium), Mairangi Bay. This is for Year 4 - 6 students who are competent swimmers and can swim 25 meters at speed in deep water. Registrations can be done via the school website:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/sports/swimming>

Registrations are due by 9am Monday 12 February.



FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a group of children who can react seriously to various foods. PEANUTS and TREE NUTS are two such foods. Severe allergies present a considerable challenge to schools, children, and families. Symptoms can cause significant health problems for allergic students. We encourage parents to monitor the food that is placed in your child's lunchbox. We would appreciate you not including those items if possible.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

The roads around the school have been very busy in the mornings and afternoons and we have witnessed some concerning 'traffic behaviour'. I would ask that everyone be mindful of the message they are sending to the children, particularly in regard to crossing the road. We have two Pedestrian Crossings in operation in the morning and afternoon and we ask that you please use them with your children. Crossing on the corner of Browns Bay Road and Masterton Road in between the traffic is **not** a safe message to pass onto the children.



The drop off/pick up zone is not a place that cars can wait at – please move on if your child is not ready for you – as queues of cars waiting to get into the pick-up area cause a huge amount of traffic congestion on both Masterton Road and Browns Bay Road. The pick-up zone is monitored until 3.15pm.

The Police presence around the school yesterday was to check that children were wearing their seatbelts until the vehicle they were travelling in had completely stopped.



STUDENT SAFETY – BEFORE SCHOOL

The school has the following arrangements for student supervision before school:

- Students will be supervised from 8.30am unless they are at school for sports coaching or practice with a parent present as a coach or manager.
- Students may be on site under parent supervision.
- 8.30 am teachers are in classrooms with students having access to storage and toilets.
- Teachers are on duty at the Browns Bay Road and Masterton Road crossings from 8.30 am to 8.50am
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually the Principal) from 8.40am
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the morning so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition from parents before school.

SKiDs operate a Before School programme in the School Hall for children who need to be dropped off early.

STUDENT SAFETY – AFTER SCHOOL

It is very important your child fully understands who is collecting them and where they are to go after school. This term we have already had three students going to the wrong place after school. This can be very stressful on everyone concerned when a student does not turn up at the right place. We have a process to work through, yet it does take time.



After school:

- Parents are to collect children at 3pm or older students leave the school and walk or bike home
- Three teachers are on duty at the crossings until around 3.15 – 3.20pm
- Teacher on duty at car drop off / pick up zone (this is usually Deputy Principal or Principal)
- Principal will monitor playgrounds when possible after school (do walk through – identified students not with parents are sent to the Office)
- Junior teachers are not on duty in the afternoon so they can be in their room to ensure there is a transition over to the parents/caregivers after school. Junior teachers monitor pick-ups after school and keep students with them until they are collected (either in the room or just outside)
- If a child is not collected from class they are brought to the Office and the Office staff will contact parents.

SKiDs collect younger students from classrooms and from a central collection area. Older students can go straight to SKiDs. SKiDs operate an After School programme in the School Hall for children who cannot be picked up at 3pm.

BICYCLES / SCOOTERS

Bicycles - Only Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to ride their Bicycles to school without supervision on route. If you would like your child to ride to school, please get a permission form from the school office to fill in - your child will then be given a Bicycle License and a high visibility vest.



Scooters - Children in or below Year 4 who ride their scooter to and from school must be accompanied by an adult and wear an appropriate safety helmet.

All children, regardless of year level, riding a scooter to school, must complete a permission form from the school office and will be issued with a Scooter License and a high visibility vest.



FOTS – Friends of the School

WELCOME!

Hello! It's great to see our new and returning families to Browns Bay School for 2024! If you don't already know us, FOTS are a voluntary committee of parents/caregivers and Browns Bay School Staff who create activities and events for our students and families and fundraise for Browns Bay School. Past projects have included Pool Sheds, Shade Covers, Junior Outdoor Education Days, School Camps and more!



To keep progressing our fundraising efforts and to continue to host favourite events like Discos, Family Movie Nights, Jingle etc, we need more volunteers to help plan and organise activities. Developing FOTS events is very flexible and can fit around commitments to work and family, so please consider getting involved. Your time and effort are really valued and it's really rewarding to help create memorable experiences and outcomes for our Browns Bay School kids and families. We look forward to seeing you soon. Please contact us for more info at fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

Please come along to our next FOTS meeting on Tuesday, 13 February from 6pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

LUNAR FESTIVAL - Friday 23 February

FOTS will be helping support a Lunar Festival event on Friday 23 February 3.30pm-5.30pm in the School Hall. Please see the flyer in **Community Notices** for further details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In March we'll be holding the FOTS Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted in for a 1 year term. The AGM marks the start of the new committee for the year and is a great time to get involved.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

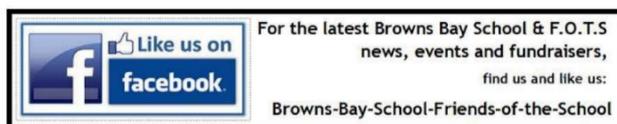
Thank you for all the uniform donations we received in 2023! The uniform sale was a great success this year re-cycling hundreds of items of clothing and raising over \$2,000 for the school. We will be collecting uniforms again this year so keep an eye out for donation requests.

CONTACT FOTS

If you would 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

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

A logo for Chess Power featuring a black chess knight with a green eye and the text "CHESS POWER GROWING KIDS MINDS www.chesspower.co.nz".

ENJOY CHESS IN 2024!

✔ Improve logical thinking and problem solving skills

Fridays in Room 12
9 February to 12 April 2024
3:10 - 4:10pm

A QR code with a small 'b' logo in the center.

Scan to register



Term 1

Stay and Play

01 February – 12th April

sKids
Sitename

Browns Bay School
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Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

Creative Inventors

Explore our creative minds with crafts and art project's.



Power Teams

Challenge yourself and your friends by working as a team.



Imagination Station

Dance, Drama, Music... Let's use our imagination to explore all our world has to offer.



Super Sports

Let's get active! There is room for that competitive nature and super energy you have!



Fun Day

The Last Day of the week and it's time to have fun the only way we know how... The SKIDS WAY!




In-School
Maths Tutoring

Enrolling for
Term 1

Years 3 - 6

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

• Focus:
Addition & Subtraction

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Browns Bay School

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Friday 1st March
- Time: 3.10 - 3.55pm
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$69 per child
\$34.50 per extra sibling

Register on enrolmy.com/msports-northshore

NEW & EXCITING
INFLATABLE
FOOTBALL
PITCH



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YOU ARE INVITED

LUNAR FESTIVAL CULTURAL EVENT



23 FEBRUARY 2024
3.30PM-5.30PM

PERFORMANCE@SCHOOL HALL
GAMES@SCHOOL MAIN FIELD

LUNAR NEW YEAR PERFORMANCE

KOREAN DANCE
LION DANCE
DIABOLO PERFORMANCE
WUSHU (SWORDING)

Presented by Rangitoto College Dance Group.



FREE ENTRY

Browns Bay businesses bring you



Summer SPECTACULAR

**SAT 2 MARCH 2024
10AM – 7PM**

BROWNS BAY BEACH RESERVE

- BUNGY TRAMP • FACE PAINTING •
- TOYS & GAMES • KIDS' PONY RIDES
- INFLATABLE FUN • LIVE MUSIC •

10am – 3pm Kids' Activities
Pony Rides until 1pm
Payment by Eftpos & Cash

11am - 2pm Live Music in Phoenix Plaza
Rumpus Machine

2pm - 7pm Live Music on Beach Reserve
2pm: D'n'A • 4.30pm: 5 Wheel Drive

Event details at brownsbay.org.nz

