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29 October 2020
Newsletter



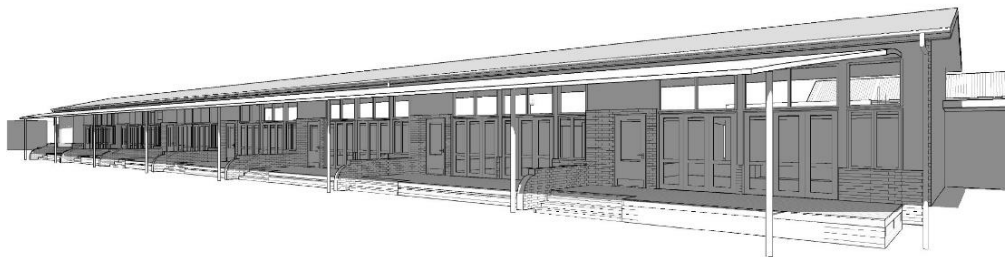
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Trustees has agreed that Contractors can begin the development of the **Rooms 1 to 7 Deck and Canopy Project**.

The project will provide shade cover over the wooden deck area between Rooms 1 to 7, with the deck access from all classrooms through bi-fold doors.



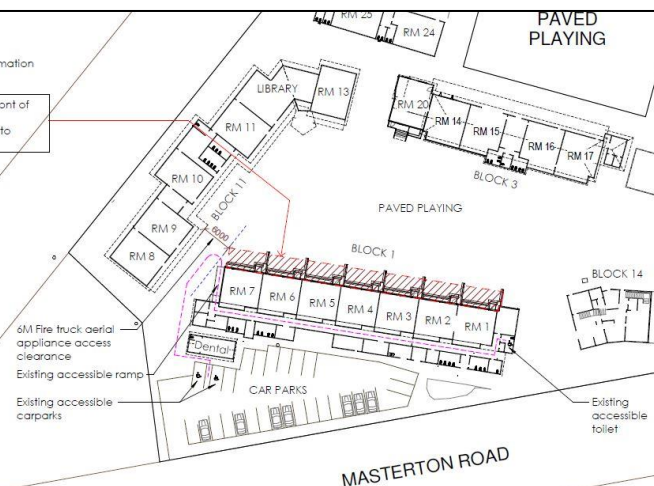
Project number 6474

Browns Bay Primary School Block 1 Door Alteration
Masterton Road, Browns Bay

OUTLINE SCOPE OF WORKS :

Outline only, refer dedicated sheet for more detailed information

BLOCK NO	DESCRIPTION
Block 1	To add the new timber decking to the front of the Classroom 1 - 7. Selected new powdercoated aluminium Bi-Fold doors to replace existing windows.



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FOTS

Community Notices

The Ministry of Education, as part of the drive to modernise classrooms and make school improvements, is funding this project. It will mean the students in these rooms can have outdoor learning spaces and shaded areas to work in.

The project will begin in a couple of weeks and will be completed before the start of Term 1 2021. The project will mean changes to how the children access the classrooms and there will be some noise from the construction. We will be working with the contractors to minimise the impact on learning as much as possible.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2021

On 09 November each parent will receive a link to a Google form by email, inviting your input into the classroom placement of your child in 2021.

The process takes several weeks with class lists drafted by the Leadership Team after input from the 2020 classroom teacher. For each class of children we consider:

- Social (where at all possible, the child will be kept with at least one nominated member of their social group)
- Teaching/Learning Style – an attempt is made to match the child with the teacher who will best facilitate their learning style
- Age of the child
- Academic level of the child
- Number of boys and girls
- Class placement in the previous year

Please understand that your information is considered as one part of the bigger picture. As you can imagine this is an exhaustive and lengthy process. Placement of over 600 children means that we can never meet everybody's requests and there can be no guarantee that parent's preferences will be met. In the final analysis, the placement of all children is the school's decision.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The school recently surveyed a small group of parents regarding the Mid-Year Report.

The survey had two sections:

A. Mid-Year Report format

The group of parents acknowledged that the report was easy to follow (92%) with the combination of report and conference giving parents a clear understanding of where their child was with their learning at school, (87% *with 41% strongly agreeing*). The parents reported that the data graphs were easy to understand with the range being (79% to 90%) with the Maths graph the least understood compared to the Reading graph.

Strengths the school has:

- Clear and concise, easy to understand
- Graphs were clear and showed progress over time and expected levels
- Liked the digital element of the report

Areas to develop

- Section on social development from the teacher making a personal comment about their child
- A key could be used to provide clarity of the graphs
- Making sure it is clear as to what is expected of the children

B. Report Comments

The group of parents agreed that report comments were easy to understand (95% *with 21% strongly agreeing*). The comments were quite varied yet positive regarding the teacher comments e.g. "Most teachers write comments that are easy to understand and giving examples is great so you can fully understand what is being said."

Areas to develop

- Ensure the language is simple and easy to follow; like a conversation
- Comments need to have a personal touch
- Sharing of students work and reflections as part of the report

As a result of this feedback we have incorporated additional guidance in the End of Year Report to help parents understand the keys used in the report and will provide website links to make clear what is expected at each level. The End of Year report will summarise the year for your child and as there is no conference, will provide a personal comment on each child.

This survey was shared with our teachers on the Teachers Only Day and we discussed the writing of comments.

We have sent out another survey to another group of parents on Distance Learning and will share the results with the community. As a school we are planning on sending out more surveys like this in the future – if one does land in your INBOX we would appreciate your feedback.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday 30 October – Yr 5 Road Patrol Training	Tuesday 03 November – Super Cluster Touch
Wednesday 04 November - Waterwise Level 5	Thursday 05 November - FOTS Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 11 November – Waterwise Level 5	Friday 13 November - Travelwise Event – Walk to school as your favourite Superhero
Friday 13 November – FOTS Superheroes Disco	

SCHOOL EVENTS

TE AO MAORI DAY

On Friday 16 October, our Maori Tamariki (identified on our school roll) and Whanau held another Te Ao Maori day. This day was a collaboration between the School and the Maori Whanau Community to support Maori students in their cultural knowledge. The day was reflective of the following Maori values: Kotahitanga - unity and togetherness; Manaakitanga - hospitality, kindness and support; Whanaungatanga - making connections, building relationships through shared experiences and working together to provide a sense of belonging. The students had a thoroughly enjoyable, creative and productive day as can be seen in the photographs below.



MATHEX 2020

On Wednesday 21 October, Browns Bay School sent three Mathex teams of four to compete at Northcross Intermediate School along with around fifty other teams from other schools.

Team One consisted of Matthew, Chris and Lucas Rm 21 and Franklin Rm 19. Team Two consisted of Sophie and Jessica Rm 20, Caleb Rm 18 and Jamie Rm 19. Team Three consisted of Elaine Rm 21, Aidan Rm 19, Steven Rm 20 and Kevin Rm 18.

"When we arrived we were all very anxious, but once we had started we all had a great time and Browns Bay Team One walked away with the values award and best runner.

Browns Bay Team Two walked away with a third place bronze medal each after an intense tiebreaker against Kristin School. Overall it was a great experience that we would definitely do again".

By Sophie and Jessica, Rm 20.



2020 AUCKLAND SCHOOLS SNOW CHAMPS

On Tuesday 20 October we had a group of Year 3-6 students represent the school at Snowplanet for the 2020 Auckland Schools Snow Champs. All involved had an amazing experience and represented Browns Bay School with pride. Our Boys Ski team came a very respectable 5th Place, Luca placed 4th in the boys Snowboard race and our Snowboarding Girls had some really pleasing individual results with Kaitlyn, Paige and Anika all placing in either Snowboard race or Slopestyle. Their combined efforts resulting in them being the Overall Auckland Primary Girls Snowboard Champs for 2020. Congratulations to them and all those that competed on the day.

Girls Snowboard Winners



Skiers



Snowboarders



Snow Team



AUCKLAND KOREAN STORYTELLING SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Unju Hwang, Euan Kim and Roy Wi. These three students participated in the Annual Auckland Korean Storytelling Competition. The competition required each student to choose a Korean story, learn the story and perform and read the story to an audience. This is similar to a speech competition but using a story instead. They were all outstanding as they were all able to memorise their whole stories. Very special congratulations to Unju who placed first equal and received the Gold Award! This is an outstanding achievement and we are all extremely proud of you!

PINK SHIRT DAY (ANTI BULLYING)

The Students at Browns Bay School stood up against bullying last week with 'Pink Shirt Day' well supported. The Year 6 classes also had some great sessions with Constable Wansink, talking about Internet safety and online bullying.



COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

It was a day of 4's. 4 dogs, 4 board members and 40 odd members of the school community. They managed to plant around 100 plants near to the new Puriri trees and close to Emma Warren's eco-warrior class. Thanks to Restore Hibiscus & Bays for providing the plants through their VIP fund, Sarah Sheeran from Sustainable schools Auckland for a planting demo and a karakia for Kai. Also thanks to Mr Mike and Anthony for constructing a great garden edge around the mulch.



EPRO8 CHALLENGE 2020

EPRO8 is a technology challenge between 15 schools in our Albany region. This year the Students had to work in teams at school and submit their design online to the EPRO8 judges.

This challenged the team to work cooperatively, build relationships with new team members and use their creative minds. For this year's challenge they had to learn how to design and make a 3D robotic animal with a moveable function. Their designs were of a lion, crocodile and bat.

The 2020 EPRO8 judges said that the entries were impressive and a lot of effort was put into the designs. The three Browns Bay teams worked hard and enjoyed the experience.

The teams came 6th, 10th and 11th overall and we are very proud of their achievements this year.

They have enjoyed being a part of the BBS Technology Club. Pictured below are: Emma, Elaine, Andrew, Ryan, Eden, Sophie, Daniel, Jayden, Harley, Cody and Joel.



SCHOOL POOL (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS)

A decision has been made not to provide Community Pool keys to the community over the Christmas holidays from 15 December to 9 February. This has been decided because the four classrooms next to the pool are being demolished to make way for the new building which will begin in early 2021.

The demolishing of the buildings will mean we will have a large construction site with many hazards too close to the pool. Once the rooms have been demolished, the actual construction site will be further away, so the pool may be available to the community in Term 1.

I understand this will disappoint some parents yet we are very conscious of the safety of people on site during this time.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Click on the link below to list item details for sale. This link will close on Friday 13 November at 3pm.



<https://forms.gle/NDGMR57Gi26Y2nHc9>

The for sale items list will be emailed out to all parents mid-November.

Queries and purchases to be arranged directly with the seller.

ITEMS: fleece; shorts; skirt; sports top; sports shorts; trousers; cap; bucket hat; raincoat - new/old logo.

SCHOOL CAPS

The School cap will no longer be sold as part of the School uniform. This has been replaced with the Bucket hat which can be purchased online through Argyle or at the School office by cash or eftpos. This comes in various sizes and samples are available to try on at the School office.



TRAVELWISE EVENT

The next Travelwise event will be held on Friday 13 November. Walk to school dressed as your favourite Superhero and please bring a gold coin donation.



SHORE TO SHORE

Last chance to enter this event. Registrations for the 2020 Harcourt's Cooper & Co Shore to Shore are open. It's simple, the more people who sign up through the school, the more money you get to spend on sports equipment. Sign up here!

[Shore to Shore | 5km Fun Run or Walk on the Beautiful North Shore of Auckland.](#)



ARTWORK CALENDAR & STATIONERY - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Our first order has now closed and is being processed. If you missed putting your order in, it's not too late – we have opened a 2nd and final ordering opportunity.

These items make great Christmas gifts, plus your purchase will help towards our school fundraising.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Go to <http://www.kidsartworks.com>
2. Enter your child's unique entrance code which is printed on the paper order forms that were sent home with your child
(if you have lost your entrance code, text your child's name and room to Christine on 021 0320457)
3. View your child's artwork, place your order and make payment
4. Online ordering will close at 12 midday on Monday 09 November – don't miss out!!



Payments made by cash/cheque must have a paper order form and be delivered to the school office no later than 3pm Friday 6 November.

For any questions about this fundraiser, please contact FOTS' Christine Wilson on 021 0320457.



SUPERHERO DISCO - FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Get ready for our Superhero disco in the school hall. Kids, dress up and bring along some cash, as we will have mini cupcakes, chips, lollies, chocolates, hair braiding, face paint, glow wristbands and more! You can order tickets (\$6) and hotdogs (\$3) on KINDO (under the FOTS section) from

Monday 02 November! Sorry, but there will be NO ticket or hotdog sales on the night. Look out for Disco forms in your home packs. Please complete one form for each child and return them to your class teachers.

JUNIOR DISCO (Years 0-3): Drop off is at 5pm at the main entrance to the hall and pick up is at 6:30pm from within the hall. Once you have found your child, you will leave together through the side doors. **SENIOR DISCO (Years 4-6):** Drop off is at 7pm at the main entrance to the hall and pick up is at 8:30pm from within the hall. ***Parents/caregivers please note: To prevent over-crowding and for safety reasons, discos are kids-only zones. Please drop your child off at the door and they will be well looked after by BBS staff and FOTS. If your child is Year 0 or Year 1, it is understood that you may need to stay at the Disco with them. Please see a staff member at the entrance to the hall for a sticker that will identify you as a Year 0/1 chaperone.

DISCO VOLUNTEERS: We will be sending out a Google form to ask for parent volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to (1) bake and donate some mini (bite size) cupcakes for us to sell at the Disco, (2) help with setup from 1-3pm on the day of the Disco, (3) help at the junior disco from 4.45-6.45pm or Senior Disco from 6.45-8.45pm. This is a great way to be a part of the Disco, but spaces are limited, so please be sure to register your interest on the Google form.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED:

We have decided to cancel Movie Night #2 as we have run out of available dates to hold it on. For all those who purchased tickets, you will be receiving an email this week with information on how to claim a refund or make a donation.



NEXT FOTS MEETING: THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER, 7:00pm in the school staffroom. There are only a couple of meetings left for the year, but we still need help to run our 2 remaining events – Disco and Jingle! If you can't make it to our meetings, but want to get in touch or help out, please email us: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK: For news, photos, updates and event information, go to: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/

Hollie really needs our help!



7yr old Hollie has undergone intensive cancer treatment for 2 years. There are no further treatments available in NZ and the only next step is a trial in Spain which will cost the family a devastating \$400,000. They have a huge target to hit in a short space of time but with the help and support of our wonderful community, we know we can come together to help give Hollie this shot at the future she so deserves.

Please like, comment, share, fundraise and donate...we can do this together!

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COVID -19

The recent community cases in Auckland highlight that Alert Level 1 is not Alert Level none.

What people need to be doing:

Testing

Please encourage anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms to self-isolate immediately. Stay home and call Healthline on 0800 358 5453, their GP or Nurse Practitioner who can advise whether they should be tested. If advised to get a test, please do so. Testing is free for everyone, wherever you get tested and whenever you get tested.

You can find a list of testing locations in your region here: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/>

An employer can apply for the COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme if a health official tells their employee that they need to isolate, and the employee can't work from home. You can get more information on the subsidy here:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/leave-support-scheme/index.html>

Masks and hygiene

The best way to keep yourself and your community safe and slow the spread of COVID-19 is to keep your distance from those you don't know and maintain good hygiene. Wash and dry hands or use hand sanitiser often, cough and sneeze into elbows. Wearing face coverings on public transport or other enclosed spaces where physical distancing is hard to do is recommended and gives you another layer of protection.

QR codes and contact tracing

Contact tracing gives us the best head start against COVID-19. It helps slow the spread and keeps communities safe. Please encourage everyone to scan QR codes or leave details on a manual register.

QR codes **must** be displayed by all workplaces and businesses. You can also print off QR codes for clubs, churches, and private events including social gatherings at your home. This isn't mandatory, but we encourage you to do so as it makes contact tracing much faster.

Stay up to date with the latest information

For the latest information straight to your inbox, you can subscribe to the New Zealand Government's COVID-19 update email newsletter at: <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/t/6925B3D1925FFCCF>

The latest information on COVID-19 can be found on the Ministry of Health's website www.health.govt.nz/covid-19 and the Unite against COVID-19 website www.covid19.govt.nz.

You can follow Unite against COVID-19 on:

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Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

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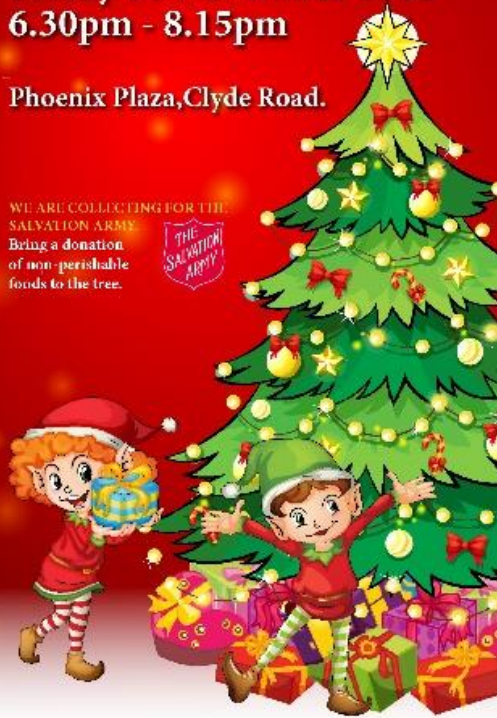
**The Browns Bay Christmas Tree
returns in all its glory!**

The lights are coming on

**Friday 20 November 2020
6.30pm - 8.15pm**

Phoenix Plaza, Clyde Road.

WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THE
SALVATION ARMY.
Bring a donation
of non-perishable
foods to the tree.



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Celebrate the tree lights being switched on
at a fun evening of entertainment for the kids.

We also heard a whisper that Santa will
be dropping in with his sack of surprises.



- Northcross Intermediate
- Kapa Haka display
- Elf Show - music, magic, singing & dancing
- Festive face painting
- Treats galore
- Plenty of spot prizes

Stroll through the craft market full of Christmas gift
ideas galore from 4pm to 7pm.

Grab a bite to eat at Browns Bay's wide assortment of
eateries, and enjoy an evening of festive fun around the
Christmas tree.



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Browns Bay Christmas Parade

The Biggest Little Parade in Auckland

5th December 2020 at 5.00pm

Parade leaves from Glen Rd,
then Bute, Clyde, Anzac, finishing in Glen Rd



**All Day Market
10am - 6pm
in Phoenix Plaza**



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