



17 June 2021  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

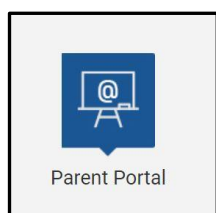
Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

The Term is nearing an end with three weeks to go until the Term break. This term has been quite a contrast to Term 2 last year. It has been great to see the children in their classes sharing and learning; and also travelling to events or activities off-site. The **SCHOOL EVENTS** section of this newsletter shows what we missed out on last year!

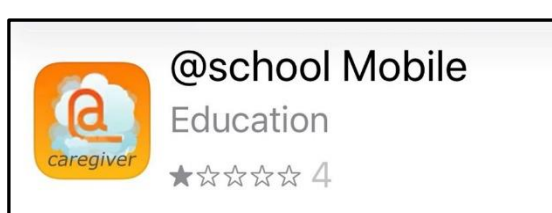
I would like to thank the teachers for organising the events and for the wonderful parents who support the children at these events – a great combination.

### MID-YEAR REPORTS

The Mid-Year Reports will be available on the Parent Portal on Friday 02 July. It would be a good idea to check you can access the Parent Portal before this date. If you have any issues, please contact the school office at [bbs@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:bbs@brownsbay.school.nz).



The school website has a link to **@school** on the front page. Please click on this icon.



If you want to download the app onto your phone the app is **@school Mobile**

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### CONFERENCES FOR STUDENTS

The Conferences will be held on Wednesday 07 July and Thursday 08 July. These will be held at the following times this year:

| Year 4 to 6<br>(and Room 2) |                  | Year 1 to 3          |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Wednesday<br>07 July        | 2.15pm to 6.45pm | Wednesday<br>07 July | 3.15pm to 6.45pm |
| Thursday<br>08 July         | 2.15pm to 6.45pm | Thursday<br>08 July  | 3.15pm to 6.45pm |



Parents must book their interviews online through [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The website will open at 9am on Monday 28 June and closes on Tuesday 06 July at 10am.

The purpose of these conferences is to have 'learning conversations' between students, parents and teachers. Students have a key role to play in these conferences so it would be appreciated if they could attend if at all possible. A student led conference is a time for you to come and listen to your child share their learning. The conference will last for 15 minutes and will be facilitated by the teacher, but led by the student.

The level of involvement of the students in the conference is dependent on their age. Conferences will follow the general format of:

- Introductions
- Sharing of students work
- Discussion of achievements over the year
- Sharing the next steps of learning
- Parent question time

If you require longer, I would suggest that you arrange a separate time with your child's teacher at a later date, so as not to inconvenience other parents.

### **PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**



Woodview Construction have been on site for 16 weeks and we have a pretty big wet hole in the ground. The current work is focused on:

- Preparing the concrete slab for the car park
- Continuing with work on the retaining walls

The soil removal work is almost complete. After this work the next stage will be the laying of the basement slab. This slab will be the base of the building and will form the floor for the 26 new car parks.

The new entrance to the school with a driveway to the hall is now visible in the fencing just below the corner of the hall building. The hall driveway will "snake" up the side of the hill and up to the front of the hall.

### **Village on the Field**

The "Village" on the field has grown by two classes which are now having their canopies attached. These rooms will be connected to the four relocatable classrooms already there. They will be ready for the start of Term 3 (26 July) so most of that area will soon be clear of trucks and fencing.

Rooms 1 and 2 will be moving into these classrooms which will become Rooms 29 and 30. A New Entrant class will be starting in Room 2 at the start of Term 3.

### **Pool area**

The Swimming Pool changing rooms and the Pump Shed have been removed as part of the project. This will allow for a better outdoor learning area directly in front of the new block. The Board of Trustees are taking this as an opportunity to develop this area and are currently working on plans for the following: shade, seating, landscaping and relocation



of other sheds in the area if funding permits. The goal is to have an attractive, functional and clear area that is a lovely feature for the school.

### **STAFF LEAVING**

The Board of Trustees has reluctantly accepted the resignation of one of our long-serving Teacher Aides – Fiona Condell. Fiona leaves us on Wednesday 23 June to start a new career pathway. We thank Fiona for all the work she has done with the students she has worked with over the last 5 years.

Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 2 2021 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 22 June – Y5 Trip to Rothesay Bay Beach | Thursday 24 June – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm Staffroom |
| Friday 02 July – Reports available online       | Wednesday 07 July – Conferences for students      |
| Thursday 08 July – Conferences for Students     | Friday 09 July – Term 2 Ends – 3pm                |
| Monday 26 July – Term 3 Starts                  | Thursday 05 August – FOTS Meeting – 7pm Staffroom |

### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **SUPERSTARS**



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

**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Madeleine Glaves 8, Jessica Feng 9, Julian Topic 10, Jessica Nicol-Trow 11, Luca Davie 12

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Darin Ding 3, Henry Liu 4, Eddie Su 5, Harvey Gui 6, Toprak Kilic 7

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - Jamie Hutchinson 1, Bella Attwood 2, Umi Shao 13, Ellie Ni 14, Lesley Zhang 26

**VALUES AWARD** - Gangmin Lee 26

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Milandri Koen 24, Justin Bong 25, Reuben Ariawan 27, Harry Smith 28

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Cooper Rich 15, Phoebe Guo 16, Owen Yu 17, Connor Watt 22

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Conor Brown 18, Roy Deng 19, Wilson Jiang 20, Geordie Lee-Watts 21, Joshua Shaw 23

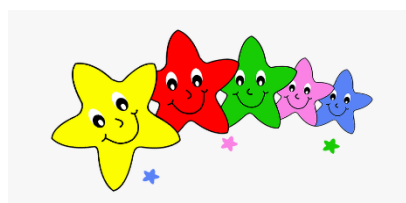
**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - Ethan Cooper 20, Cody Yang 21

**SPORTS CUP** - Joel Edmonds 21, Jesse Donald 18

**VALUES AWARD** - Taya Dos Santos David 23

**SERVICE TO SCHOOL AWARD** – Lexi White 18

**ARTS AWARD** - Riley Stuart 17





## **YEAR 2 TRIP TO AUCKLAND ZOO**

Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 had a wonderful trip to Auckland Zoo as part of their Inquiry "BBS Alive". The children had the opportunity to visit the Education Centre and take part in learning about a variety of New Zealand species. They learnt a lot about different animals and how we can protect them from introduced pests. A great day was had by all! A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.



## **MATHEX COMPETITION**

Browns Bay School recently competed in the Mathex Competition at Northcross Intermediate School. We had 3 Year 6 teams representing us. They all had a great time and did their best competing in a challenging competition, against 60 other teams from schools as far away as Matakana.

### **Team 1**

Jayden Jones  
Ethan Cooper  
Felix Johnston  
Morgan Pausina



### **Team 2**

Harley Mead  
Cody Yang  
Sean Wi  
Jo St Johanser



### **Team 3**

Mandy Ma  
Roy Deng  
Samantha Ridgley  
Ryan Ahn

## **SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS CHALLENGE**



Congratulations to the Year 6 team winning the primary section and coming second overall at the Auckland Sustainability Challenge Adventure Series. The Year 5 team were close on their heels, with both teams supporting and encouraging each other.

Our students ran over 10km through Long Bay Regional Park to visit activity stations to learn about all things sustainable - a great outcome in delivering our local curriculum as students have brought back some great ideas for our school environment - zero waste, pest trapping, plant ID, sea level monitoring, carbon sequestration in soil and marine species ID.

This included some lizard shelters that can be trialled in open areas of the school as a comparison with those in shaded areas #studentled #localcurriculum #zerowaste





## **YEAR 4 OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT MERC**

Poem by Room 25

Wet and windy days filled with fun  
Building a raft from barrels, wood and rope  
Dragging towards the freezing sea  
Crashing waves slapping against our floating raft  
Raft breaking apart hitting waves

Shooting arrows, aiming carefully for the bullseye  
Arrows swishing across the wind and hitting the target

Kids cheering for their team mates

Standing and surfing on the floating paddle board in our freezing wetsuits

Jumping into the freezing water in our lifejackets  
Seeing enormous waves coming closer and closer  
Gripping on the wet slippery rocks hoping to not fall off the climbing wall

Lots of colourful shaped rocks to climb on  
Clipping the carabiner to our harness

Balancing on top of the crates  
Stacking them like a tower in the air  
The Best Day Ever!





## Wacky Wednesday Walkers

A vertical column of seven colorful footprints. From top to bottom, the colors are: orange, red, purple, green, blue, light blue, and yellow. Each footprint is stylized with a simple outline and small dots for toes.



Last week our Browns Bay School Cross Country Team competed at the 2021 Super Cluster Cross Country Event.

A huge congratulations to Ava Marshall who was the Year 5 Girl Super Cluster Champion. This is an outstanding result!





## SCHOOL NOTICES

### CULTURAL LEADERS

Cultural Leaders – Browns Bay School now has some Year 5 and 6 bilingual students who will help support Korean and Chinese children in the playground. They will be wearing a 'Cultural Leader' badge and children can go to them if they need help, or just someone to talk to, in Korean or Mandarin. Our Cultural Leaders are:

#### KOREAN

Jiwon, Jungwoon, Olivia, Peter

#### MANDARIN

Jayden, Niki, Tony, Alison, Isabella and Mandy



## FOTS – Friends of the School



### FUNDING AVAILABLE – LAST WEEK FOR APPLICATIONS!

FOTS is inviting applications for the 2021 Discretionary Fund. If you are a staff member, coach or helper and require funding for a small school project or activity, please download an application form here: <https://tinyurl.com/FOTS2021DF-Term2>

Applications must be submitted to Jacky Carr by 3pm on Friday 25 June. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of Term 2, and allocated funding must be used in Term 3. For further information, please contact Jacky Carr: [jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz) or the FOTS

Discretionary Fund sub-committee: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

**ECOSTORE SOAPS** Help us fundraise for the school and do something great for the environment with Ecostore Good Soaps! The 80g Ecostore soaps are excellent value and selling in packs of:

- 4 soaps for \$10;
- Box of 24 for \$60.

These are beautiful soaps, free of nasty chemicals and with two lovely fragrances.

- Grapefruit & Mint
- Lemongrass





We want to make it super easy for you, so we have uploaded the purchase options onto Kindo and there are some samples in the office for you to check out. You can buy some for yourself or sell to family members, work mates, friends and neighbours.

## KNOWLEDGE-A-THON VOLUNTEERS

From 21 June - 02 July we will need 2-3 volunteers to help collate and count sponsorship money for the Knowledge-A-Thon. This will be from 8:50am to approximately 9:30am, in the school office/ staff room. Please contact [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz) for the volunteer form.

## CONTACT FOTS

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



Please come along to our next monthly meeting on **Thursday 05 August at 7 pm** in the staffroom. All welcome.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Off by heart knowledge is what counts!**

**Build your child's knowledge with Thinking Caps Tutoring**

In-School / After School / Virtual lessons Year 3-6

When you have a solid foundation, confidence follows!

[www.thinkingcaps.co.nz](http://www.thinkingcaps.co.nz)

**'We're working together to grow great kids'**  
E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki

**KidsLink**  
Creating Connections

Visit [kidslink.co.nz](http://kidslink.co.nz) for more info

**sKIDS**  
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision  
**Browns Bay**  
JUNIORS - 5 to 7 years

# Holiday Programme

|                     |                       |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Full Day            | 07:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$56.00 |
| Trip Day            | 07:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$66.00 |
| On site Premium Day | 07:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m. | \$64.00 |
| Short Day           | 07:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m. | \$46.00 |

**Kids Create**

Mon 12 Jul

Bring your imagination and get creative using hammers n nails, glue guns, tape, paints and stacks of other cool materials.

**Lazer Tag**

Tue 13 Jul

You will love playing in this new Lazer Tag arena. Hide in the theatrical smoke and laser lights, test your skills against your sKIDS friends

**Winter Wonderland**

Wed 14 Jul

Chill out in a Winter Wonderland complete with snow ball fights, cool crafts, winter games, snow cones & yummy hot chocolate!

**JP Circus**

Thu 15 Jul

The circus is coming to sKIDS! Enjoy an interactive magical show then learn the art of the circus including juggling & riding a unicycle!

**Gold Class Movie**

Fri 16 Jul

It's back! sKIDS movies in style - popcorn, designer ice cream sundae and a movie on the big screen! BYO comfy chair!

**Space Invaders**

Mon 19 Jul

Celebrate Matariki and explore our amazing solar system! Today we've got galaxy themed games, crafts, baking and an alien invasion!

**Sea Creature Exhibit**

Tue 20 Jul

See prehistoric ocean predators, fossils from millions of years ago, 13-metre long Elasmosaur and 9-metre long Prognathodon. Whoa!

**Odd Ball Olympics**

Wed 21 Jul

We're celebrating the Tokyo Olympics odd-ball style complete with opening ceremony, weird sports, wacky challenges and a prize giving!

**Movies and Popcorn**

Thu 22 Jul

Epic new movie. Bucket of popcorn. All your sKIDS mates. What more could a kid ask for? Jump on the bus and join us for Space Jam!

**PJ Party**

Fri 23 Jul

Don't worry about getting dressed today, just roll up in your PJ's! Enjoy games, pampering, movies and RAINBOW PANCAKES!!

For more information, call +64-21384038 Or +64-21384038 or email [brownsbay@skids.co.nz](mailto:brownsbay@skids.co.nz)

Register now at [www.sKIDS.co.nz](http://www.sKIDS.co.nz) click on **Parent Login**

**MSD-Approved**  
Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!





**Browns Bay**

SENIORS - 8 to 13 years

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## Epic Game Show!

Mon  
12  
Jul



Beat the buzzer, challenge your mates, try your luck, bust your brain and be in to win prizes galore at our Epic Game Show Day!

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Tue  
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Step into the abandoned city arena amongst theatrical smoke and laser lights. Test your skills against your sKids friends and staff.

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We're off to Game On to play, win & redeem! Enjoy candy floss, preloaded tickets, instant prizes & guaranteed hours of fun with your mates!

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