



02 December 2021
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Last week I wrote to everyone advising that even though New Zealand was moving into the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) at 11.59pm tonight, **Auckland Primary Schools** will retain the current public health measures and other requirements at **Alert Level 3 Step 2 for the remainder of the school year**. Auckland Primary Schools will move to the CPF from 01 January 2022.

For the remainder of 2021, Auckland Primary Schools will continue with a mix of students learning from home and learning onsite. Browns Bay School will continue with the alternate year group days of:

Monday and Wednesday	Years 2 / 4 / 6
Tuesday and Thursday	Year 0 / 1 / 3 / 5

We will also open the school on Fridays for the Year groups as follows:

Friday 03 December	Year 2 / 4 / 6
Friday 10 December	Year 0 / 1 / 3 / 5
Friday 17 December	Year 2 / 4 / 6 (until 1pm)

As we are still required to provide a full Distance Learning programme for students at home, I have been monitoring the number of students coming in each day and even though the attendance is increasing, we still have 25 to 30% of our students learning from home. This is a considerable number of students off site and with the requirement to continue providing home learning we have decided to continue with part-time school until the end of this Year.

We continue to have three Bubble Classes for children of essential workers or those families who have no appropriate care option at home. These Bubble groups have separate play times to the other Year groups and remain with the Bubble all day to limit the number of interactions in the playground. Jo Hewitt is managing these Bubble classes.

All onsite classes will finish at 1pm on Friday 17 December (including Bubble classes) and we will welcome everyone back to school on Thursday 03 February 2022.

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Community Notices

Children will be told of their 2022 classes and teachers on Tuesday 14 or Wednesday 15 December. The children will be placed into their new class groups and will meet their 2022 teacher where possible. They will be shown the location of their new room.

Over the Christmas Break we will be re-numbering our classrooms in anticipation of moving into the New Build mid-year 2022. We will be numbering the rooms as if the New Build is already in use. We will have 35 classrooms by the time the building is finished, and that building will consist of rooms 18 to 29.

As a result of this the first half of the year will have rooms numbered very illogically yet when we move the rooms mid-year the sequence will hopefully become apparent. An example is that current Rooms 24 – 25 – 26 will be renumbered 32 – 33 – 34. I will be sharing a map with the community after the class lists have gone out to families.

This year we learnt changing Rooms 1 and 2 to 29 and 30 mid-year was very fraught with administration issues and confusion for children and parents.

This year we are unable to hold the final Assemblies at school due to the Level 3 restrictions.

On Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December I will be visiting each classroom and presenting the School Certificates to the children in a socially distanced manner that is safe for all. The teachers will share the results of the presentations with the families of their class.

In 2022 all schools are entitled to Teacher Only Days as part of the Teacher's Collective Agreement agreed to with the Ministry of Education. These days mean the school is closed to students and they are not added on at the end of the year. There are six of these days to be utilised by June 2022. The Primary and Intermediate schools in our Kahui Ako Cluster (our Kahui Ako includes Murrays Bay Intermediate School), have agreed on the following days next year:

Term 1: Thursday 14 April

school starts Thursday 03 February

last day of Term 2 before Easter

day just before Matariki Day

The End of Year Reports will be available to parents on the Parent Portal on **Wednesday 15 December at 3.15pm** (there will be NO paper copy sent home).

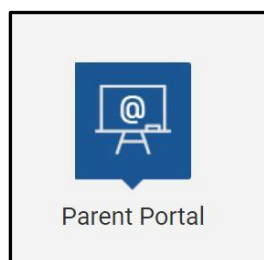
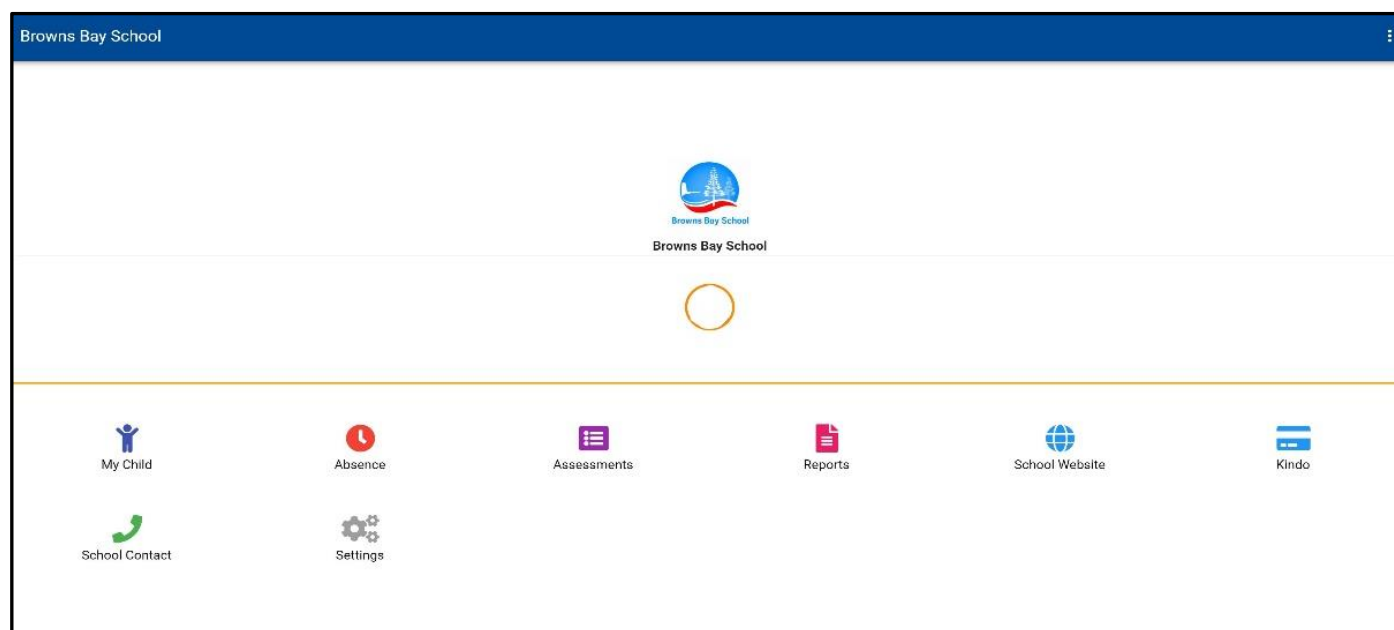
This year's End of Year Report has been adapted in consideration of the lockdowns with the large amount of time that students have been undertaking Distance Learning and the inability to gather formal assessment data. We are conscious that the COVID-19 disruptions in 2021 have impacted on our normal reporting cycle.

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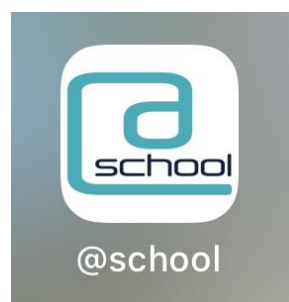
As students have been in very different learning circumstances, we will provide a Reading, Writing and Maths overall teacher judgement assessment and a general comment. Using their professional judgement and curriculum level knowledge, teachers will make an OTJ for Reading, Writing and Maths for every child (OTJ is their working level). The OTJ will appear on the graphs as a tick.

The general comment section has been increased in size and will be a summary for the year. The general comment may include comments on Reading, Writing, Maths, Distance Learning, social, values, effort, disposition, response to feedback, resilience etc.

PARENT PORTAL



Parent Portal



@school

The [School](#) website has a connection 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**

It is recommended that you log onto the Parent Portal prior to this to ensure you can get access. The link is <https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login>
If you have any issues with the Parent Portal, please contact the school via bbs@brownsbay.school.nz

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.

Monday 13 December – Y6 Graduation (in school time) – including a Pizza lunch	Wednesday 15 December – Reports available on Parent Portal – 3.15pm
Friday 17 December - Term 4 Ends – 1pm	Wednesday 02 February – Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Thursday 03 February – Term 1 2022 Starts	Monday 07 February – Waitangi Day (observed) – School Closed

SCHOOL EVENTS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We are planning to hold a ceremony to farewell our Year 6 students on Monday 13 December. This ceremony will be held outside if the weather permits. If this is not possible, we will be holding individual ceremonies for each Year 6 class inside the school hall.

We will be providing a pizza lunch for all our Year 6 students.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow parents on site to be part of this ceremony. We are hoping to be able to film the ceremony so a link can be sent out to parents. We will be taking photos of all award winners which will be shared with parents.

Further information will be sent to all Year 6 parents shortly, along with a form to indicate if your child will be attending school on that day to take part in the ceremony.



WINTER HOCKEY

The BBS Black Sticks and the BBS Strikers had an outstanding Winter Hockey season this year.

Congratulations to both teams for finishing 2nd in their respective grades.

A huge thank you to Rebecca Kennedy and Falan Coley for coaching the two teams!

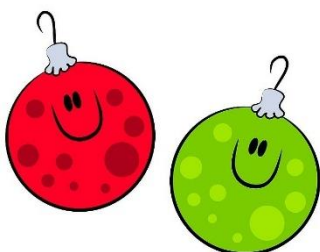
We look forward to seeing you all back playing next year.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO BROWNS BAY

Next time you are down in Browns Bay Centre, try and find the Browns Bay School's Christmas window.

A few of the Year 6 girls gave up their time to help create and build such a lovely bright window for all to admire. We think it's better than looking at a vacant shop. The theme is a "Teddy Bears Christmas Day at the Beach". Thanks to Madison, Jasmin, Ada, Poet and Kiersa for your time and energy. Thank you to Room 1 Bubble class and the Junior Bubble class for your artwork.



ROOM 1

Mrs Wishy Washy and the Greedy Cats are a big hit in Room 1!



ROOM 9

Here is an insight into a school day in Room 9.

Our new normal



Outside Reading



Hans



Leonie Painting



Back to School Planners



THANK YOU ALL!

It has been so lovely having students back on-site over the last two weeks! We want to thank all the students as well as the school community for safely following the new organisation we have had to put in place to meet all the Ministry of Education guidelines.



FAMILIES LEAVING THE SCHOOL - NOTICE FROM KINDO/EZLUNCH

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.



If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

KINDO HELP DESK INFORMATION

Our helpdesk closes **Friday 17 December** at 1.00pm.

For urgent matters from **Wednesday 05 January 2022** email the helpdesk or call and leave a message and one of the team will come back to you same day.

We will re-open the helpdesk on **Monday 10 January 2022, 8am-4pm**.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DATES FOR 2022

- 11 March Junior Outdoor Education Day – In School
- 28 - 30 March Year 5 Camp 1 (Classes TBC) – Peter Snell Youth Village
- 30 March – 01 April Year 5 Camp 2 (Classes TBC) – Peter Snell Youth Village
- 07 – 09 March Year 6 Camp – Carey Park Camp
- 07 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day (Classes TBC) – Long Bay Regional Park
- 08 March Year 3 Outdoor Education Day (Classes TBC) – Long Bay Regional Park
- 09 – 10 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days – (Classes TBC) - MERC
- 16 – 17 May Year 4 Outdoor Education Days – (Classes TBC) - MERC

NETBALL DRESS RETURNS



It is that time of year again when Netball dresses and sports team gear bags need to be returned to school.

All Year 4 to 6 Netball dresses to be returned this week.

Please place the clean dress in a bag with your child's name and room number on it.

For children coming to school, please can your child give the dress to their classroom teacher.

If your child is not coming to school, please drop off the dress in the box outside the office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday.

For coaches/managers please can all sports gear bags be returned to the school by next Tuesday 7th December.

For those children that are at school please can they leave the bag outside the office.

If your child is not coming into school, please arrange to leave the bag outside the school office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday.




LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO ~~DO~~ CLUE
CHALLENGE
YOUR FAMILY
TO THE GREAT
FOTS
Browns Bay School
Tiki Tour Competition

1. Buy your family a set of clues
2. Decipher the clues to discover locations of interest around Browns Bay
3. Walk your way to these iconic places and search for a letter
4. Solve the letter jumble and send back your answer to be in-to-win!

Enter on Kindo, \$5 per family
Clues will be sent to your allocated email address
Send in a photo of your family looking for clues and be in with the chance of a spot prize
All answers and photos to be sent to: fots.tikitourcompetition@my.brownsbay.school.nz
Competition closes on: 6th December 2021

Good luck explorers, may the odds ever be in your favour
Winners will be drawn randomly from all correct entries and prizes announced in the school newsletter



BROWNS BAY SCHOOL TIKI TOUR COMPETITION – LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!

Only a week to go before entries close for the Tiki Tour!

Fill in an afternoon and change up that weekend walk, let the kids decipher the clues, find the letters and be in the draw to win some awesome prizes!

Enter via Kindo and the clues should arrive to your email the same day!

Join the Tiki Tour around Browns Bay to find the clues

- 1- Buy a family entry through Kindo and get the clues (\$5 per family).
- 2- Decipher the clues and discover the locations of interest around Browns Bay.
- 3- Walk to each of the locations and find a letter.
- 4- Collect all the letters and solve the letter jumble.
- 5- Send in your answer and be in-to-win!

Competition closes on 06 December.

There are spot prizes for sending in family photos of you searching for the clues.

Good luck!



CHRISTMAS SILENT AUCTION

FOTS will be running a Silent Auction via Facebook from the 06-15 December. Please have a look on www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School to view the prizes and place a bid.



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.

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



Browns Bay
Christmas Parade
The Biggest Little Parade in Auckland
4th December 2021 at 5.00pm

Extended Parade Route

Share your photos with us on our Facebook page
LoveBrownsBay
www.brownsbay.org.nz

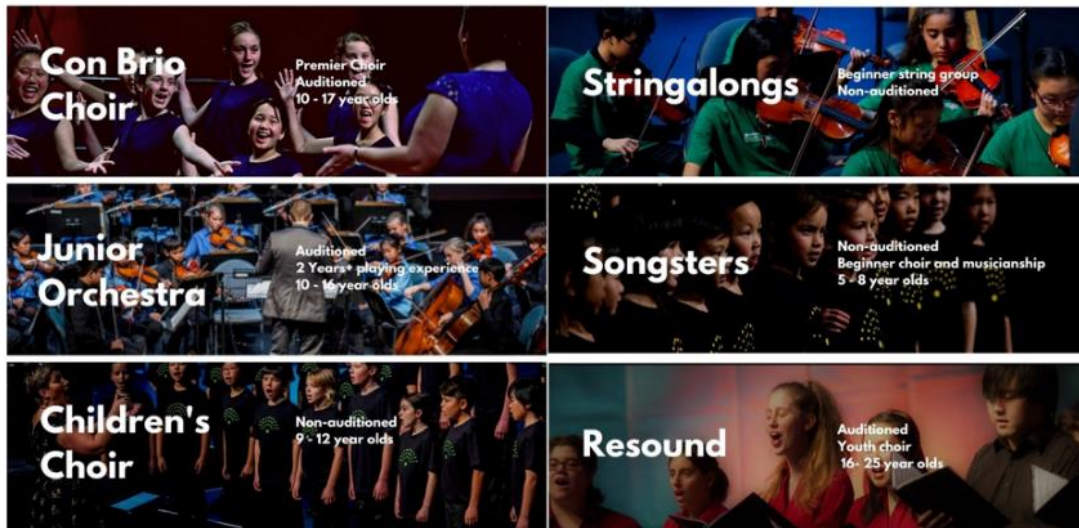
All Day Christmas Craft Market 10am - 5pm
in Phoenix Plaza

We support **smokefree** Hibiscus and Bays Local Board **BROWNS BAY** BUSINESS ASSOCIATION **HEART OF THE BAYS**

The poster features a festive design with a blue and white bokeh background. It includes three photographs: a group of people in red and white costumes, a group in green and blue costumes, and a gingerbread house. A map shows the parade route around a central area. At the bottom, there is an illustration of people at a craft market and logos for local organizations.

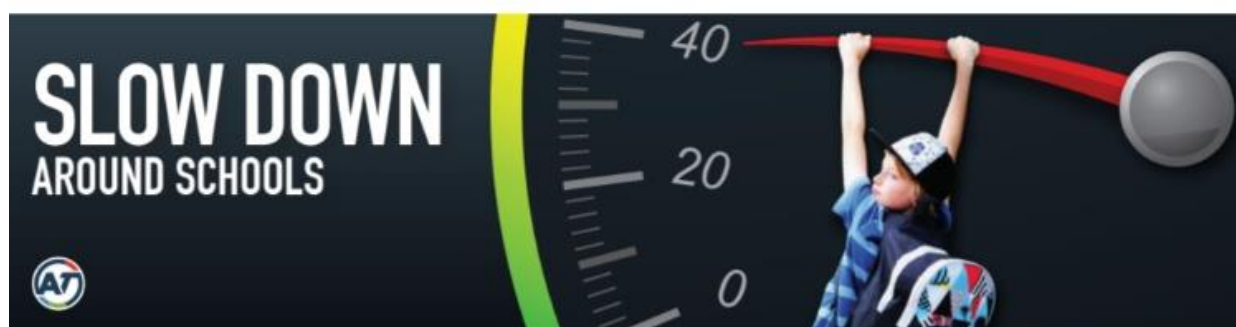
NORTH SHORE
youth music

**APPLICATIONS
NOW BEING
ACCEPTED
FOR 2022**



To apply or to find out more information about the above groups,
visit our website or find us on Facebook

www.nsym.org.nz



Chess Lovers ONLINE Holiday Program

This program is suitable for kids who have some experience with chess.

The online Chess Lovers holiday program will involve:

- Covering tricky Chess rules your parents haven't even heard of!
- Learning nice strategies for the opening, middle-game and endgame
- Learn awesome Chess tactics and solve puzzles to win pieces and checkmate the king!
- Learn about the greatest Chess players in history and how they played the game
 - Play in mini tournaments to practice your new learning

09:00am - 12:15pm weekdays

\$45 per session

[Register here](#)

Visit www.chesspower.co.nz to learn more about Chess Power.

