



Browns Bay School
EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

23 February 2023
Newsletter



SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
Monday 27 February
8.30am
School Hall
Items \$10 and under
Cash Only



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Katoa

I hope everyone has made progress with their recovery and repairs after the recent weather events in Auckland. Our thoughts are with the Hawkes Bay and Gisborne communities as they cope with the disaster in their regions.

This week has been more settled at school as we end our first full week of school.

VALUES

Taking Responsibility / Takohanga	Inquiring Minds / Whai Whakaro	Personal Excellence / Tu Rangatira	Respect / Manaakitanga
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take ownership of your own behaviour, belongings and your learning environment Make sensible choices Challenge yourself to become independent Work together co-operatively 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore new ideas Wonder and question Experiment, reflect and create Show critical, creative and innovative thinking 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be your best Have a 'can do' attitude Persistence to achieve your goals and challenges Be resilient 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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



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

PB4L – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

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We had a very successful launch of the PB4L initiative two weeks ago. The focus of our first lesson was hat wearing. We've noticed a vast improvement with the majority of students now wearing school hats. Thank you for encouraging your child to pack their hat each morning. It enables them to fully participate in fitness and PE lessons as well as enjoying their break times. School uniform hats should be worn. Please speak to your classroom teacher if you need help with this.

Due to Cyclone Gabrielle our second lesson, Sun Safety, was postponed until this week. The lesson focussed on the other ways we can protect ourselves and our skin during sunny days. It would be wonderful if you could speak with your children about this and what they have learned. Next week's lesson takes a deeper look at how we can respect our school environment and links to our values of Manaakitanga – Respect and Takohanga - Taking Responsibility.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

I would like to acknowledge the payment of donations recently. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can offer your children. Although our school is funded through an Operation Grant which covers fixed running costs, we are very reliant on donations to maintain the standard we expect with extra Teacher hours, Teacher Aides, professional development for staff, computer equipment and new classroom resources.

Please note that there are various ways to pay this donation and it can be claimed as a tax rebate at the end of the financial year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The current Board members are listed on the website. www.brownsbay.school.nz/our-school/board-of-trustees

The first Board meeting of the year is tonight in the School Staffroom at 6.30pm. Board meetings are open to the public and are held in the Staffroom twice a term. The 2023 dates for the meetings will be set tonight and advertised on our school website and the school newsletter. If you would like to communicate with the Board regarding any matter, either write a letter addressed to: The Presiding Member, BOT Browns Bay School or contact the school office.

SCHOOL EVENTS – UNION MEETINGS and TEACHER ONLY DAYS

I am advising parents that we have a Paid Union Meeting for Principals and teachers next week on Thursday March 2. These meetings have been called by the NZEI to discuss the ongoing industrial negotiations regarding the collective agreement. Members are being asked to vote on the latest offer and decide what happens next. This meeting will mean some disruption to classes, yet the school will remain open.

The Ministry of Education has also granted TWO Teacher Only Days for schools in 2023. The first of these days will be on **MONDAY 24 APRIL**. This means Term 3 will begin on Wednesday 26 April. These days are being granted to schools due to the significant change to our national curriculum systems. The days are to support teachers in the implementation of these changes.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 23 Feb – BOT Meeting – 6.30pm	Monday 27 Feb – FOTS Second Hand Uniform Sale
Monday 27 Feb – Y6 Camp	Tuesday 28 Feb – Y6 Camp
Wednesday 01 Mar – Y6 Camp	Wednesday 01 Mar - Waterwise Y5 Only
Thursday 02 Mar – Paid Union Meeting (Teachers)	Friday 3 Mar – Y1 – 3 Assembly 9.45am
Friday 3 Mar – Y4 - 6 Assembly 11.30am	Tuesday 6 – 8 Mar – Y5 Camp 1
Tuesday 07 Mar – Pre-School Visit	Tuesday 07 Mar – Year 4 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 08 Mar – Waterwise Y6 Only	Thursday 8 – 10 Mar – Y5 Camp 2

Monday 13 Mar – Y3 Outdoor Education	Tuesday 14 March – Y3 Outdoor Education
Wednesday 15 March - Waterwise	Friday 17 March – Junior Outdoor Education
Thursday 23 Mar – BOT Meeting	Monday 27 Mar - FOTS AGM 2023

SCHOOL EVENTS

CYBER SAFETY PROGRAMME

We are pleased to let you know that the school will be running the “Informed & Empowered Cyber Safety Programme” from “Our Kids Online” in 2023.

This is a comprehensive programme that educates students on online safety and covers the following in an age-appropriate way:

- Feeling and emotions
- Cyberbullying
- Inappropriate content
- Misinformation
- Online predators

As a way to kick off this programme, our school along with the Kahui Ako have been fortunate to secure the founder of Our Kids Online, Rob Cope, to hold a Parent/ Caregiver presentation next Tuesday 28th February.

This is being held at Rangitoto College in the auditorium from 7 pm- 9 pm. There is a cost of \$10 per person and tickets can be purchased at <https://www.midbays.com/>

If you are in a position to attend, we strongly encourage you to do so.

'OUR KIDS ONLINE'
A CYBER SAFETY EVENING

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
7:00PM TO 9:00PM
RANGITOTO COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

GUEST SPEAKER
ROB COPE

"I would most definitely tell everyone I know that they must go if this talk were offered again! "

"Such a worthwhile 2 hours, I feel this should be compulsory for every parent do this before handing over a device, otherwise kind of like letting a kid drive a car without a license. Rob's delivery was honest and approachable, refreshing..."

TO BUY TICKETS GO TO MIDBAYS.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.OURKIDSONLINE.INFO/](https://www.ourkidsonline.info/)

SWIMMING SPORTS

The 2023 Year 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Sports event was recently held at the Owen Glenn Swimming Pool. It was a great morning and for many it was their first time experiencing such a big swimming event. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best and supporting one another during the races.

A very big thank you to the parents and staff who came along to help out with the event!



BUDDY CLASS

Buddy classes - Room 31 and Room 11

Year 1 to 3 classes are paired to a Year 4 to 6 class. Classes meet at their discretion with the purpose of younger students meeting older students and interacting in activities.



SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

The School Assemblies happen every five weeks – Week 5 and 10 and are split with a Year 1 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 Assembly. The first Assembly of 2023 is next Friday with Year 2 and Year 4 being the organising Teams.

The times are:

Year 1 – 3 09:45 – 10:30am

Year 4 – 6 11:30 – 12:30pm

School trophies will be available at ALL the Assemblies for the most deserving students regardless of year level (except the End of Year Assembly that is reserved for Year 6 students). We have introduced a Junior Values Award for the Year 1 – 3 Assembly. Parents of certificate and trophy recipients are contacted prior to the event so they can be present.

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 Rd and Browns Bay Rd. The pick-up zone is monitored until 3.15pm.

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 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 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.

NETBALL

Netball is a team sport open to Y1-6 students. It is mostly a female game however 1 or 2 boys are allowed in each team.

Games are played in Terms 2 and 3 on a Saturday (Y1-4 @ Pinehurst School) or Wednesdays after school (Y5-6 Netball North Harbour).

Registrations are now open – please visit the school website for more information and to sign up.

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



SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

Parents wanting to order scholastic books, to do so online by Monday 27th February.

There will be no cash orders at school.

Online Book orders: www.scholastic.xo.nz/LOOP



Magazine Issue 1 went out this week.

FOTS – Friends of the School

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE - This Monday 27th February

The Uniform sale will be held on Monday 27th February from 8.30 am - 9.00 am in the school hall.

- T-shirts, shorts, skorts and hats \$5
- Fleeces & jackets \$10
- Cash only

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 27th March 7 pm Staff room

Interested in joining Friends of the School (FOTS)? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year. Ahead of the AGM, we're calling for nominations from school parents/caregivers for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles have a 1-year term. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the office by Friday 24th March, 3:30pm.

Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/about-us/friends-school>



NEXT FOTS MEETING –Monday, 27th March to follow the AGM in the school staff room

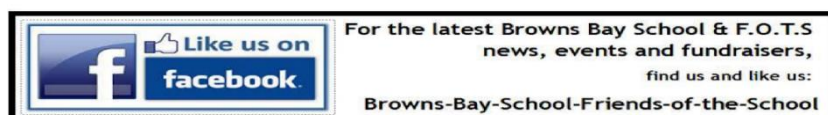
CONTACT FOTS

If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more, please email fots@my.brownsbayschool.nz, or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School.

Please come along to our next monthly meeting **Monday 13th February at 7 pm** in the staff room. 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



PLEASE COME ALONG TO MEET
THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL
AT THE 2023 FOTS AGM

wine & cheese evening

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
PLEASE RSVP TO
FOTS@MY.BROWNSBAY.SCHOOL.NZ

MONDAY 27TH MARCH FROM 7PM
SCHOOL STAFFROOM
(ABOVE THE OFFICE)



Secondhand Uniform sale



**Mo 27th Feb
8.30am,
School hall**
Items \$10 &
under, cash only



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Develop a love of Maths for your child!



Thinking Caps Tutoring
is for you!
Because it's confidence
that counts.

Learn more: www.thinkingcaps.co.nz
BOOK NOW FOR TERM 1 2023
In-school sessions Yr 3-6
www.thinkingcaps.co.nz/enrol/



AMAZING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Do you love working with children and want to make a difference in their lives? Then joining our sKids family, may well be the opportunity you are looking for! sKids Browns Bay is looking for a Programme Manager. You will be responsible for the daily operation of our programme as well as fostering great relationships with our school community.

We would be more than happy if you needed to bring your school children to work. Hours of work can be reasonably flexible but will look something like this:

Monday – Friday 7.00AM - 8.30AM and 2.30PM – 6PM along with extra hours for administration.

To find out more, interested applicants are requested to send their CV and cover letter to brownsbay@skids.co.nz ASAP.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa.

Contact: Sue Briggs



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



Visit kidslink.co.nz for more info