



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #1. 22nd February 2023

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni hao, Buenos dias, Ciao, Malo no habari, Dobar dan, Bula vinaka, Anyeonghaseyo, Nameste, Sawatdi

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. To our new students and families and to our returning students and families welcome to the 2023 school year. Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is 'up and racing' with our teaching and learning even though we have had a stilted start to the NZ school year.

Our thoughts and aroha go out to the numerous families in our community and across the motu effected by flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle.

We welcomed our new students and staff members at our Whakatau. New staff are: Ms Inger Cuthbert – R8, Miss Natalie de Coning – R7, Mr Brandon Dewes – PE&H, our new learning assistants – Jay, Jasna and Matilda, as well as our new PA to our Principal - Annika. We are delighted to have them join our BMIS team.

It is Week 4 in our BMIS school calendar and BMIS has been open for instruction for 10 days. In that time BMIS has welcomed our new students and staff with a Whakatau, held our Meet My Teacher/s Meet, Eat & Greet evening, commenced PROBE, reading support programmes and assessments, held Whanau & class hui, started Specialist Subject lessons, underway with our class attendance competition, booked school athletics day, served many meals from PitStop, and held assemblies, to name a few. So you can see we have our foot firmly on the accelerator.

Our new students have integrated well into the McLAREN Way and are making new friends from many other contributing schools. Year 8 students know the expectations and are showing leadership to our newcomers – a great example of whānaungatanga.

With the sun out, we have all been able to breathe a sigh of relief and get out onto the huge field to play, trial for sports teams, enjoy our PE lessons and feel the sun on our backs.

Intermediate schooling is vital. Your child - our student is going through significant development as they grow socially, emotionally, physically and academically. As a parent (caregiver), please know that your child's teacher is happy to hear from you to answer questions or discuss any issues around learning. You can find email addresses on the school website or contact the school office.

Newsletters are electronic and are posted to SkoolLoop, FB, emailed and on the website. The newsletter is generally posted each fortnight on a Wednesday. Intermittent notices will come through the above means of communication. Very little will come to you that is paperbased – occasionally some sports and trip permissions.

You will hear you child refer to: 5 Safe Adults; Right place, right time, right thing; DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE; 5Cs; Off at the Gate; "I go through the school gates to learn"; learn having fun; Opportunities Day; Kura Hakinakina; to mention a few. Please get them to explain to you what these mean – they are all part of our ethos at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

General reminders are later in the newsletter. Please ensure that you read our information to keep up to date with what the school is doing so your child does not miss out on anything.

Best wishes to all performers, whānau, support crews and spectators attending the Te Matatini Herenga Waka Herenga Tangata National Kapa Haka Festival 2023. For those unable to attend, TVNZ 2 & TVNZ+ are streaming live and free.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your commitment to ensure your child gets to school to gain from the incredible variety of learning opportunities at our school.

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Tumuaki - Principal

KEEPING UP TO DATE:

NZEI PAID UNION MEETING – TEACHERS.

BMIS will close at 1.00pm on Tuesday, 28th February for teachers who are NZEI members to attend a paid union meeting.

A skeleton staff will supervise students in the Library, who NEED to be at school until 3.00pm. School buses will still run as scheduled.

Should you NEED your child to stay at school and be supervised until 3.00pm, please ring the school office or send an email/note before Friday, 24th February, 2.00pm to register your child to stay.

Only students who have registered to stay at school will be able to do so.

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE: When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they only do it *once* ...
... that is **NOT NICE**

MEAN: When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it *once* ...
... that is **MEAN**

BULLYING: When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it, over a period of time*, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...
... that is **BULLYING**

Common Sense Care Co-Operation
Courtesy Commitment

GENERAL:

- Bucket hat must be worn in Term 1 and 4.
- SHOPS: (Opposite School) Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** parents to find another space to collect your children from. For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first - always. Thank you for your support with this.
- Lollies, sweets, chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and expected behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Students only cross the road ONCE to come to school and once going home from school. This is to be at the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING for safety.

PARKING AT SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that there is to be **NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY** - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address (ebully@bruceclarens.school.nz). Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Ms Ah Chong, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone knows the definition of "bullying". At BMIS the students refer to the chart to the left.

OFF AT THE GATE:

Discussion with your child about OFF AT THE GATE is imperative. Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride. Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:

Which class will win the Mr Whippy attendance prize? The class that successfully achieves >95% weekly attendance, on any given week for Term 1, will win a visit to their class by Mr Whippy, as of Week 4+.

Attendance = Engagement = Achievement.

Which class or classes will this be? Watch this space.

Come on students, let's have a class get over 95% attendance for every week.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Board of Trustees Meeting	2 March 2023 6.30pm
Beach Ed	21, 22, 24 March 2023
PhotoLife Date	23 May 2023
Last day of Term 1	6 April 2023
Term 2 Commences	26 April 2023
HPV & Boostrix Vaccines	Commence 30 May 2023



Please ensure you download our school app - Skool Loop.

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en_NZ&gl=US

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/skool-loop/id1043396607>

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A NOTICE TO YEAR 8 FAMILIES REGARDING BEACH ED:

A Year 8 highlight is Beach Ed.

Due to the current access to Piha North, a decision to proceed on the dates planned will be made in conjunction with reports from Geotek, The Auckland City Council and other experts. We will keep you updated.

Please keep the permission slips and payment for this amazing programme coming in. Thank you for your support. Any decision at BMIS has student safety as the first priority.

YOUTHTOWN
SINCE 1932

HER RIDE

Ever wanted to learn to ride a bike or brush up on your skills so you are riding confidently and safely on the road? Well HerRide is just what you need!

This FREE 3 week programme is aimed at girls and women of any age from 9+

- Learn in a supportive, female only environment
- Build skills and confidence
- The perfect way to have fun with the older/ younger women in your whānau
- Bikes and helmets provided - although you are welcome to bring your own, and food will be provided at the end of each session

Register Here!

Behaviour Support



BSup

Enhancing effective behaviour management & strengthening learning.

FREE EVENT

HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD PRESENTS

COME FLY A Kite

Harbourview-Orangihina Park,
Te Atatū Road, Te Atatū Peninsula.
Saturday 25 February 2023, 11am-3pm

- Children's entertainment
- Kite library
- Bring your own kite
- Food stalls
- Bring a picnic
- And much more.

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BOYS & GIRLS ONLY RIPPA TEAMS

For more information on BSup - please contact your child's teacher. All email addresses are available on the website.

