

**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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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 OUR PRINCIPAL – LIZ WOOD

Kia ora koutou katoa

Women's FIFA World Cup favour has certainly entertained us recently. Having such an event to be shared with our nation is something to be celebrated, knowing that the rest of the globe has been tuning in to see our country being showcased.

At BMIS we have had sporting prowess and achievement too! The **WZ Rugby League** teams represented our school with pride and held their own on the field. Thank you to the many parents who turned out to support our teams. Thank you to Mr Dewes and Miss Ah Chong for their coaching and commitment to ensure our teams were well prepared for the big day.

The **Netball** season has drawn to a close. Every member of our netball teams is to be commended for their commitment and perseverance regardless of weather. Only lightning and thunder sees games rescheduled! Congratulations to the Year 7 team for placing a well deserved Grade 3, 2nd place and the Year 8 team placing Grade 5, 3rd place. It takes dedication from the coaches, Ms Cuthbert, and Miss de Coning along with the managers, and whānau support to have a successful season. Thank you to everyone involved.

Water Polo continues to grow and strengthen with wins over other intermediate school teams. Climbing into the pool on Wednesdays and Fridays takes courage and commitment. Well done to our players for their ongoing effort, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you also to Mrs Few and Mrs Warden for being there for our players after a busy week of work!

On the horizon is **Basketball, Volleyball and Athletics** Day. Yes, Athletics Day is when the entire school heads to Douglas Track & Field (Waitakere Stadium) for a brilliant day of competition. Athletics Day is early Term 4, so there is time for athletes to keep training.

ePro8 teams are progressing to the Auckland Regional Competition with challenges at every turn. This is definitely not a competition for the faint hearted with levels to achieve, timeframes to manage and curveballs thrown in the mix at every turn.

To ensure that our teams are super competitive for the national event, we have teamed with Henderson High School and have students mentoring our BMIS teams – this is a wonderful collaboration.

On Thursday evening, BMIS **MathEx Competition** teams will be heading to Selwyn College (Stadium) to challenge over 50 other teams loaded with mathematicians. It is a huge evening and we wish the teams all the very best on the night.

BMIS Has Got Science is well underway with students involved in their Science inquiries. I have seen amazing experiments, joy and wonder on the faces of students, heated debates about hypotheses, discussions about data and a raft of equipment in use. On Friday, 25th August the school hall will house student Science experiments/projects for viewing. These experiments/projects will have achieved the BMIS baseline criteria and be judged by our STEM teacher, Mr Emmitt and Mrs Lovegrove, a scientist. Thank you to Mrs Few for ensuring BMIS Has Got Science is available to our school community from 9 – 1.30pm.

BigFoot, cycle skills and safety programme, continues to work with classes on a daily basis. This programme certainly assists with our BMIS Road Safety programme and TravelWise programme – endeavouring to keep our students safe and providing the skills, knowledge and understanding that the road is not a playground – ever!

Camp & OE & Malaga are just around the corner. All documentation and payments should now have been completed. It is fabulous to see that there are only one or two students who are unable to attend these amazing experiences and reasons being they are offshore or have a family commitment. It is obvious that our parents/whānau want their children to experience the best and most while at school. Thank you.

There has been much in the media recently about Financial Literacy (of which BMIS implements), Common Practice Model (2025), and the Curriculum Refresh (2025-27). Our Henderson Kahui Ako (Community of Learning of seven schools – HHS, BMIS, SPS, HVPS, ODS, PPS, HSPS) has been and is doing incredible mahi behind the scenes to ensure that our schools are at the cutting edge of any, and new, developments that the Government imposes. Last Tuesday evening all seven schools came together to continue to upskill in the latest developments and initiatives (more than 25 set by the Government) to ensure that our ākonga are receiving the quality education they deserve.

As a principal, I am constantly reflecting on how I was as a parent of emerging adolescent (and now in their 20s!). There were many parenting labels bandied about such as: lawnmower, bubble-wrap, helicopter, tiger, snowplough, intensive, bulldozer, control, attachment, fearful and overinvolved. However, I came across this term and it piqued my interest. See what you think: Bonsai Parenting It is important to recognize that these labels are not absolute and can sometimes oversimplify complex parenting behaviours. Parenting styles can also evolve over time based on various factors. Additionally, while some level of protection and involvement is natural and beneficial, it is important to find a balance that supports a child's growth, independence, and well being.

Should you have any thoughts, wonderings or questions about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher directly. All email contacts are on the website or on your child's SeeSaw. Whānau Leaders, Assistant Principals and I are also available.

A few of housekeeping matters to conclude with:
Full school uniform & PE uniform is expected. Nothing less.

No aerosol sprays or deodorants on site.

You will be called to collect your child's home device/cellphone if they choose not to follow school procedures – Off At The Gate.

BMIS has high expectations – we make no apology for this! Students are here to learn.

May everyone get to see some sunshine soon.

Stay safe, warm and well.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki – Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS T3, W5 & 6

Amarleya R 2, Coco R2, Faith R2, Vera R2, Deborah R2, Dali R7, Lavinia R7, Damien R8, Eliza R8, Adam R9, Eman R9, Sharleeen R9, Ellie R10, Lily R10, Jaydan R11, Philadelphia R11, Jordan R12, Max R12, Melinah R12, Rocatius R12

McLAREN AWARDS T3, W6

Layton R2, Jesh R5, Lilli R5, Spye R6, Lavinia R7, Keira R9, Aiona R10, Tyrone R10, Kwayde R10, Lebron R11, Kitty R11, Valerie R12

GENERAL

- Closed shoes must be worn in Term 2 and 3.
- 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.
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- 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**.

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.

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. All home devices are placed in a class box at 8.30am and returned by 3.00pm. 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 will win a visit to their class by Mr Whippy.

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.



NETBALL RESULTS:

Year 7's played Waikowhai Intermediate in the finals:
The game was tight with a final score of BMIS 6 vs Waikowhai 8.
Year 7s started the season in Grade 4, and finished the season placed 2nd in Grade 3.

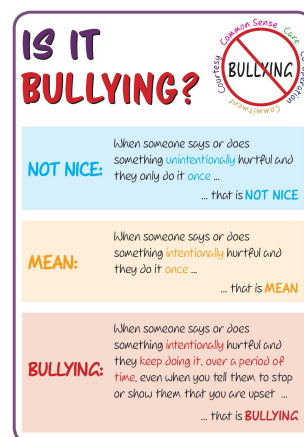
Year 8's Played St Dominics in the finals.
The game was dominated by Bruce Mclaren and the final score was BMIS 16 vs St Dominics 8
Year 8's finishing the season placed 3rd in Grade 5.

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

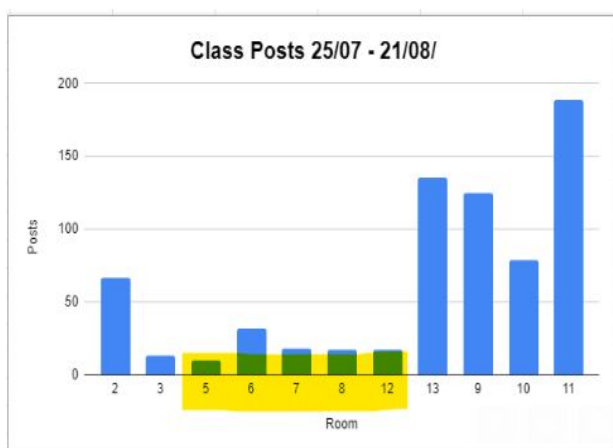
We have an e-bullying email address
ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz. Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Ms Ah Chong, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone knows the definition of bullying".

WATERPOLO RESULTS:

Glen Eden 3- BMIS 12
Liston St Doms 4- BMIS 4
Te Atatu Int 10- BMIS 1



SEESAW AUGUST 2023:



Week of August 13 - August 20 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate



226
New Items



90
Likes



123
Comments



71
Family Visits



Applications are now open for our next Young Inspiring Explorers™ Summit.

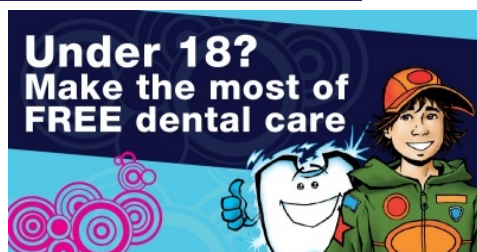
In partnership with William Pike Challenge and supported by the US Embassy, International Antarctic Centre and Antarctica New Zealand, the weekend will offer successful applicants exciting opportunities to step outside their comfort zone and develop their explorer mindset on a weekend of Antarctic themed fun and learning in the Antarctic Gateway city Ōtautahi Christchurch.

If you this sounds like you or someone you know in Year 7-9, find out more and apply here:

<https://nzaht.org/encourage/2023-november-summit/>

FREE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Monday - Thursday
8am - 4pm
Direct dial: 021409579
Free phone: 0800 TALK
TEETH



INTRODUCING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

Kia ora tatou, my name is Arielle, and I am the public health nurse for Bruce McLaren Intermediate.

I will be starting a drop in nurse clinic for whanau every second Friday, starting on Friday 4th August from 9am – 11am.

If you are concerned about your child's health and would like support from me, you can either phone me on 021 1994571, or come along to the drop in clinic.

Some of the health needs I can help with include skin and ear infections, asthma, eczema, bedwetting, hearing and vision concerns, nutrition and diet, and general health assessments (to name a few). I can also help link you with other health services as needed. I am happy to visit tamariki and whānau at school or in their homes.

I look forward to working with your school community.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Arielle



IMPORTANT DATES:

Mathex	24 August 2023
BMIS Has got Science	Friday 25 August 2023
Board Meeting	31st August 2023
Staff Only Day	Friday 1st September 2023
Year 8 OE, Year 7 Camp, Malaga	5th - 8th September 2023
End of Term	22nd September 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>



BOT MEETINGS:

Thursday 31st August 2023

Thursday 26th October 2023

Thursday 30th November 2023

WZ RUGBY LEAGUE 2023

OPEN GRADE BOYS COACHES:
ROBBIE VAKALAH,
MARIETTA AH CHONG

GIRLS: BRANDON DEWES,
EVA AH CHONG VAKALAH

