

**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #17 13th December 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 OUR PRINCIPAL – LIZ WOOD

Kia ora koutou katoa

Well here we are! The chequered flag is in full view as we cross the finish line.

Since the Community Update last week, it has been full acceleration at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

Classes needing to relocate for 2024 have completed their moves. This is because of the enhancements taking shape over the course of the Summer break and during next year. These include Rooms 1, 4, 5, 8 being refurbished, recladded and painted. Rooms 1 – 4 are being reroofed. Rooms 2, 3, 6 & 7 are being modernised with sliding exterior doors out on to a courtyard for 'indoor – outdoor learning'. The McLaren Room & Library are being reroofed with the Library having a complete makeover (I will never let the Library go – as many schools have done so. The Library is an absolute treasure of our school). Rooms 9, 10, 11 area is also being reroofed and refurbished. So you can see we will be busy people over the break and into the new year. Exciting times.

Mahi Tahi (including R13) had a brilliant day on site with waterslides, fun areas and food. Smiles, and skill, were certainly on display.

Manawanui and Manaaki had an amazing time at Parakai. Thank you to families who accommodated a late bus back from the event.

Year 8 Formal Dancing concluded with students having learnt the Cha Cha, Box Waltz, Brooklyn Shuffle, Circuit and Night Fever. Thank you to Eva for her time, dedication and patience teaching us these.

On Tuesday evening the **Year 8 Glitz & Glamour** event was held. Wow! Just wow! The attendees looked incredible (thank you parents/caregivers for your time and effort) and the atmosphere was phenomenal. Kai was bountiful and the staff were even seen to 'boogie'. The hall was completely transformed by the hard working team of staff and, honestly, the event area was 'out of this world'.

Year 7 ground crew – thank you. Comments from attendees were electric and extremely positive – what a way to wrap up two years of intermediate schooling – an experience that won't be forgotten.

The last event will take place tomorrow, **Thursday, 14th December – BMIS FORMAL PRIZE GIVING. FPG commences at 9:30am.** Parents/caregivers have been contacted and informed if your child is receiving an award. Teachers and office staff are the only staff who will have contacted you. Thank you for keeping this a secret!

Only Year 8 students donating their uniforms Bk3 Thursday, 14th December will change into mufti.

School closes at 3pm, Thursday, 14th December.

Should you wish to collect your child from school before Thursday, 3pm, you **MUST** contact the office directly **WELL BEFORE** you wish to collect them – please.

Year Books are still available but selling fast – this is a treasure to have and a joy to hold. \$10 and ordered at the school office. These will be issued on Thursday at 2:30pm to those who have secured a copy.

You will now be in possession of your child's **End Of Year School Report**. All children in Year 8 are now to have been enrolled in a high school. All Year 6s are now to have been enrolled in an Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

To recap the events, activities, successes, celebrations and fun of our BMIS 2023 year would take a great deal of time. However, to touch on a few: Year 7 Camp, Year 8 OE, Malaga, WZ Sport triumphs, academic success, Speech competitions, MathEx, sporting seasons eg netball & water polo, Glitz & Glamour, mufti days, Ki o Rahi, interclass competitions, Opportunities Day, Kura hakinakina, an excellent Education Review Office report, a positive School Financial Audit, 5YA property programme in place, new staff, graduations – ākonga & staff, assemblies, ākonga recipients of many accolades, being part of the McLaren whānau with Amanda and Stephen popping in and constantly being in contact with Bruce McLaren Intermediate School along with Team McLaren acknowledging BMIS and the amazing teaching and learning; to name a few!

To Year 8 students – never forget that you are part of BMIS and always will be. You know that you can achieve whatever you set your mind to. Go well and best wishes for your high schooling and beyond.

To Year 7 students – you have learnt so much this year and will continue on your individual learning journeys in a space where you know you are valued, respected and cared for.

BMIS students, staff and community – we have much to be proud of. BMIS is 'the little school with a big heart'.

It is of note that 2023 is the 60th year since Bruce McLaren founded the McLaren Racing Team. Our lad, our legend, and BMIS is part of his legacy. As Bruce said "We exist to win. We dare to try. Success depends on the highest standards". BMIS is and will continue to uphold our core values and strive to embody our vision – DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school this year. It means a great deal to all ākongā and staff.

Be safe, be well, have a happy Summer.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Principal - Tumuaki

McLAREN AWARDS T4,W 9

Louis R5, Stella R5, Suma R7, Hannah R9, Lily R10, Tyrone R10

PRINCIPAL AWARDS T4, W 9

Tahir R2, Amarleya R2, Kasira R3, Junior R3, Umāima R3, Mara R6, Christian R6, Ethan R6, Kruize R7, Toby R7, Weichao R8, Gloria R8, Ella R8, Raven R8, Yumi R9, Pire R9, Brehze R9, Rihaan R10, Tyler R10, Madison R11, Jahaziel R11, Amiel R11, Tau R12, Shultz R12, Reeco R13, Junior R13, Mezziah (Performing Arts), Georgie (Performing Arts)



GENERAL

- Black sandals are to be worn in Term 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, fizzy and sports 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 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.





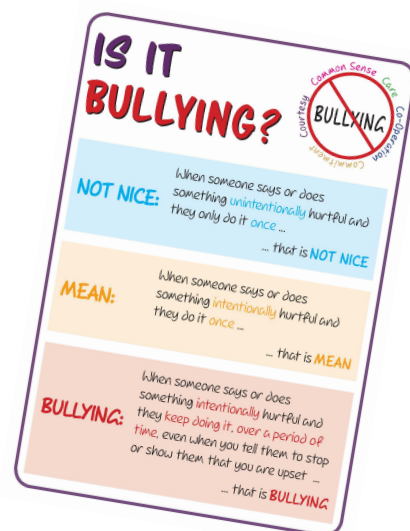
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EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

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".

Next BOT Meeting for 2024:

5.00pm 22 February 2024



IMPORTANT DATES:

Formal Prize Giving	Thursday, 9:30am Dec 14th
School closes	Thursday, 3pm Dec 14th
Year 7 Start Term 1 2024	Wednesday 31st January 2024
Year 8 Start Term 1 2024	Thursday 1st February 2024

