



**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

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2. Term 2 is a term where the weather becomes 'interesting'! Please ensure that your child has a raincoat/umbrella in their bag. School jackets and fleecies are a must. Shoes and socks are footwear for Terms 2 & 3, not sandals. BMIS students have heard me say "we can't control the weather, but we can control how we manage ourselves in the weather." Keeping dry and warm will keep our school community healthy.

Term 2 has commenced positively with so much underway that is over and above 'core learning'. BMIS welcomes Mr Tony Jee to Room 6, Whānau Mahi Tahi. Mr Jee not only has teaching in his kete but years of experience with chaplaincy. Mr Jee is an avid supporter and coach of football and enjoys spending time with family and friends. No doubt he will soon be a fan of McLaren Formula 1 and Extreme E.

The learning concept for this semester is Transformation, focusing on student science inquiries that integrate Literacies and Numeracy. Your child will also be talking to you about their speech and their persuasive writing. Please keep checking your child's SeeSaw as this is real time learning at your fingertips.

Whānau have undertaken fundraising to support learning excursions. The fundraising and learning excursions have been incredibly valuable not only enriching student learning and agency but strengthening soft skills such as managing self, participating and contributing, risk taking in a safe environment, social awareness, and resilience.

Hockey, Orienteering, Water Polo, Netball, Football and Rugby are all taking place this term, providing BMIS ākonga with opportunities to represent our school. Cross Country is to be confirmed.

BlakeNZ Virtual Reality will be, again, providing students with an amazing experience and exploration of their global environments through the virtual lense. Te Ahi Ora – Igniting Change will provide students with an emerging art form that is half performing and half extreme sport. This discipline connects the mind and body while encouraging creativity and self expression. It also uses Mau Rākau – traditional Māori martial arts. ZEAL's accomplished musicians will be strengthening school singing, facilitating McLaren Voices and rocking the school band. Robotics and animation continue at the Hub.

Building on our learners' soft skills and academic learning experiences, Year 7 Camp and Year 8 Offsite Experience preparation is well underway. These important learning opportunities are scheduled for Term 3, Week 8. At the same time Ola finafinai (R12 Samoan bilingual class) is heading to Samoa for their malaga. Please keep abreast of the information your child brings home.

Language Weeks are embedded into the ethos of our school. Sign Language Week commences on Sunday, 7th May. May is also the month designated to celebrate NZ Music. TechWeek begins Sunday, 14th May.

Whānau Mahi Tahi are using the King's coronation as a fundraiser. *No Uniform Day* will be on Friday, 5th May – tiaras, crowns, bling and comfy clothes for learning are required. \$2. Full school rules apply. *No Uniform Days* are not compulsory.

To ensure that progress is being achieved against the BMIS Strategic Plan goals; staff are immersed in Culturally Responsive & Sustainable Pedagogical Growth PLD, have completed a Physical Restraint course, upskilling through a 20 week te Reo language course, unpacking and implementing Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories curriculum, researching local curriculum as well as trying to make sense of the government's start, stop, pause curriculum refresh. Student progress and achievement is being tracked rigorously within Whānau teaching teams while providing every opportunity to broaden our students' horizons. Once constructed, buildings do nothing but age, therefore much time is spent ensuring that learning spaces are bright and engaging with outdoor spaces being fresh and inviting. New lighting, removal of old hall fans, concreting, drainage, airconditioning installation, tree scaping, as well as the relocation of Visual Arts and Health & PE specialist rooms, a new driveway to the field, updating software of security cameras, upgrade of a meeting room, upgrade of changing rooms and conditioning of the turf over the Easter break, have all added to an enhanced environment for learning.

Please be aware that in the not too distant future, BMIS will be involved in Lockdown training during school time. This will mean that during this time NO ONE will be able to enter or exit the school or contact the school. Parents and families will be notified prior to this training. It is important that our students are informed should such a situation arise, even though having to undertake this training is a damning indictment of some of society's disfunctional behaviour.

So as you can see, Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is up and racing.

Thank you for ensuring your child gets the best out of their education by having them attend everyday. Every absence impacts a child's learning. I am ready and waiting to get Mr Whippy in for the class that has >95% attendance for a week. Which class will it be? Should you have any thoughts, wonderings or ideas about your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Whānau leader. I am also available for a chat.

Please make sure that you have the **SkoolLoop** app on your device (mobile phone) with notifications turned on. This is our **No.1 method of communicating to our school community**. Stay safe, warm and well.

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Principal - Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS T2, W2:

Lily R2, Hunter R3, Chassis R5, Hawaiki R5,
Christian R6, Hannah R9, Samuel R9, Aidan
R11, Aislinn R11, Aidan R11, Daityn R12,
Jordan R12, Valerie R12, Saralei R12, Lucas
R13, Skarlet R13

McLAREN AWARD WINNERS:

Hope R8, Melinah R12, Clevelon R11, Hannah
R10, Decklan R7, Valentin R3

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mahi Tahi Fundraiser	5th May 2023
PhotoLife Date	23 May 2023
HPV & Boostrix Vacines	Commence 30 May 2023
Ola FinaFinau Fundraiser	31st May 2023
Kings Birthday - Public Holiday	5th June 2023
Last day of term	30th June 2023

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**

Courtesy Common Sense Care Co-Operation

BULLYING

Commitment

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.
- 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-bulling 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". 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 2, 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.





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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Child and Family Service Waitematā

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BOT MEETINGS:

Thursday 25th May 5.00pm

Thursday 27th July

Thursday 31st August

Thursday 26th October

Thursday 30th November



A fun filled hour for kids aged 8-12 years old!

We're providing a fun space for your child to build confidence and skills in performance. Each with 10 years industry experience, we draw on actor training and professional acting experience to curate a weekly hour of outrageous fun, drama and acting games, confidence building and skills.

Whether your child is:

- Curious about beginning a career in **acting**
- Wanting to **up-skill** their performance ability
- **Build confidence** in interacting with others
- Get **creative** and have a whole lot of fun with **like minds**

We made the Glen Eden Drama Club for you!

SATURDAY MORNING CLASS

WHEN: Saturday Mornings
9.30 - 10.30 am

WHERE: Glen Eden Primary School Hall

AGE: 8 - 12 years

COST: From \$15 per class

MEET THE TUTORS



Justin Rogers is a graduate of **Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School** and has performed across stage and screen for the past decade. He's also been teaching during that time across schools in Auckland and at **The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC)**.



Beth Alexander is a graduate of **The Actor's Program** and works in film, TV and theatre across Aotearoa. Beth has also taught screen and theatre acting at **The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC)**.

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FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE WE WILL BE SELLING MUSSELS TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR SAMOA TRIP. WE WILL BE SELLING 3 DIFFERENT KGS, THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2KG BAG - \$7.50

5KG BAG - \$17.50

25KG BAG - \$90

WE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS STARTING FROM 1ST OF MAY UNTIL THE 26TH MAY.
PICK UP FOR THE MUSSELS WILL BE FRIDAY 31ST MAY AT 3PM.

ALL MONEY SHOULD BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE BY 26TH MAY. HELP US BY INVITING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALSO TO BUY SOME MUSSELS. THE JUNE MUSSEL SALE DATES WILL COME OUT ONCE MAY HAS FINISHED.

"If we can't take every child to the ocean, let's bring the ocean to every child"

<https://www.blakenz.org/programmes/blake-nz-vr/>





VR

HELP FOR THE GULF

Though not in as bad a shape as are many other parts of the planet, the preservation of New Zealand's marine environment could do with some support. Virtual Reality might help.