



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #5. 17th May 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

I hope that you got to see some of the sunshine last weekend – and had a chance to reflect on and/or acknowledge all the amazing wāhine in your lives; past and present.

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School understands how crucial it is to have a plan in place to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff during uncertain weather conditions. This includes developing emergency response protocols, conducting regular drills, and maintaining effective communication channels to keep everyone informed. These drills help students, teachers, and staff become familiar with the procedures to follow in the event of an emergency or threat. By practicing emergency protocols, schools can ensure a swift and organized response, maximizing the safety of everyone on the premises.

So, on Friday, 26th May at approximately 12-1:30pm our school will be undertaking a LOCKDOWN PRACTICE under the guidance of Harrison Tew – experts in emergency response. Things to know while BMIS is in a LOCKDOWN PRACTICE:

- No-one will be permitted to enter or exit the school during this time. Please support us with this by keeping away from the school.
 - SKOOLLOOP app and the SCHOOL WEBSITE will be our ONLY points of contact during this time.
 - You will be notified through SKOOLLOOP and the SCHOOL WEBSITE when the LOCKDOWN PRACTICE is over.
- We've got this!

It's fantastic to have seen students in action and heard from them that they had a great experience with BlakeVR. Virtual Reality (VR) is a powerful educational tool, providing immersive and interactive learning experiences. BMIS ākonga were engaged in hands-on learning that promoted creativity and critical thinking.

A fantastic depth and breadth of learning took place over Rotuma and Sign Language Week. Ask your child about their involvement. This week it is Road Safety Week and TechWeek as well as NZ Music Month – there are many activities at BMIS for our ākonga to be involved in.

Mid-year (MY) assessments are an essential part of the academic process, allowing BMIS kaiako to evaluate students' progress and identify areas that require further attention. However, MY assessments are only one aspect of the array of diverse evaluation methods employed at BMIS.

The Mid-Year School Reports will be with parents/caregivers by Week 9, Term 2. 3 Way Learning Conversations will be held during Week 10, Term 2 – a chance for the learner, home and teacher to connect and discuss achievements to date and next steps.

Continual professional development is vital for BMIS staff to stay updated with the latest teaching practices and pedagogical approaches. Professional development not only enhances teachers' skills and knowledge but also contributes to a positive school culture and improves students' outcomes. BMIS staff is navigating its way through the confusion of the Government's stop, start, pause Curriculum Refresh and continuing to strengthen our own Culturally Sustainable Pedagogical Growth. This involves integrating diverse cultural perspectives, experiences, and histories into the curriculum to create an inclusive and equitable learning environment. It recognizes and values students' cultural backgrounds and fosters their sense of identity, belonging, and pride while embedding our McLAREN Way and aspirations of DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

Pink Shirt Day, Friday 19th May, is an annual event aimed at raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness and inclusivity. It typically involves wearing pink shirts to show support for these values. BMIS is participating by encouraging students and staff to dress in pink attire to support anti-bullying. The suggested \$2 gold coin donation helps raise funds for anti-bullying initiatives. Participation promotes teamwork, engagement, and a positive school culture and contributes to the student's respective learning whānau.

Maintaining a well-rounded education includes promoting physical health and fitness through sports activities. Ākonga at BMIS are fortunate to have a wide variety of sports they can get involved in. Mr Dewes is overseeing all WZ Sport, additional sports and AIMS Games entries for BMIS. Our participants and competitors are lucky to have such an amazing group of dedicated teachers and staff to coach the teams. Congratulations to players and coaches for your commitment.

Earth works and grounds development continues. Fingers are crossed for fine weather to accelerate the progress of new play areas and easement of grass areas.

By incorporating the initiatives above into the school calendar, BMIS is fostering a safe and inclusive environment, promoting our 5C values, encouraging technological literacy, and prioritizing physical health and well-being – a school you can be proud of, a school where your child is loved and looked out for, a school where your child is challenged to be curious, creative and never give up. I think Bruce would be very proud of where we are at on our BMIS school journey!

Thank you for your continued support of our small but mighty school.

Ngā mihi
Liz Wood
Principal - Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS T2, W3:

Rylie R2, Amarleya R2, Harry R7, Olive R8, Khade R8, Olivia R9, Henry R9, Yumi R9, Tyler R10, Tatiana R10, Cooper R11, Lydia R11, Aolele R12, Blessing R12, Shultz R12, Jayden R12, Dante R13, Awa R13, Shakira R13

McLAREN AWARD WINNERS:

Suma R7, Abbas R10, Shakana R11, Lesina R12, Valentin R3, Leighla R5

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".

IS IT BULLYING?

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

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

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**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Atawhai Fundraiser	19th 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

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.

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/id104339660>

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BOT MEETINGS:

Thursday 25th May 5.00pm
Thursday 27th July
Thursday 31st August
Thursday 26th October
Thursday 30th November



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.