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Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

GREETINGS, KIA ORA, FAKALOFALAHI ATU, MALO E LEILEI, TALOFA LAVA, TALOHA, KIA ORANA, NI HAO,
BUENOS DIAS, CIAO, MALO NO HABARI, DOBAR DAN, BULA VINAKA, ANYEONGHASEYO, NAMESTE, SAWATDI,
SUSADEI, SELAMAT SIANG, SABAIDEE, MINGALABAR

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa

Here we are – the last week of Term 3 for 2026!

BMIS staff and ākonga are at full speed, ensuring we take the **chequered flag with papaya pride**, knowing that we have completed our tasks, stretched ourselves and exceeded our potential.

Year 7 Camp was a huge success. Our Year 7s have returned having had an incredible time – pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones, experiencing and enacting the Key Competencies, developing independence and resilience, and making lasting memories.

A huge thank you to our BMIS parents, whānau and staff who ensured that our Year 7s had such a fabulous experience. I know there were some very tired bodies hopping off the buses on Friday afternoon – always a good sign of a great camp!

Year 8 OE certainly challenged our ākonga. Hiking, biking, climbing, kayaking, skiing and snowboarding, to name just a few of the activities, kept our students focused, determined and pushing their own boundaries.

Thank you also to our BMIS parents, whānau and staff who supported our Year 8s and ensured they had a brilliant experience. These opportunities provide our young people with challenges that build confidence, resilience, teamwork and memories that will last well beyond their time at BMIS.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori was amazing!

The week was celebrated with an opening and closing ceremony, quizzes, kupu, waiata, pepeha, stories, performances, challenges and, of course, our Kapa Haka performing.

Congratulations to our speakers and Kapa Haka on your outstanding progress. You were a credit to yourselves, your whānau and our kura.

Ka mau te wehi!

A humongous thank you goes to our parents and whānau, under Miss Matilda's direction, for preparing the delicious hāngi for the whole school. We are incredibly grateful for your mahi, generosity and the wonderful vibe you created for our kura. There were certainly plenty of full puku heading into the weekend!

This week, our ākonga have been completing their final units of learning, assessments, evaluations, goal-setting check-ins and reflections, as well as preparing for the **Science and Specialist Subject Expos**.

We are looking forward to you popping in to see the Expos. Come along, have a wander, see what your child has been learning, and perhaps buy a few yummys along the way! Most importantly, take the opportunity to **ask your child about their learning**.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 10

Monday 21 September
WZ Volleyball

**Tuesday 22 &
Wednesday 23 September**
Science Spectacular Expo

Thursday 24 September
BOT Meeting, 5:30pm

Friday 25 September
Last day of Term
School finishes at 3:00pm

Term 4 Dates

Monday 30th November
10:30am
Service Prize Giving

Tuesday 1st December
School EOY Picnic Day

Monday 7th December
6:00pm
Year 8 Leavers Formal

Wednesday 9th December
10:30am
Sports Prize Giving

Thursday 10th December
9:30am
EOY Formal Awards
& Prize Giving

Thursday 10th December
3:00pm
Term 4 ends.
Last school day of 2026.

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HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd

Congratulations to our Volleyball teams who ventured to the WZ Championships. You played with heart, determination and pride, and your behaviour was noted as **OUTSTANDING**. This brings a great deal of pride to your coaches – and to your Principal! Well done.

Athletics Day looms in Term 4. All students have received a notice regarding permission and transportation to Sir Douglas Track and Field. These need to be returned to the school office **ASAP**.

We look forward to **100% attendance – as always!**

Term Dates

BMIS closes for the term break on **Friday, 25 September at 3:00pm**.
Term 4 commences, in class, on **Monday, 12 October at 8:30am**.

To help you prepare for the final term of 2026, an overview of important Term 4 dates is included on the first page of the newsletter under Important Dates.

Please continue to check your child's **Seesaw** for their 'real-time learning' and, importantly, ask them what they are learning – **every day**.

By now, you will also have viewed their **My Personal Best Learning Profile** on Seesaw. Please use this as another opportunity to talk with your child about their progress, their goals and the next steps in their learning.

We wish **Mr Garrick Bridges** all the very best as he moves on from BMIS and begins his next endeavour.

It was particularly special to have Mr Bridges return to BMIS as a classroom teacher, having been a student here himself. He has reflected positively on the changes he has seen during his time back at BMIS and will leave with many fond memories of his return to our school.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our school this term and throughout the year to date. Without the contribution of our parents, whānau and wider community, it would be difficult to provide the rich experiences, events and opportunities that our ākonga enjoy at BMIS.

As we reach the end of another busy term, may everyone find the time to **rest, recharge and reconnect**. Enjoy some precious time together, and may the weather be kind to us!

A whakataukī that resonates as we head into the break is:

'He Waka eke noa.'

We are all in this together.

Thank you, BMIS, for another term of mahi, commitment, energy and **McLaren Way** spirit.

Rest well. Recharge. Reconnect.

And when we return for Term 4, we will be ready to put our foot back on the accelerator!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki | Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 8

Room 6
Kaius
Leonne

Room 8
Naviru
Courage



Room 13
Matthias
Ekmin



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WZ Volley Ball Participants

Girls Team

Cassandra, Cassey, Vaimoana, Sinuanua, Lyla, Sierra, Nele, Yanna, Ennita, Shafira

Boys Team

Darnell, Nephi, Subhan, Winston, Jordan, Galatians, Benjamin, Arckeen, Matthias Leo

Athletics Day

Friday 23rd October

All day at Douglas Track and Field Centre (Trust Stadium fields) \$8.00.

Another great Bruce McLaren Intermediate day is just around the corner. This is a school wide event where 100% participation is the expectation. Parent help is always welcomed at Athletics Day. This is a fabulous day for all who attend so if you are able to support us by assisting with an event or would like to pop in to support your child please feel free to do so.

An ATHLETICS DAY LETTER has been given to your child with all the information outlining the day. An assembly will be held regarding ATHLETICS DAY so your child will be well informed about the event.

Students are required to compete in at least one track event and three field events to gain a 'participation certificate' and an 'athlete certificate' will be awarded to those who achieve a 1, 2, 3 placing in a final event for at least three events.

Trainer/sneaker shoes are to be worn by all students. NO spikes are worn by any student – this is a school day not a national track meet.

Douglas Track and Field Centre (Trust Stadium field) is an all weather venue so we will be going rain, hail or shine.

The staff will have a team ready for the relay races (yet to be discussed!) so a parent relay team is always an option – happy training.

School Pickups and Messages

As the school day draws to a close, the school office experiences a high volume of calls and drop-in requests between 2:40pm and 3:00pm.

During the final 20 minutes, classes are often packing up, engaging in closing activities, or moving between outdoor spaces, specialist rooms, and different areas of the school. Consequently, delivering urgent last-minute messages to individual students before the final bell can be extremely challenging and, at times, impossible.

To help us ensure your child gets where they need to go safely and calmly, please review the following guidelines:

Cut-Off Time for End-of-Day Messages:

Please notify the office of any changes to pick up arrangements, appointments, or bus routines before 2:40pm. This allows our team enough time to locate your child's class and deliver the message reliably.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 9

Room 1

Inti
Nigel

Room 3

Antonious
Payton

Room 6

Antonious
Payton

Room 8

Benjamin
Shenuka



Room 9

Kalapu
Nele



Room 10

Maraia
Etta

Room 11

Emmanuel
Alyas

Ola finafinau

Lyla
Lilly

Room 13

Matthias
Noah



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Emergency Exception Only:

Requests received after 2:40pm will be handled on an emergency basis only. We cannot guarantee that non-urgent messages received after this time will reach your child before 3:00pm.

Pre-Arranged Pickup Expectations:

If you need to collect your child early on a tight schedule, please advise the office or classroom teacher in advance via email or phone call earlier in the day.

School breaks are from:

- 10:00-10:20am
- 11:30-11:50am
- 1:00-1:50pm

Establish a Backup Plan:

We encourage families to have a set default routine with their children (e.g., standard meeting spot away from the school gate) so they know what to do if a routine change doesn't reach them in time.

We encourage students who are not collected on time, or per their arrangements, to come into the office, after the 3pm bell so that parents can be contacted and an alternative plan made.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our school routines smooth, safe, and stress-free for both your children and staff.

Student Collection During School Hours

Due to the extensive playing areas at BMIS, locating individual students during breaktimes and lunchtimes can be challenging. Students may also be unable to access their school bags if their classrooms are locked.

Please do not collect your child during the following times:

- 10:00-10:20am
- 11:30-11:50am
- 1:00-1:50pm

Thank you for your cooperation, support and understanding with student safety.

Quality Pre-Loved Second Hand Uniforms

We have various sizes of the BMIS school uniform in gently used condition for sale at the School Office

- Soft Shell Jacket \$40
- Polo Fleece \$30
- Polo Shirt \$20

The School Office is open for uniform sales from 8:00am - 3:30pm.

McLAREN AWARDS



Week 9

Room 3
Siaana

Room 9
Felicity

Room 10
Piper

Room 11
Reon



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Year 8 - OE Week



Year 7 - Camp

