

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

GREETINGS, KIA ORA, FAKALOFA LAHI 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 is the first Bruce McLaren Intermediate School newsletter for Term 2, 2026.

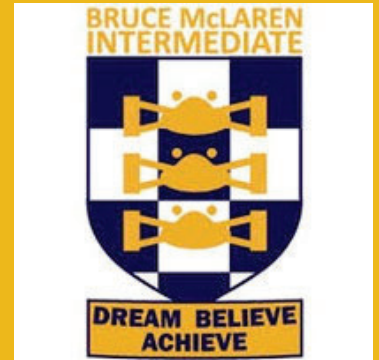
Many of our school community will have attended ANZAC Day services across the motu and hopefully have been able to recharge over the ANZAC weekend. It was also warming to see the sun shining, providing respite from the weather we have been experiencing.

Before we look ahead to Term 2, I would like to thank parents, whānau and caregivers for attending our 3 Way Learning Check-ins at the end of last term. It was brilliant to see so many of our families able to join us. You will now have the information on your child's next steps for their learning journey over the course of Term 2. Please continue to view SeeSaw for real time learning.

Another thank you goes to families who supported our "Bring a Can" mufti day on the last week of school in Term 1. The Salvation Army are extremely grateful to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School for supporting them to support those in need.

Congratulations to the teachers for winning the end of term Tug-o-War! Everyone had a brilliant time and I have to commend the students on their efforts also!

Tug of War 2026 - Teachers v Students



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2

Friday 1 May

Student assessments start

Week 3

Monday 4 May

Student assessments through to Thursday 7 May

Wednesday 6 May

Year 7 Immunisations

Week 4

Monday 11 May

Rotuman Language Week
Photolife - Class Photos

Wednesday 13 May

Auckland Champs -
Orienteering
Atawhai Fundraiser

Friday 15 May

Pink Shirt Day

Week 5

Tuesday 19 May

WZ - Rugby - Girls & Boys

Friday 22 May

Manaaki - Zoo Trip
Manawanui - Museum Trip

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It is important to acknowledge our incredible students who have managed to achieve 100% attendance for Term 1.

To celebrate 100% attendance these individuals will receive a shared lunch with the Principal! Well done!

Term 2 has commenced at full speed. Core learning commences at 8:30am - inside the classroom. Daily notices are read at 8:30am and it is imperative all students are in class to listen to them being read out in class/whānau. This organization sets the day and keeps everyone informed of daily and weekly activities. Being late to class is not an option if your child is to gain the most from their learning.

Opportunities Day, Netball @ Te Pai, Soccer, Rugby, Rugby League, Hockey, Basketball - to name a few sports, are well underway. Congratulations to Year 7 Netballers for winning all three of their games! Our fingers are crossed for fine weather so that we can have Kura Hakinakina this week.

Sports Fever Hits BMIS!



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 6

Tuesday 26 May
WZ Football - Girls

Wednesday 27 May
Atawhai - Science Trip

Thursday 28 May
WZ Football - Boys
Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30pm

Week 7

Monday 1 June
Kings Birthday
NO SCHOOL

Week 10

Thursday 25 June
Board of Trustees
Meeting 5:30pm

Week 11

Tuesday 30 June
WZ Netball - Girls

Friday 3 July
Last day of Term 2

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Action Ed is on site this week. The facilitators are inspiring our ākonga and encouraging them to use their voice, their actions and their imaginations to connect, reflect and express who they are - without judgement. The skilled team provide a range of creative programmes that benefit students and teachers. Ask your child what they have learnt.

A new round of **specialist lessons** commences next week, Week3, Term2. It has been heartwarming to see learning in action - Health & PE; Visual Arts, STEM, Performing Arts and Food & Hospitality (oh my gosh, these students are truly Master Chefs!).

Year 8 Next Steps with Schooling:

By now, parents and caregivers of Year 8 students at BMIS will have received an email with an attachment outlining the next steps that are to be taken to enrol in a secondary school.

This information was also posted on SkoolLoop. Please ensure that you are informed about enrolment dates and information of the secondary school you are choosing for your child. Make contact with the secondary school. Be a name, not a number!

Year 6 Information Evening:

BMIS wishes to invite parents, families, caregivers of Year 6 students to an Information Evening to be hosted Tuesday, 16 June, Wk9, Term2. This will run from 6 - 7pm. Come along, meet with staff, and discuss why BMIS should be your school of choice for 2027. Thank you to the families who have enrolled already.

NZ Sign Language Week 2026

Can you say "hello", "goodbye", "how was your day?" in Sign Language? It is Sign Language Week next week.

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL; Māori: te reo Rotarota o Aotearoa) is one of New Zealand's three official languages, alongside English and Māori, officially recognized in 2006.

It is a visual-gestural language with over 20,000 users, primarily serving the Deaf community and incorporating aspects of both British Sign Language (BSL) and Māori cultural concepts. Let's all extend our Sign Language leanings next week.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 1

Room 3
Harry
Hosannah

Room 4
Ennita
Zayde

Room 5
Emily
Eve



Room 6
Mairead
Tia



Room 8
Karliah
Mele

Room 9
Aysher
Elijah

Room 10
Quincy
Tevesi

Room 13
Matthias
Korrah

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Once a week, **MindPlus** kids come together with a specialist teacher and a specialist programme to grow their thinking and conceptual skills, dive into passion areas, and learn the executive functioning, social and emotional, and self-advocacy skills they need to thrive.

MindPlus is a user-pay programme that is on site at BMIS. If you believe your child would benefit from attending the One Day A Week school, please visit their website: <https://www.neurodiversity.org.nz/mindplus>

MindPlus do preliminary assessments and testing before any student is accepted to the MindPlus programme. This would take place on Thursdays. Please discuss this with your child BEFORE contacting your child's teacher with an expression of interest.

There are many upcoming sporting fixtures, class/whānau learning excursions, events and activities this term e.g., WZ sports, Champion of Champions, MOTAT, Museum, Sports Camp, Blake VR, to name a few. Keep watching this space - newsletters, official FB page, SkoolLoop, SeeSaw and emails.

If you have any thoughts wonderings or ideas regarding your child's learning, please contact your child's class teacher first.

Nathan Dowding - Assistant Principal, Marietta Ah Chong - Deputy Principal, and I are available also.

Here is to a brilliant second comprehensive term of amazing learning and fantastic opportunities for 2026.

A whakatauki that is aligning with our work for this term is:



Ngā mihi nui,

Liz Wood
Tumuaki Principal

100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS Term 1



Year 7

Paige, Mita, Lakshmi, Jeff, Nyakallang, Felicity, Arckeen, Nicollette, Abraham, Emmy, Kuinimere, Erics, Arianna, Karliah, Daniel

Year 8

Linda, Yanna, Harper, Eve, Zainab, Ashley, Neev, Courage, La Yaung, Arnav, Kuini,



Seesaw

Week of April 19 - April 26 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate



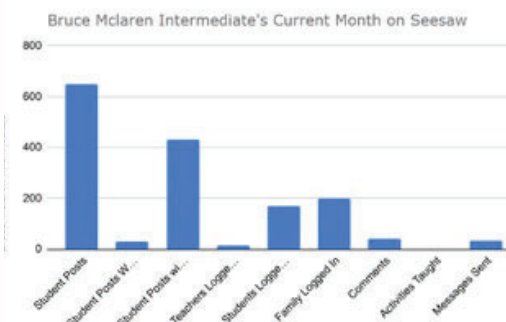
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Off at the Gate

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.

E-Bully Email

BMIS has **zero tolerance** for bullying, and it is important that students understand what bullying is. Learners are supported by class teachers, whānau leaders, staff, and school resources.

If concerns arise at home - whether during family time or the after-school rush you are welcome to email: **ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz**.

You will be contacted to discuss the concern and any follow-up actions.

Bus Bay

The Bus Bay is for buses. Please encourage pick up at The Hub on Corban Ave, Silverstone Place or Heremai Street.

The school takes no responsibility for cars parked in the Bus Bay.

Dental Clinic Onsite

The Mobile Community Dental Clinic is on site. Should you wish to make an appointment for your child please contact: 0800 825 583.



McLAREN AWARDS



Week 1

Room 6
Sativa

Room 8
Rydah

Room 10
Aansh

Room 13
Manaia



Week 2

Room 1
Inti

Room 4
Sally

Room 8
Abby

Room 12
Kiwi

Year 7 Immunizations

Year 7s will be receiving their immunizations next Wednesday, 6th May. Should you have any queries please contact our office.