Term 4
Week 4
2026

Bruce McLaren Intermediate

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.

Week 4 of Term 4 – can you believe it! That means there are only 26 school days remaining in 2026.

Life at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is always fast-paced and fun, but with just 26 school days to go, the chequered flag is certainly coming into focus!

Since our last newsletter, there has been plenty happening at BMIS.

Congratulations to our BMIS Speech Competition winners, who presented their speeches at the Lions Dinner Speech Awards. It was a wonderful evening where students and families could mix, mingle and, most importantly, share their voices. Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially to Miss Ah Chong and Mr Vakalahi for supporting and encouraging our speakers.

Labour Day provided everyone with an opportunity to pause and reflect on why we have this important public holiday. Many of our ākonga had not previously considered the history behind Labour Day, and we hope they were able to share their new learning with you.

In New Zealand, Labour Day commemorates the historic movement towards the eight-hour working day. Wellington carpenter Samuel Parnell famously advocated for the principle of "*eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep and eight hours for recreation*." Following early labour movement demonstrations, including a major parade in 1890, the Labour Day Act 1899 established the day as an official public holiday. Today, Labour Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Monday in October, providing workers with a well-earned long weekend.

Last Tuesday, I was informed that Bruce McLaren Road will be upgraded from 2–19 January 2027. During this period, the road will be reduced to one lane. The upgrade is expected to replicate the recent Lincoln Road works. This is outside of learning time thank goodness!

On Wednesday, our BMIS Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) was offsite as part of our ongoing BMIS 2027 planning programme. This provided an important opportunity for the team to focus without interruption, reflecting on and projecting forward across our pedagogy, practices and programmes. The day also enabled us to identify our strengths, areas for development and opportunities for ongoing enhancement as we continue to plan for the future.

Thursday evening was particularly special. Miss Ah Chong and I were invited to attend the University of Auckland launch of the proposed Bruce McLaren Engineering Faculty and new building project. Hosted at Shed 10, the event provided an opportunity to reconnect Bruce McLaren Intermediate School with "all things Bruce", including organisations and corporations directly connected to Bruce's family, McLaren and Formula 1.

IMPORTANT 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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The people we spoke with throughout the evening commented on their positive experiences visiting BMIS on our annual McLaren Day and how much they enjoyed their time with us. They were also very clear about one thing – they want to be invited back for BMIS McLaren Day in 2027! Even those who had not attended had heard about our McLaren Day and wanted an invitation!

The University of Auckland has also expressed an interest in forging stronger links with BMIS.

Yes, BMIS is on the map. Yes, BMIS is global!

On Friday, our BMIS Whānau Colours Day was a huge success. Our school was awash with the colours of our teaching Whānau – colours that proudly reflect those of Bruce McLaren's racing cars.

This week, we opened on Monday with an opening ceremony for Diwali. The week is filled with learning, song, dance and challenges, with our ākonga of Indian heritage helping to lead and guide our learning.

On Tuesday evening, we held our final Māori Hui and Pasifika Fono for 2026. It has been heartwarming to have so many members of our school community join us throughout our 2026 journey.

Our roadmap for supporting the learning of our ākonga and staff continues to evolve. To have the input, whakaaro and endorsement of our parents and whānau is incredibly valued and special. Thank you.

On Wednesday, our BMIS ePro8 team of eight ākonga will head to Blockhouse Bay to compete. Their critical and creative thinking skills will certainly be put to the test! Thank you Miss Francis for facilitating and supporting this event and team. We wish the below student's every success.

Johnny , Juheon, Connor, La Yaung, Etta, Darby, Guvanaka, Ekmin.

Thursday is a big night for BMIS – it is FiaFia Evening! 12 November @ 6:30pm.

Our annual event has previously sold out, and this year was no exception – tickets sold out in just two days! We are looking forward to a fabulous evening celebrating the talents, cultures and achievements of our ākonga.

A gentle but important reminder: due to Fire and Safety requirements, we are only able to accommodate a set number of people, with seating allocated for every ticket holder. There is to be no standing during the event.

So, if you have a ticket, you have a seat.

Therefore, please, please ensure that you are seated so that we can keep everyone safe and ensure an enjoyable evening for all.







ATHLETE'S AWARDS

Year 7 Girls

Nevaya

100m - 2nd
200m - 1st
400m - 1st
800m - 2nd

Paige

Discus - 3rd
200m - 2nd
800m - 1st
1500m - 1st

Kyla

100m - 3rd
200m - 3rd
400m - 3rd
800m - 3rd
1500m - 2nd

Faith

Long Jump - 1st
Shot putt - 3rd
Discus - 2nd



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BMIS enjoyed a brilliant Athletics Day, with the weather providing ideal conditions for our ākonga to participate in a range of events at an all-weather, international-standard athletics venue. For some of our students, it was their first visit to the Sir Douglas Bader Track and Field, making this an incredible opportunity for our kura.

Congratulations to all students who gained a participation award at BMIS Athletics Day. This highlights your efforts in participating in at least 3 x field events and 1 x track event. Well done.

Congratulations to our ākonga who succeeded in achieving an Athletes Award. This indicates that you achieved at least 3 x podium places in an event final. This is no mean feat and you are to be applauded for your focus and determination.

WZ Athletics Day has requirements of competitors. These are different from gaining a BMIS Athletes Award. The WZ Athletics Team will be announced shortly. This is the last WZ Champions of Champions event for 2026.

Tuesday, 3rd November our BMIS Touch Rugby Teams headed to Te Atatu South Park. The weather was ideal for a fast paced sporting fixture. Both teams played with Papaya Pride and upheld our 5Cs which was reflected in their commitment to each other, playing as cohesive teams.

Thank you to Miss Ah Chong and Eva for their drive and coaching.

Currently, BMIS has over 20 students exhibiting their artwork at The Silo, Viaduct. Visiting the AAIMS Art Exhibition is a great opportunity to view emerging adolescent talent and support our budding artists.

Term 4 is a time for Summer Uniform. Check out the BMIS website for more information.

This entails:

- black sandals (Roman Sandals are a great option)
- school hat
- shorts/colloutes
- hair tied off the shoulders with black/navy blue hair tie.

Optional: a roll on deordourant (not spray/aerosol)

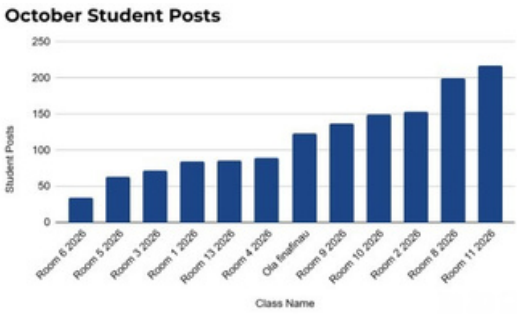
Professionally laundered, second-hand uniform is available for purchase from the school office.

As always, there is plenty happening at BMIS as we head towards the final weeks of 2026.

The chequered flag is in sight – and we are certainly not slowing down; at all!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki | Principal



ATHLETE'S AWARDS

Year 7 Boys

Matthias

100m - 1st
200m - 1st
High Jump - 1st

Aansh

400m - 2nd
800m - 3rd
1500m - 3rd

Kaio

100m - 2nd
200m - 3rd
High Jump - 1st
Shot put - 2nd

Ezra

400m - 1st
Long jump - 1st
Shot put - 3rd
Discus - 2nd

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BMIS Athletics Day















ATHLETE'S AWARDS

Year 8 Girls

Korah

100m - 2nd
Shot put - 3rd
Discus - 3rd

Veronica

1500m - 3rd
High Jump - 1st
Long Jump - 2nd

Year 8 Boys

Emanuel

Discus - 1st
Shot put - 1st
High Jump - 1st

Noah F

400m - 3rd
800m - 1st
Long jump - 2nd

Elliot G

100m - 3rd
400m - 1st
High Jump - 2nd

