

# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

## Principal Update: 13 May 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

The Prime Minister advised that at 11:59pm on Wednesday in Alert Level 2 *schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff as of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.*

**School is open Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 8:30am – 3:00pm in Alert Level 2.**

**We will be ready to welcome all students and staff back to our school site.**

Teachers will be on site on Thursday and Friday this week preparing for our return. **There will be NO teacher instruction on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May and Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.** Students can continue their online learning from tasks already set. Those students who have been attending in Level 3 are still able to do so.

If your child has received a device from BMIS and/or the MOE (to be delivered this weekend!), the device is to be returned as soon as your child returns at school. Mr McKenzie, our Assistant Principal, will be ready to receive these – at Room 10 on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May.

With the elimination of bubbles, the school has additional public health control measures in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing. We have more sanitizer than you can imagine as well as gloves, wipes, soap, paper towels and Perspex screening.

A guideline is attached for your perusal, including pick ups and drop offs, need for water bottles and lunches, etc.

**In Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick,** and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms of being unwell.

**School buses will be operating.** The school office MUST know if you wish to have your child use this service as a pick up and drop off contact tracing schedule is required by Ritchies. Contact your child's teacher, call the school ASAP on 836 3175 or email [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz)

*Bus service providers have a duty of care. How the bus seating is managed is up to the bus company – any queries about this or other bus issues are to be directed to them.*

*Non-school bus service:*

[https://e.at.govt.nz/mail/view/hh44tqhrt09nt08p13c\\_g788kj05bzy1ct3ck\\_vdj88jkmchz020mvzwwrnj\\_vdr8vmf226rzv0jlfry2\\_cw4](https://e.at.govt.nz/mail/view/hh44tqhrt09nt08p13c_g788kj05bzy1ct3ck_vdj88jkmchz020mvzwwrnj_vdr8vmf226rzv0jlfry2_cw4)

Should **your child walk to and from school**, we wish to stress that it is a parental responsibility to ensure their safety. The staff cannot supervise your child's movements or behaviour away from the school. All students are to be off site by 3:10pm (unless waiting for a school bus).

BMIS supports any parent/s and whanau who wish for their child/ren to remain with them at home in Alert Level 2. Your child will continue with online learning and has a device to do so. These are unprecedented times. If this is your preference, we need to know – please contact the school ASAP.

The safety of our students and staff is paramount and the Board of Trustees is taking all directives seriously and we thank you for supporting us with this.

### **To be prepared for Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May:**

- Food and water bottle MUST be packed daily
- Students in full school uniform
- No PE gear is required in Alert Level 2
- Gates open at 8:20am
- Hands sanitized at entrance
- Devices checked in to R10
- Students go directly to classroom
- Gates close at 8:30am
- Late students: need to sign in at the School Office
- Students to uphold physical distancing of an arm's length (*if you have eaten a tuna sandwich and I can smell it on your breath – we are too close!*)
- Pit Stop will provide wiped fruit and packaged snacks
- A water bottle is required. No drinking fountains are open
- Hands sanitized entering and exiting learning spaces
- 1 in – 1 out rule for toilets. Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize! This is provided.
- Gates open at 3pm
- Hands are sanitized at exit
- Site cleared by 3:10pm

### **Please remember that:**

- Parents will be called to collect any student who does not abide by the MOH & MOE guidelines in Alert Level 2.
- Parents will be called to collect any student showing symptoms of being unwell.
- Parents are responsible for their children outside of the school times; have a plan for before and after school time for your child.

With the stringent directive of and for contact tracing, we request that parents/caregivers/visitors are strictly limited on site – if you need to come to school please ring ahead. The School Office is the only entrance to be used.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 836 3175 or email [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz)

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE BACK ON SITE FROM MONDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> MAY – even if it is in Alert Level 2 with restrictions!

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui

WE'RE UP AND RACING!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood  
Principal