

# **Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**

## **Principal Update: 27 April 2020**

Kia ora koutou katoa

### **Alert Level 3 – Week 3 of Alert Level Learning**

May your ANZAC weekend continue to be safe and positive. It is certainly a time to reflect and think about those who gave so much for us to be free to live like we do. Our time in Alert Levels is a small endurance in comparison!

### **Alert Level 4: 25 March – 28 April 2020**

Eight days of Lockdown Learning at home either online or through Hardcopy Packs has been unprecedented. Our students, whanau and teachers have been incredible to transition, and adjust in a condensed amount of time. The evidence of continued learning is phenomenal as has been the richness of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga.

### **Alert Level 3: 29 April – at least 11 May 2020** *(announcement to be made on 11/05/20)*

Thank you to our amazing school community for helping us stay safe during Alert Level 3. Our teachers and staff have been in contact with everyone – in some way, shape or form re: students being monitored on site at school during Alert Level 3.

Because the Ministry of Education has been so slow with delivering devices to our students' homes, BMIS staff are endeavouring to accession and deliver 135+ Chromebooks from our school stock of devices to students whose parents and caregivers have indicated that their child can stay at home – safe and sound, during Alert Level 3 if they have a device; for free!

As you can imagine this will take some time as each device will be sanitized, boxed with charger and a liability and indemnity contract included, labelled and delivered. Rather than signing for the device and touching pens and paper; like a courier would if they were delivering a package – a photo of our parents/caregivers receiving these will be taken as a record of receipt for the device. Each device has tracking security and a serial number. You will be contacted before delivery.

Should any family receive a device from the MOE **AND** from BMIS, please ring the school immediately on 836-3175, as we do not want our parents or caregivers charged with returning two devices. BMIS will work with you to get the extra device returned.

***Please Note:*** *Devices are being loaned to students and must be returned to school at the end of lockdown, in the same condition they are given.*

### **Tuesday, 28 April 2020:**

**This is a TEACHER ONLY DAY. Only teachers and staff will be at school on Tuesday.**

There is NO ONLINE INSTRUCTION from teachers on TUESDAY.

## **Wednesday, 29 April 2020:**

Students who do physically attend from Wednesday – school life will not be as you know it. It is NOT a time for friends! Students will be monitored as they continue online learning. Programmes at school and at home will be the same.

### **Here are other things to note:**

- School buses will not operate as previously under Alert Level 3. Notification of one student using the bus – the driver will NOT stop for any student waiting who has not registered through the school.
- School opens at 8:30 a.m. Students will enter through the Hall Foyer and sanitize. **Arrival from 8:30am for 9:00am start and dismissal time is 3:00pm.** Parents/caregivers are responsible for their children before they enter the school gates from 8:30am+ and after 3:00pm, beyond the school gates.
- Please make sure your child is collected promptly at 3:00pm, as there will be no staff on site after 3:15pm each day.
- PIT STOP IS NOT OPEN. Students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch AND water bottle. Food/drink is not to be shared.
- Water fountains will be closed.
- Students will be provided with a device to use at school to continue their online learning.
- Physical distancing will apply 1m in class; 2m outside the classroom.
- Students will be in a strict bubble of no more than 10, siblings will be kept together.
- There will be no mixing within and between bubbles.
- Students will stay at one desk and one chair.
- Students will not share learning equipment.
- There is no sporting equipment
- The school library and reception will be closed.
- Break times will be staggered.
- Surfaces will be regularly disinfected.
- Safe hygiene practices will be maintained.
- Hand sanitiser will be used upon entering school grounds, the classroom and in bathrooms.
- Flu-like symptoms must be reported to the school.
- Detailed records will be kept in case of contact tracing.
- DO NOT send your child to school if they are sick.
- Any student who displaying flu-like symptoms will be sent home.
- **Any student behavioural issues/noncompliance with Alert Level 3 procedures will have the student removed from the school site – parents/caregivers to collect. Student to remain at home for Alert Level 3.**
- It is critical that we have up to date contact information for caregivers, so that we are able to get in touch with you if needed. Please let us know if you need to update any phone numbers or emergency contacts for your child.

I apologise if this sounds very bureaucratic, but it is necessary at this time – in Alert Level 3.

**NOTE:** Should a child arrive at school and is NOT on our registered list of the very few students needing to attend school, the child will be isolated until such time as staffing and bubble placement has been allocated. **We must follow the strict guidelines that we have been directed to follow by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.** Please support us by ensuring this does not happen.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our essential workers for keeping the country open during this crisis. Thank you to everyone for your support of our teachers. Your positive feedback to our team, when they are working so hard while still working to keep themselves safe, has really been supportive.

I hope all is well with you and your bubble.

Stay safe, stay warm, stay well AND stay at home – if you are able.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal