

# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

## Principal Update: 29 April 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

A quick check in.

Wahoo! Yes!! We are underway with Day 1, Term 2 Alert Level 3, Lockdown Learning.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS, FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS who are keeping their children home during Alert Level 3 and supporting them with home learning. Home is the safest place your child can be right now.

Today we have sent 147 CHROMEBOOKS to BMIS students in need of a device of their own, to ensure they continue to learn at home with ease - safe and sound in their bubble! 46% of our students have now been supplied with a BMIS device! **(YES! 147 chromebooks = 46% of our school population).**

A huge THANK YOU goes to your amazing team of BMIS staff who were onsite on Tuesday, along with a 1000 other tasks were making boxes, cutting bubble wrap, wrapping, checking devices & chargers, cleansing, boxing, inserting indemnity contracts, labelling, addressing, sticking courier codes on the boxes and packaging the chromebooks – while keeping their physical distancing and sanitising regularly. A MAMMOTH TASK – and one the Ministry of Education said it would do!

*To the 46% of our families who will receive a BMIS device – should you get a MOE device, please accept it and contact the school immediately so that we can relieve the pressure from you and return this to the right place ASAP. Phone: 836 3175.*

As you can imagine, we at BMIS are also preparing for the transition to Alert Level 2 – at some stage. Be assured that our BOT are sparing no expense when it comes to the Health and Safety of your children - our students.

I hope that your first week in Alert Level 3 is positive.

Please continue physical distancing, and safe living. My wee walk on Sunday frustrated me immensely – many rather large bubbles of people walking together and not keeping to the physical distancing rule. I am going to carry a metre ruler with me next time! Or grow helicopter blades on my hat!

As I have used before: “In the midst of chaos lies opportunity” and it is my wish that doing things differently in the unprecedented time has led to some of those opportunities for you and your bubble.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe, stay well AND stay at home.

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Liz Wood  
Principal