

# **Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**

## **Principal Update: 22 April 2020**

### **Moving from Alert Level 4 to Level 3**

Kia ora koutou katoa

#### **MOVING FROM ALERT LEVEL 4 TO LEVEL 3**

As of 11:59pm on ANZAC Day holiday, Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, April we move into another alert level for our nation.

#### **WHAT DOES ALERT LEVEL 3 LOOK LIKE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND WHANAU?**

The rules around sending your child/ren to school are rigorous. We are expecting very few students, if any, returning to school on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April when BMIS will reopen in a restricted capacity.

BMIS' home learning/online learning will continue and will be operating as normal from Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>, April.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>, April is a Teacher Only Day to prepare and fully prepare ourselves for operating a school in Alert Level 3.

#### **STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND SCHOOL:**

A student is eligible to attend school only if there is NO adult supervision available in their bubble (e.g. because all adults in the bubble MUST return to work and cannot work from home).

*THAT IS THE ONLY REASON FOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL. IF YOU CAN WORK FROM HOME, YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL IN PERSON DURING ALERT LEVEL 3*

A student CANNOT attend school in person if:

- Your bubble includes elderly family members or anyone susceptible to catching the virus
- Anyone in your bubble has been sick recently
- Anyone in your bubble has an underlying/existing medical condition
- An adult is available to look after the student in your bubble

If you do not have a suitable device in the home, BMIS will endeavour to get one to you to for your child to use under contract until it is time to return to school. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you soon. Alternatively, you may contact your child's teacher.

IF, AND ONLY IF, you meet the eligibility criteria above, you can register your child to return to school next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>, April by emailing [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz) by 12pm on Friday, 24 April and providing the following information:

- First and last name of student:
- Room number:
- Reason for having to return to school:
- Current contact details (updated if required):

Once registered, attendance of a student is expected daily from Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Attendance will be tracked for Health & Safety reasons.

If your child is staying at home – you don't need to do anything at all! Just keep on keeping on! Programmes at school will be the same as the programmes online at home.

The logistics of keeping students at 1m distance in the classroom, not sharing materials, desks, chairs, food, as well as personal space with the continual cleaning of surfaces and then 2m distance apart outside the classroom during break times while our Pit Stop is closed, maintaining sanitizing is certainly going to be a challenge!

It is our wish to have our akonga back at school as soon as we can. However, this is still a time for us to break the chain of transmission of this virus which calls for cool heads, calm hands and hygiene, physical distancing and careful planning for all of our students, staff and community.

More information to come soon.

Stay safe, stay well, stay at home.

We've got this!

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

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