



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

*Dream
Believe
Achieve*

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava,
Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni hao, Buenos dias, Ciao, Malo no habari,
Dobar dan, Bula vinaka, Anyeonghaseyo, Nameste, Sawatdi

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



Nau mai, Haere mai

Welcome to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. To our new ākonga and whānau and to our returning ākonga and whānau welcome to the 2024 school year.

We welcome our new Year 7 & Year 8 ākonga and our new Assistant Principal/Whanau Leader/Room 4 teacher, Mrs Tracy Leaoa who joins us from Flanshaw Primary School. We are super excited and lucky to have her join Team McLaren.

Not only do we welcome our new BMIS whānau but we farewell one of our own, our principal Mrs Liz Wood who goes on Sabbatical Leave for 2024. We wish her all the best with lots of aroha, so that she returns to us safely in 2025.

We are so proud that Bruce McLaren Intermediate is 'up and racing' with our learning and teaching, driving our vision of 'Dream, Believe, Achieve' for our ākonga to begin their race of learning.

In the short time that we have been open BMIS has welcomed new ākonga and staff with a Whakatau, had our first Principal's Assembly, held our Meet My Teacher/s Meet & Greet evening, commenced PROBE Reading and school-wide assessments, held whānau hui, booked our school athletics day, served many meals from Pitstop, called for ākonga interested in trialing for WZ Sport, held our first ākonga led assembly and started specialist subject lessons to name a few.

So you can see we have our foot firmly on the accelerator, holding onto that steering wheel with all our might.

We welcome back the one and only Nainz Tupa'i from the iconic duo Adeaze who returns to take not only our school singing but also, our McLaren Voices, our band and teaching interested ākonga how to play an instrument. Nainz has already had many sessions with our whole school resulting in our ākonga singing in a 3 part harmony. Just magical to hear our school singing again.

Over the holidays sounds around the school were of hammering, drilling with sights of painting, paneling and the replacing of roofs. BMIS has been undergoing a serious face lift, slowly but surely. We have 2 completely refurbished classrooms that both our ākonga and kaiako are enjoying, with more to come at the end of the term. So watch this space.

I have absolutely been overjoyed with the smiles and self assurance of our ākonga, your child/ren at the end of day, strutting past me waving goodbye looking so confident and proud in their school uniform. It is important to us that our ākonga are proud of their BMIS identity which fits nicely with our Semester 1 concept of Citizenship and that they show this by wearing their uniform correctly as they enter and leave our kura.

KEY DATES

- 4 March, 2024
Opportunities Commence
- 7 March, 2024
WZ Boys Softball
- 5, 6, 7, 8 March, 2024
Beach Ed
- 12 March, 2024
Māori / Pasifika Hui
- 19 March, 2024
3 Way Learning Conferences
- 19 March, 2024
WZ Tag
- 20 March, 2024
3 Way Learning Conferences
- 21 March, 2024 BOT Meeting
- 22 March, 2024
Manaaki Museum Trip
- 22 March, 2024
Ola Finafinai's trip to Polyfest
- 12 April, 2024
End of Term 1



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Please know that your child/ren's kaiako is happy to hear from you to answer any questions or discuss any issues around learning. You can find email addresses on the school website or contact the school office. Newsletters are electronic and are posted to SkoolLoop, FB, emailed and on the website. The newsletter is generally posted each fortnight on a Wednesday. Intermittent notices will come through the above means.

Put your seatbelts on, hold on because Term 1's lap is about to get faster. Together for our ākonga, your child/ren we will strive to work together so that they finish their race of learning successfully.

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Ngā mihi
Marietta Ah Chong
Principal - Tumuaki (Acting)



MEET THE TEACHER EVENING 2024

What a fabulous evening with so many of our community whānau in attendance; 106 families to be exact. How delightful it was to see so many of our ākonga, both year 7 & 8, proud of their learning spaces and their kaiako. Thank you to everyone for making it such a success and we look forward to seeing you all at our next community whānau event.



MCLAREN AWARDS T1, W4

Rosewel R1, Jewad R2, Jezreel R4

PRINCIPAL AWARDS T1 W1 7 W4

Kiro R1, Belle R1, Parker R1, Riley R1,
Shakira R2, Jia Jun R2, Awa R3, Liam R3,
Ebony R4, Jezreel R4, Charlie R5, Rana R5, Sahana
R5, Jayden R6, Gravidy R6, Lesina R12, Shultz R12,
Lucas R13, Quinn R13, Elna STEM,
Fapiano STEM



WELCOME BACK MR NAINZ TUPA'I

- SCHOOL SINGING
- MCLAREN VOICES
- INSTRUMENT TUTOR

GENERAL

- Black sandals are to be worn in Term 4.
- SHOPS: (Opposite School) Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** parents to find another space to collect your children from.
- For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first - always. Thank you for your support with this.
- Lollies, sweets, chewing gum, fizzy and sports drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Students only cross the road **ONCE** to come to school and **ONCE** going home from school. This is to be at the **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**.

PARKING AT SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that there is to be **NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY** - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops' carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

OFF AT THE GATE :

Discussion with your child about **OFF AT THE GATE** is imperative. Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. All home devices are placed in a class box at 8.30am and returned by 3.00pm. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride. Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:

Which class will win the Mr Whippy attendance prize? The class that successfully achieves >95% weekly attendance, on any given week for Term will win a visit to their class by Mr Whippy. Attendance = Engagement = Achievement. Which class or classes will this be? Watch this space. Come on students, let's have a class get over 95% attendance for every week.

OPPORTUNITIES

We are very excited for Opportunities Day to begin in Week 7. There are a variety of different opportunity options for our ākonga to choose from. We have four cultural groups which will be practicing their performances throughout the year. We have everything on offer from digital animation, Show Quest, physical activities, cooking, sewing, mad science, wearable arts- to name a few.

SPEC EX

This year, our Specialist teachers will be offering an extension programme which is an addition to our normal SPEC classes. All students have had the opportunity to apply for the SPEC EX they are interested in. Once applications close, our SPEC teachers will notify the students who will be attending SPEC EX for semester one and this will begin in Week 5. An information letter will then be sent home to whānau for further information.

BEACH ED

Coming up in Week 7 is our exciting Year 8 BeachED trip which is a programme run by trained lifeguards at South Piha Surf Life Saving Club to teach our students about beach safety.

Dates:

Tuesday 5th March: Room 1 & 2

Wednesday 6th March: Room 11 & 13

Thursday 7th March: Room 5 & 6

Friday 8th March: Room 3,4, Ola Finafinai



Thank you to the adult volunteers who have already put their name forward to help. We still require a number of adult volunteers to support on the days otherwise we may not be able to go. Please get in contact with the office or class teacher.

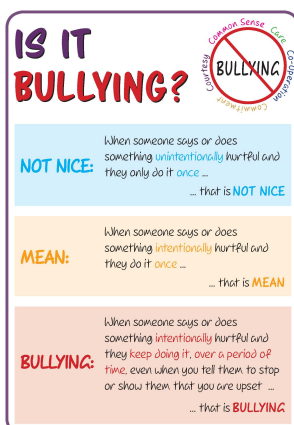
Hannah Few

Deputy Principal (Acting)

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address

ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz. Students and parents able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Mrs Few, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone knows the definition of bullying".



BMIS SPORT

For whānau who are new to BMIS, a warm sporting welcome to you all.

My name is Mr Brandon Dewes - I am the Health and Physical Education teacher and Sport Coordinator here at BMIS. There are a huge variety of ways for students to get themselves active and involved at our school. Here is a quick overview of what is on offer at BMIS in terms of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport.

PE and Sport Uniform - it is compulsory for all students to wear their correct BMIS PE/Sport uniform when participating in any of the above activities. This uniform is made up of 4 key things:

1. BMIS Blue and yellow t-shirt
2. Plain blue shorts
3. Sports shoes
4. Sports socks (not school socks)
5. During summer a BMIS school bucket hat must be worn.

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

If you have any questions please get in touch: dewes@brucemclaren.school.nz



Please ensure you download our school app - Skool Loop.

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en_NZ&gl=US

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/skool-loop/id1043396607>