

NEWSLETTER #12. 17 August 2022

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 ...

Kia ora koutou katoa

We are UP & RACING at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Students and staff are immersed in the concept of COMMUNICATION. Individual inquiry learning is acceleraing and all learning programmes are on track.

Students are making tremendous progress with their learning journeys, which is reflected in their progress and achievement.

COVID-19 CPF ORANGE mitigations continue with cleaning, sanitizing, masks worn at assemblies and are strongly encouraged in learning spaces.

Thank you to parents/whanau for keeping your child/ren home should they be unwell or require you to collect them from school if they feel sick. We are all trying to stay as well as can be during the winter term.

Planning for Year 7 Camp and Year 8 Offsite Experiences continues. It is important to have all documentation completed and payments accounted for. We are definitely counting down - very exciting.

WZ Volleyball is deep in training and WZ League teams are off to compete this week. We look forward to their competitions.

A group of four students filled the school with Vitamin C on Monday, squeezing 3 cartons of oranges. Students were able to have freshly squeezed orange juice along with their meals when at Pit Stop. Squeezed by students for students just awesome. Thank you to Ethan, Fred, Jade and Aeris for your mahi and contributing to the wellbeing of our students.

The Whanau Manawanui trip to the Observatory was highly thought provoking, interactive and enjoyable for all who attended. Thank you to parents who supported this trip.

The Maritime Musuem is coming on site to support Whanau Mahi Tahi with their learning. We look forward to having the Museum staff at BMIS.

So as you can see there is much going on with Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Core learning and providing amazing opportunities are at the centre of what we are about at BMIS.

With changeable weather, please ensure your child has a raincoat in their bag should they need to wear it to, and/or from school as well as a quiet indoor activity - cards, colouring in, mindfulness game, ...

Please ask your child what they are learning at school. Ask them who their five safe adults are on site. Check out their Mathsbuddy, EduPerfect and homework.

Should you have any wondering about your child's learning please contact your child's teacher directly or me.

Personal Best Learning Profiles will be with you later in Term 3 (the same learning report profile as in Term 1).

And please diary:

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FRIDAY 26 AUGUST - FIRST AID

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER - ACCORD DAY

With such little time at intermediate school, we want to pack as much learning in as we can. We are working together for your child - our student. Let's keep workiNg together.

Thank you for your continued support

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood Tumuaki - Principal

McLaren Award Winners

Congratulations to the following recipients for having their McLaren Award drawn out of the Weekly Draw – having been observed being a great student and doing the right thing, in the right place, at the right time.

Teatula R13, AJ R5, Baylee R3, Blessing R10, Tau R10, Olivia R12, Michael R7, Ceejay R5, Joy R2, Jason R1, Ruby R9, Nevaeh R12.

BMIS Weekly Quiz Winner

General knowledge is put to the test. There can only be one winner – and this week it is:

Fatu R9

Year 7 CAMP

Any queries, please contact your child's class teacher or Ms Ah Chong – Camp Lead.

Year 8 Offsite Experience

Any queries, please contact your child's class teacher or Mr McKenzie – Offsite Experience Lead.

MathEx

Each class will participate in a school MathEx Challenge. Each team must comprise of 2 x Year 7s and 2 x Year 8s (with 2 boys and 2 girls). We are fortunate to have Ms Durkin, Deputy Principal, and the Year 9 Dean for 2023 from Henderson High School adjudicate the competition. We are looking forward to this event – where there will be much noise and a huge amount of mathematical problem-solving taking place. We will keep you posted of the winning class.

Staff Professional Learning continues

Our staff are involved in the professional learning with our Kahui Ako schools (HHS, HSPS, SVPS, PS, HVPS, ODS). This takes place Wk5 of every term, where staff belong to a professional learning group and progress pedagogy and practice. It is fabulous to have this session kanohi te kanohi (face to face) after much time through digital means.

Our staff are also involved in Culturally Sustainable Pedagogical Change, Professional Growth Cycles and the Curriculum Refresh as well as keeping abreast of new developments.

Enrolments for 2023

By now, all Year 8 students should be enrolled in the High School they will be attending as Year 9s. Please ensure that your child is enrolled and prepared for their next stage of their learning journey.

Year 6 students should be enrolled in the Intermediate School they will be attending as Year 7s. Please ensure that your child is enrolled at BMIS so that we can take the time and care to make the best placement for them. Much thought goes into a student's placement when students are enrolled ahead of the new year. Help us to help your child get the best from their time at intermediate school. Enrol online. Enrol at the school office. A WALK AROUND of our school is easy. Just contact the front office and we will find a time convenient for you. Contact: 836 3175.

IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Only Day: Friday, 26 August

No students on site.

Netball event in hall: Monday, 29 August

BMIS netball students only

Tongan Language Week: 5 - 9 September

International Literacy Day: Thursday, 8 September

Staff Only Day: Friday, 9 September

No students on site.

Maori Language Week: 13 – 16 September

Year 7 Camp: 13 - 16 September

Year 7s at Karapiro

Year 8 Offsite Experience: 13 - 16 September

Year 8s out and about across Auckland

International Day of Peace: Wednesday, 21 Sept

Tuvalu Language Week: 26-30 September

Last day of Term 3: Friday, 30 September

First day of Term 4: Monday, 17 October

Western Zone Sport Competition dates run throughout the term.