

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau o Bruce McLaren Intermediate

As we begin to embark on the last week of our school year, we have spent this week looking back at the term with our ākonga reflecting on their successes and their favourite moments in Term 4, uploading these onto their Seesaw. I have enjoyed reading some of our students' reflections in which I will share some of these below. The essence of what I have read is that our ākonga have been absolutely thrilled with their term, taking away memories that will last forever.

For myself, it has been another term of great accomplishments for our ākonga, our staff and our whānau community. So much has happened, our BMIS Athletics Day, the celebration of language weeks - Papua New Guinea, Tokelau, Niue, Solomon Islands with Diwali, our final push for acceleration in Literacy and Maths, supporting Gumboot Day, our BMIS Colours Day, fundraising as part of student service, Whānau of the Term and Year, WZ Sports - Touch Rugby, Athletics and Auckland Champs Volleyball, our Fiafia Night, our BMIS Pt Erin Trip, Whānau Fun Days, celebrating Miss de Coning who became a fully registered teacher and to end this week, student reports were sent home and staff surprising Mrs Few with a baby shower after school. I have probably missed other things that were done in classes by our wonderful teachers but no one can deny that we have been busy. Busy learning, busy having fun, busy strengthening relationships, busy making memories.

Our final week is about celebration and we begin this with an event that most of our Year 8 ākonga look forward to, the Year 8 Leavers Formal. The level of excitement has risen over the past week. The hall has been closed to our ākonga so that our Teacher In Charge, Mrs Warden can work her magic in transforming our hall.

We have been in full swing, preparing for these celebrations and we are so excited to share these with you. Our Year 8 Graduation takes place on Tuesday and then our BMIS Formal Prizegiving on Wednesday. See details below.

We also farewell 3 amazing staff members on the last day of school - Mrs Hannah Few, who will be on maternity leave, Mrs Brenda Sluiter, who retires from teaching and Mr Steve Kelly, who we may see from time to time but will return to his previous role. This week will be my final as Acting Principal and I can't thank you enough for your support and aroha this year. However, you will still see me as I return to my role as Deputy Principal in 2025 and we welcome back our Principal, Liz Wood who returns from sabbatical leave.

It has been such an honour and privilege to have been part of your child/childrens' learning journey this year as Acting Principal.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ngā mihi nui
Marietta Ah Chong
Tumuaki - Principal (Acting)



Week 10

Monday:

Year 8 Leavers Formal: Gates open at 5 pm.

Tuesday:

10.20 am: Year 8 Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday:

9.30 am: BMIS Formal Prizegiving

Yearbooks (Only for those who have purchased them)

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm: Farewell to teachers and students



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Our 'Meet the Teacher Orientation Morning' for our year 6 akonga was nearly a full house. It was such a fantastic turn-out. We are looking forward to seeing you in 2025. Welcome to our Bruce McLaren Intermediate whānau!



One of the biggest highlights of the term, and even the year, would have to be winning Whānau of the Year. During the day all the whānau were very nervous and tense because they were anxious for the results. As we all sat down for the assembly that would tell us the results, the teachers and the kids for once weren't chatting and the teachers didn't have to tell anyone off. Miss Ah Chong kept the speech short, and then finally revealed that Atawhai was in third place, which everyone was expecting. By this time everyone was crossing their fingers and holding their breath waiting for the winner. Then Miss Ah Chong said in first place was... Manawanui! The whole of Manawanui erupted into cheers and screams of pride and joy, while Manaaki looked pretty disappointed. For the whole day after that whānau Manawanui was very happy and celebrated by hanging out together for the remainder of the day. Frankie B

WHĀNAU OF 2024

MANAWANUI COMMITMENT



INSPIRING GROWTH

9 BMIS students who completed the Inspiring Growth for Young Pasifika programme. They completed workshops related to healthy relationships, took part in an inspiring excursion and tonight with their families celebrated their achievement alongside other schools with their whānau. Congratulations to Junior, Jezreel, Shultz, Philly, Sharleen, Tatiana, Lucas, Faith and Hope.

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Whānau Fun Days



LOOKING BACK ON TERM 4

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Reflect on your Term 4 experiences. Highlights? What did you enjoy and why? What have you found challenging?

Term 4 was one of the best terms from this year. We had many events on and it was the last term for me at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. I had a brilliant time with friends and classmates this term and wish I could repeat the term.

For literacy this term we did recall texts. We wrote pieces of writing using our 5 senses, we wrote recount events and diaries. We wrote a lot of pieces of writing this term for literacy and it took awhile but I found it was chill and calm. I learned quite a bit about how to structure and organise my writing. Also, I improved with my GPS (Grammar, punctuation and spelling) which I am very proud of and hope to continue to improve.

Maths this term we focused on position and orientation as well as algebra. I learned what order to do the questions using BEDMAS and now can solve many different complicated problems. We had our term 4 Post test and I increased amazingly up to 98 percent. I tied with a few other kids for highest in the school which I am extremely happy about. Miss Southgate taught me many new things in maths and am really grateful that she was the teacher for expert maths in manawanui.

Eden R

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Identify which goals you have achieved or partly achieved this term. What did you do to achieve those goals?

I have achieved getting Excellence on my Math test which was my Main goal for this Term (Which is Term 4). I got 85% on my test it was pretty hard. I did this by listening & learning in Math Cross-grouping classes.

Albin

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Reflect on your Term 4 experiences. Highlights? What did you enjoy and why? What have you found challenging?

One of my favorite experiences this term was going to Point Erin pools with the whole of BMIS. My favorite part of the pools were the diving boards. I was doing flips off of them and Eva got this really good photo of me in the middle of a backflip. I felt so blessed to go on a fun day field trip with my whole school. Another favorite of term 4 was Fia Fia night. All of the opportunities groups were apart of a performance for the Whānau of BMIS students. I was in the Showquest group. We were all thinking that we were just a filler but it turned out we were crowd favorite. Fia Fia night was a lot better than I thought it was gonna be and I enjoyed the experience so much.

Eden K

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Reflect on your Term 4 experiences. Highlights? What did you enjoy and why? What have you found challenging?

My term 4 has been amazing, I participated in BMIS Athletics which was so fun to compete in because I love the feeling of wind while I'm running. The most challenging part of the day would have to be competing in the extreme heat and jumping to late on all of my tries in long jump.

I've loved my opportunities, this semester I was in Show Quest as well as board and card games. I enjoyed Show Quest because I was close with the group after competing in the West Auckland performance. In board and card games I got to play Monopoly with my friend Charlie and it was so exciting seeing who won each week even though most the time I lost.

I'm so proud of myself because I tried so hard on the Whānau Manawanui chant this term and we managed to receive whānau of the year. I was so glad when Ms Ah Chong announced it to the school and then we got to go outside to the silent zone and eat Mr Whippy!

I've enjoyed year eight dance practise so much because I like to dance so much and I'm so happy my dance partner is one of my friends and it's always such a great block everytime we rehearse.

In term 4 the whole school went to Pt. Erin Pools, the water was so refreshing! The sun as so hot but I still had an great day hanging out with my friend. I went down the slide with Awa and jumped off the diving board with Ayven. The board was so high but with Ayven's encouragement I succeed. I continued the day coming in and out the water with my group of friends and playing in the warm pool was so fun! This has truly got to be my favourite term at BMIS!

Hannah B

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Identify which goals you have achieved or partly achieved this term. What did you do to achieve those goals?

I have achieved by making a marble maze this term for steam and by learning more of my times tables. I achieved the marble maze by getting ideas online and by a little help from the teacher. I got better at my times tables by practice and teacher helping. I have also achieved in maths I started really low in scores and by term 4 I go 89% in maths test. which was nearly the highest in the class for novice I achieved this goal by trying harder in maths and not talking as much to my friends. I achieved my reading by not having to go to rainbow reading I achieved it by practice.

Leri

Looking back on Term 4 - 2024

Reflect on your Term 4 experiences. Highlights? What did you enjoy and why? What have you found challenging?

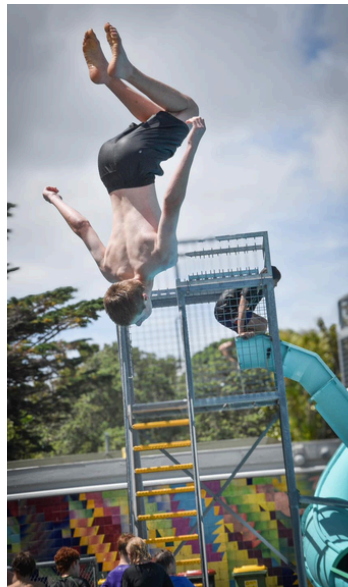
Term 4 was a blast. It was my favourite term in the year. I had many favourite moments this term but I have some that shine out of the others.

First was our end of year assessments. It was great to see the results had improved from my previous tests.

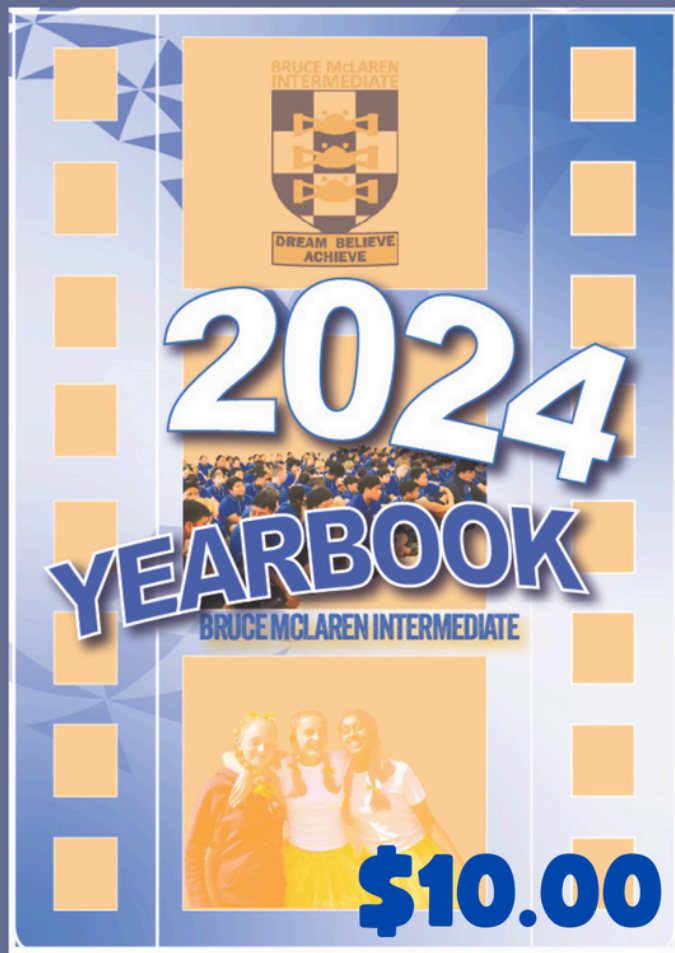
Athletics was great fun, as for the entire day we did all sorts of sports including Shot Put, Discus, Long jump, High jump, and Sprints. I had fun participating in all of the events except high jump. It was a nice chill day with the sun shining and it definitely was a main highlight of this term. The buses were also as fun, sitting next to my friends was awesome.

Jayden

Pt Erin Whānau Trip



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WEEK 10 GENERAL REMINDERS

Year 8 Leavers Formal

Monday 16th December 2024

5:00pm Outside gate opens

5:30pm Doors open for Year 8's and whānau to walk through the red carpet into the Glamour Room.

6:00pm Doors open for Year 8's to enter the main function room, whānau are farewelled.

6:20pm Finger food for dinner followed by dancing.

8:30pm Lights on, parents pick up

REMEMBER YOUR TICKETS!

Year 8 Graduation

Tuesday 17th December 2024

We will be acknowledging our Year 8 ākonga with the presentation of their graduation certificates, officially recognising the completion of their primary years of their learning journey.

The ceremony starts at 10.20 am - 11.30 am.

BMIS FORMAL PRIZEGIVING

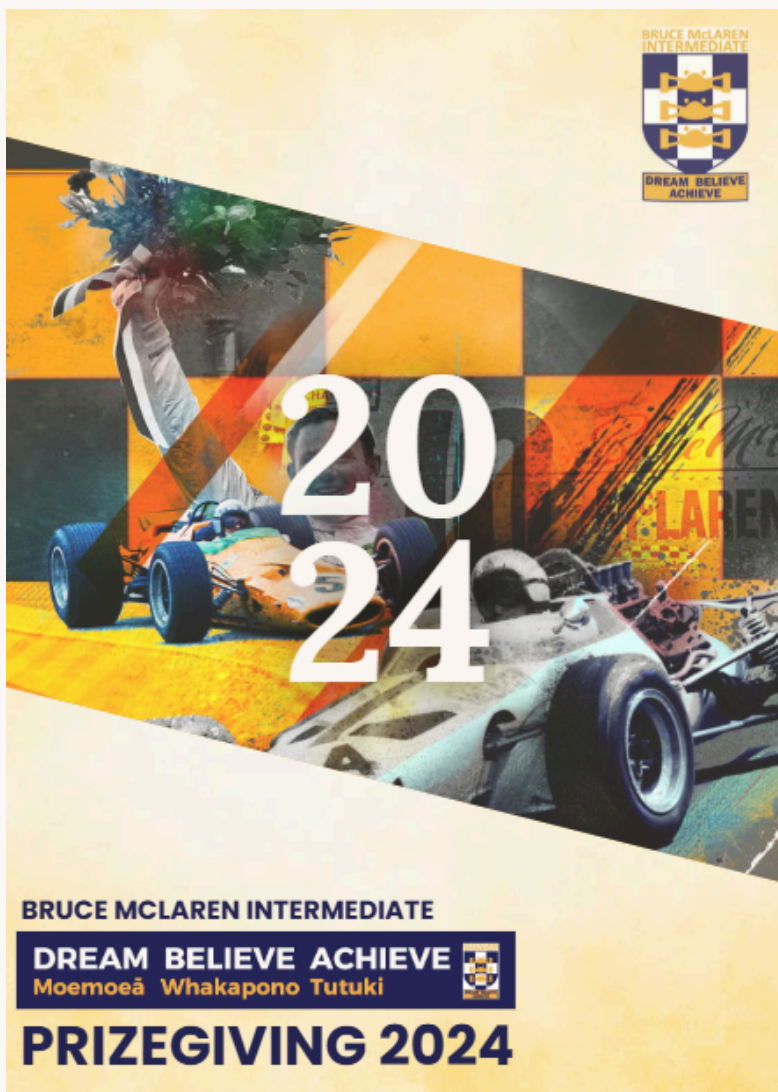
Wednesday 18th December 2024

9.30 am

- All ākonga must be in correct full school uniform please.
- If your child/children are receiving a prize, you will have been contacted by now.
- Please arrive early to be seated as the ceremony will start promptly at 9.30 am.
- There will be photo opportunities at the end of the prizegiving.

Last Day of 2024

- 8.30 am Normal school start
- 9.30 am BMIS Formal Prizegiving
- 12.00 am Yearbook distribution and signing. (Please note that this is only for those who have purchased a yearbook)
- 2.00 am Farewell to departing staff and final farewells to our ākonga.
- 3.00 pm School officially closes for 2024!



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