

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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, SUSADEI, SELAMAT SIANG, SABAIDEE, MINGALABAR

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Week 4 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School has commenced at pace. BMIS has only been open for 12 instruction days thus far with so much underway. School wide testing has been completed for the beginning of the year, to assist staff to tailor specific programmes for each of our ākonga. Trials for BMIS Western Zone Competition sports continue along with practices in full swing for Tag, Softball, Netball and Swimming.

Classroom environments are bright, current and full of student voice – highlighting the learning in action.

Specialist lessons are exciting and proving a huge hit with our ākonga – adding to the life skills they are gaining in their homerooms. Please ask your child what they are learning about, what they learnt today, what their goals are and how they are going to go about achieving them. Learning at BMIS is about learning through fun. Engaged students make the most of their limited time at intermediate school.

To help our ākonga with learning, PitStop is open to everyone on site. Five morning teas, five lunches each week. PitStop is more than feeding hungry tummies. PitStop is part of the BMIS ethos of developing emerging adolescents. More information is on the BMIS website and at the front office should you wish to read more about this brilliant programme. PitStop is where everyone is welcome and well fed.

Today BMIS came together for our first Principal Assembly. Our ākonga are looking great in their uniforms. Respect is always given with everyone upholding our 5Cs – Commitment, Co-operation, Care, Courtesy and Common sense. Celebrating successes, similarities and differences and ensuring inclusion is expected. It was incredibly moving to hear our National Anthem sung so beautifully.

A few reminders:

- Bus Bay between 2:50 – 3:15pm is for buses only & is one way
- Pick up spots are Heremai St, Silverstone, Corban Ave.
- No student waits outside the school gates after 3pm, they sit undercover in the hall foyer.
- Yellow lines are NOT for parking on, over or through.
- All students are dismissed at 3pm unless you have been informed of a practice or late exit.

- No phones/devices that can send-receive messages in class – EVER.
- Personal space is 'personal space' and PDA is not acceptable on site.
- All adults entering BMIS must enter via the School Office (in the Papaya building)

Thank you for supporting our staff with the above. Every decision made at BMIS is to ensure that our ākonga/your child-ren can maximise their learning and reach their potential in a happy and safe environment.

It is understood that programmes and procedures may be different at BMIS from what our Year 7 ākonga may have experienced for the passed 6 years of their primary schooling. However, change and challenge are the constants in life and at BMIS we embrace these.

It is that time of the Board cycle again when in September there will be Triannual Board Elections. This is an exciting time to become involved in the governance of a school. I encourage you to take time to think about whether this is a commitment you would like to make and be involved with our amazing school and community. More information will be available soon – watch this space.

Please know that you are invited along to 'Meet My Teachers' next Wednesday, 26th February from 6-7pm. BMIS staff are looking forward to hosting you. We meet in the hall at 6pm and splinter off to teaching Whānau and teachers thereafter. On exit, please remember to pick up a BBQ sausage to snack on, as you head off. We look forward to seeing you.

Should you have any thoughts, wonderings or ideas please make contact with your child's teacher. All names and emails are listed on the BMIS website. Contact with Miss Annika or Miss Tua at the School Office is always welcomed. I look forward to meeting with you.

As we embark on our learning journeys for 2025, let's all continue to DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki Principal

Important Dates For Term 1:

Monday 10th February:

Interclass Sports Begins

Monday 24th February:

BOT Meeting 5.00pm

Wednesday 26th February:

Meet My Teachers Evening

Friday 11th April:

Last day of term



If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. Together we play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance and that our ākonga, your child or children attend school every day and engage in learning as every school day matters. You must let us know if your child or children are going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent. Let's work together to see if we can get 1 or more of our classes over the 95% mark so that we can have Mr Whippy onsite.