



# DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

## Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

Whānau of  
Learners  
MARCH 2025

### 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

What an incredible time we are having at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Time sure flies when you are having fun. It is Week 8, Term 1 which means 73% of the term has been completed – never to be repeated. It is so important for our ākonga to be focused on their learning, being involved in the corporate life of the school and continually applying their new learnings in the world beyond the school gates.

By now you will have viewed the Personal Best Learning Profile of your child. This was posted on Seesaw, Friday 7th March. Please discuss this with your child. The PBLP is a snapshot of where your child's focus on learning is currently. The PBLP is not to be viewed in comparison with other learners – it is personalised for your child.

Book your On Track Learning Check-in. On Wednesday, 2nd April you are invited to check in with your child's class teacher – in person. On Track Learning Check-ins are a 10 minute opportunity to touch base, reflect and project while discussing your child's learning journey. On Track Learning Check-ins will commence from 1:30 – 7:20pm. Supervision is provided for students on site until 3pm (normal day) or can be collected from the school office by an adult listed on the enrolment form between 1 – 1:30pm (by prior arrangement). Book a time on Skool Loop or contact the school office.

If you are wanting to pick your child up from school between 1 – 1:30pm on Wednesday 2nd April, this MUST be arranged through the school office BEFORE Monday, 31st March – 3pm. Please phone: 836 3175 or email: [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz) or [office@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:office@brucemclaren.school.nz)

Being an educator at BMIS, we recognise that it will always be parents who are the 'first teachers' of our ākonga. Research indicates that an individual is shaped: 60% by home, 20% by school and 20% by peers. So to ensure that our part to play in the 20% of shaping your child, we are doing everything we can to maximise their learning journey. Our partnership with you is imperative!

To support our ākonga and whānau, BMIS has an email address that you can use out of school hours. [ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz) Often conversations can lead to concerns when your children discuss their day, over dinner or when you are out and about. The ebully email is a confidential way of ensuring that, as a parent, you know action will be taken. The email is actioned by Miss Ah Chong; Deputy Principal, and contact will be made directly with you. "e" = eliminate; "e" = electronic. We hope this is helpful and gives peace of mind.

Our BMIS Opportunities programme is well underway with a range of learning opportunities including animation, Minecraft, Mad Science, debating, a plethora of diverse cultural groups, McLaren Voices, dance groups, game development, performing groups, Year book creators, Piano, computer refurbishment, Kitchen basics, art extension groups, strategy thinkers, Youth Short films, Ngā Tākaro, to name a few. There is something for everyone! Please ask your child about what they are involved in.

Year 8 students headed to Piha North for an amazing experience with Beach Ed last week. Thank you to our wonderful parents/whānau who were able to support this important learning experience. Our ākonga were full of excitement while relaying what they had learnt. Being aware of how to keep safe around surf is crucial, especially as our nation is surrounded by different types of beaches, bays and oceans.

Tag teams headed to Massey Park on Tuesday. The weather turned and it was wet and cold but this did not dampen the spirits of our teams, coaches and teachers in charge. Each player can be proud of their efforts while playing hard and upholding our BMIS 5Cs. Congratulations to everyone. Thank you to Mr Penese and Miss Ah Chong for spearheading the teams.

Sports trainings before school, at lunchtimes and after school are in full swing. It is awesome to see so many students being committed to trainings. Thank you to parents for supporting with these (and thank you to our BMIS staff for their mahi – over and above what is required of them!).

Board Triannual Elections: does being a Board member of an amazing school interest you? Are you wanting to utilize your skills on a school Board? Do you know someone who would be a great Board member? Are you on the Board of one of our contributing schools and wish to continue the journey? September is just around the corner... Watch this space.

Our amazing ākonga, studious students, are working towards completing their Term 1 goals. Please ask your child about their learning journey and how they (and you) know that they are achieving.

Please note that Term 1 finishes on Friday, 11 April at 3pm. BMIS is holding a Ministry of Education Staff Only Day on Monday, 28 April. Term 2 commences on Tuesday, 29 April, in class, at 8:30am.

Our staff are looking forward to seeing you at the On Track Check-ins. If you are unable to come along, please feel free to contact your child's teacher through email or the school office.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Tumuaki Principal



*School core values  
are the 5C's:*

*Care, Courtesy, Co-operation,  
Commitment, Common Sense.*

## Room 4 Highlight - BeachEd

On Monday the 10th of March, Whānau Manawanui Year 8's went to BeachEd. The bus ride was 40 minutes long. It was a sunny day, perfect for the beach. When we got there, we went on a walk to the place where the lifeguards work. We learnt how to spot a rip tide, different types of waves, and we also learnt about different flags at the beach and what they mean. In the afternoon we had fun in the water. We also learnt how to save someone when they are having trouble in the sea, using a rescue tube. It was an exciting and fun day. Thank you to the parents who came along and our teachers for allowing us to have this opportunity.



Written by Ghian and Jan

## Principal's Awards Week 8, Term 1

Eve, Forest, River, Max R4  
Harper, Leonne R6  
Guvanaka, Shakina, Xander, Noah R8  
Teina, Lillian, Hunter, Blake R9  
Anne, Via, Darragh, Jia Long R10  
Mekuini, Basina R11  
Sierra, Quisha, Rejoice,  
Jazmine Ola Finafinau  
Hosanna, Vansh, Athena, Carlton R13  
Ashley, Darragh, La Yaung (STEM)  
Enda, Shafira, Yanna, Lingjin (VA)  
Dion, Izaliah, Erica, Cartel, Bhavik,  
Iemaima (HPE)  
Amber, Braxton (SPEC Ex HPE)  
Naksh, Rodrick, Sahana (PA)

## McLaren Awards W8, Term 1

Cyrus R4, Chayse R6  
Ayden R8, Ryan R11

## Word of the Week

W6: Phoenix R5 & Isabelle R11  
W7: Bhavik R6 & Shanaya R9



**ATAWHAI**  
YOU ONLY NEED 50c, \$1 OR \$2

**ICE BLOCKS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
BAKE SALE**

Pitstop, Break 1, 2 & 3  
26 March 2025

**FUNDRAISER**

**INTERMEDIATE 2025**  
**OLA FINAFINAU  
TAKE ON SAMOA**  
Come down & support our class FUNDRAISER!

**22nd March | 8:30 - 4pm**  
**MITRE 10 HENDERSON**  
**\$2.50 SAUSAGE  
\$2 DRINK**

**MITRE 10 MEGA HENDERSON**

**BUNNINGS warehouse**  
New Lynn - Saturday 22nd March

**BRUCE McLAREN INTERMEDIATE**  
8:30am - 5:00pm  
FUNDRAISING FOR CLASS TRIP TO SAMOA

**OLA FINAFINAU CLASS**  
Drinks \$1.50  
Sausages \$2.50

