



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #5

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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,

A vibrant school has an intellectual and expressive environment where the creativity of students, teachers, leaders, and parents is fostered and can flourish. Unresolved issues sap the school's energy. Rehashing old histories tends to bring everyone down. The staff at BMIS are interrupting these negative patterns by making time and space for listening. Listening generates understanding and reflection. It energizes and bonds teachers to one another, their students and our community in an affirming way by reducing feelings of isolation and interrupting deficit thinking that perpetuates downward cycles of blame and shame. We are here for your child/ren, each other and our community. We are Bruce McLaren Intermediate School; a vibrant school – and proud, where manaakitanga and whanaungatanga are evident

The behaviour of students affects schools as learning environments. Positive behaviour management practices are simple, transparent and effective at BMIS. We are guided by our school vision: DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE, the 5Cs and 3 fingers (please ask your child about these). A copy of the school behaviour management practices can be collected from our Admin Foyer.

Thank you to the many parents and whanau who turned out to meet with our teachers to discuss the Effort Report that went home on Friday 16th March. Effort is crucial to ensure success. If you have not met with your child's teacher, please ring to make a time to do so. Our partnership is imperative for your child, our student, to excel.

This week is the start of Mr Arun Ganda's first week as Room 4 teacher and BMIS Assistant Principal. We know that he will learn much from us as we will from him.

With Easter looming, it is important to note that school is closed on Friday, Monday and Tuesday of next week. **NO SCHOOL – Friday, 30 March,**

Monday, 2nd April and Tuesday, 3rd April.

The BMIS WZ Swimming Squad has made a splash this week at the WZ Swimming tournament. We congratulate them on their performance.

Financial Literacy is significant part of living. This week all students have participated in a comprehensive Financial Literacy programme looking at budgeting, balancing the books and costing out living expenses, gaining an appreciation and awareness of how difficult money is to come by and how easy it is to spend!

I am a firm believer in CULTURE IS THE HEART OF LEARNING. This is the overarching factor or umbrella to all learning. A happy student in a healthy and safe environment will thrive, achieve and be positive about self, their learning and their relationships.

Should you have any thoughts, wonderings, ideas of or about Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, don't hesitate to contact us on: (09) 836 3175.

May our students, whanau and community have a safe and enjoyable time over the Easter break.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood
Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Order forms have been sent home. Please send your order and payment along to the school office before Thursday, 5th April.

BOTTLE TOPS

We are collecting coloured bottle tops to create a Bruce McLaren car mural. Please bring your rinsed tops to the office each morning and place them in the container.



WESTERN ZONE SWIMMING REPORT

Our school entered a team in the Waitakere Zone Swimming Championships which was held at Kelston Girls' High School on Wednesday, 28 March 2018. The following students represented our school: **Charlie Skelton** (Rm 3), **Abi Whitehouse** (Rm 2), **Elliot Officer** (Rm 5), **Matthew Arnold** (Rm 5), **Elizabeth Fletcher** (Rm 4), **Mikayla Webster-Dehar** (Rm 3) and **Ciaran Norman** (Rm 1).

All students gave an excellent account of themselves at the event. They must be commended for their fine effort and unwavering commitment. Well done!

Deena Naidu - Teacher in Charge

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WEST AUCKLAND ACADEMIC MENTORING

ZEAL YOUTH CENTRE

COMBATING EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITY WITH FREE MENTORING

WEDNESDAY 6.30 - 8.00PM

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DREAM IT, DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN



AGES 11 - 17 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Youth development workshops, creative activities, day trips, sports and much more!

Locations: Rosehill College
Avondale Intermediate

WEEK ONE: Tuesday 17 - Friday 20 April

WEEK TWO: Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 April
Thursday 26 - Friday 27 April

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Bring: Please bring a packed lunch, fogs, towels and covered shoes.

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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING is the best way to keep fit during winter!! Fun runs, relays, and races are on Saturdays at 2:30pm at Moire Park and interclub events held at other venues around Auckland. The season starts at the end of March and continues to the end of September.

The Massey 1K Challenge, a free event for kids aged 8-16 years old, will be held on Monday 26th March at 5pm at Moire Park, Massey. Monday 2nd April at 5pm will be a time trial at Moire Park. For more information, phone Phil 027 2102727, e-mail masseycrosscountry@gmail.com, or visit www.masseyathletics.org.nz