

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

GREETINGS, KIA ORA, FAKALOFA LAHI ATU, MALO E LEILEI, 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

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa

Week 6 is packed with engaging and exciting learning at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Reaching Week 6 of Term 2 means we are now halfway through the term and 42.5% through the 2026 academic year. It also means our Year 7 students have completed over 21% of their learning journey at BMIS, while our Year 8 students have completed more than 71% of their time with us.

With learning in full throttle BMIS continues racing toward the finish flag, and it is timely to remember that education is a partnership. While BMIS provides academic instruction, social and emotional support, a safe environment, and holistic opportunities for learners, parents provide the foundational structure, encouragement, and engagement that makes learning possible. Supporting our school means staying involved, reinforcing values at home, and working together to help every child reach their full potential.

Research suggests that a young person is shaped by three key influences:

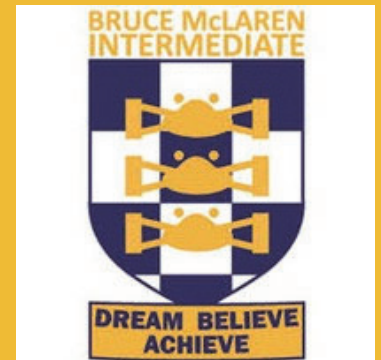
- 60% by home
- 20% by peers
- 20% by school

With only two years at intermediate school, that 20% influence by school equates to approximately 3% of your child's overall educational journey. However, this 3% carries enormous significance. A child's most formative years occur between ages 0-4 and again between 10-14 years. Parents are the first teachers from birth and beyond, while intermediate school plays a crucial role in supporting learners through the emerging adolescent years.

BMIS is committed to ensuring every child reaches their full potential during this important stage of development. It truly is a HUGE 3% in the overall journey of growing successful young people.

The weather has certainly supported our extra-curricular opportunities, including sporting fixtures, EOTC trips, after-school netball, and cultural practices. Following a brilliant, clear, and crisp Week 5, learners are continuing to enjoy another treasured sunny spell and are making the most of being outdoors and soaking up the sun's energy.

As we move into winter, all students are expected to wear black leather lace-up shoes. For health and safety reasons, no students are permitted to be barefoot at BMIS. School hats should now be stored safely away until Term 4.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 6

Tuesday 26 May

WZ Football - Girls

Wednesday 27 May

Atawhai - Science Trip

Thursday 28 May

WZ Football - Boys
Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30pm

Week 7

Monday 1 June

Samoan Language Week
King's Birthday
NO SCHOOL

Week 10

Thursday 25 June

Board of Trustees
Meeting 5:30pm

Week 11

Tuesday 30 June

WZ Netball - Girls

Friday 3 July

Last day of Term 2

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BMIS sells second hand school fleeces and school jackets to support students during the colder months. A raincoat and/or umbrella is also encouraged – after all, we do live in Auckland, where the weather can be unpredictable. Please note that no extra items or non-regulation uniform pieces are permitted. If you are unsure, please check the school website or contact the school office.

Speaking of uniform, congratulations to our Girls' Rugby Team for their outstanding efforts at the Western Zone Championships. The team looked incredible in their kit and represented BMIS with pride. Many of the girls had never previously played rugby before beginning this journey, yet they demonstrated determination, teamwork, and true "Papaya Pride" throughout the tournament. The girls were narrowly defeated by only a point or two in several games and finished with a commendable 4th place overall. Well done to all involved, and thank you to Miss Ah Chong and Mr V for their dedication and commitment to trainings.

Eid al-Adha. The celebration lasts for 3 days, it began on the evening of Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 and ends on Friday, 29th May 2026.

Our Manawanui whānau (Rooms 4, 5, and 6) enjoyed a fantastic learning experience at Auckland Museum, while Manaaki (Rooms 8, 9, and 10) had an exciting day at Auckland Zoo. The knowledge, discussions, and real-world experiences gained from these excursions reinforce just how valuable these opportunities are in supporting classroom learning. Although these experiences are significant investments for the school, they are absolutely essential in bringing learning to life.

Whānau Atawhai learners are off on a road trip to visit the National Science Expo Roadshow. This is another great experience provided for our learners. No doubt your child will have come home and discussed planning for next term's BMIS Science Expo and possibly what it is that they wish to explore and experiment with. Please take time to discuss your science experiences, where you might find 'science' in the home and how it impacts everything we do. We have approximately 300 budding scientists on site at BMIS!

On Thursday, 28th May the BMIS boys Football Team head to WZ Championships. The weather is still holding and we wish them all the best. Talking with them, I know that they will be playing with "Papaya Pride" and striving for a podium finish. Play well. Play fair. Play with a BMIS smile!

It is Samoan Language Week next week. Samoan Language Week (Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa) runs from Sunday, May 31 to Saturday, June 6.

The official theme for the 2026 celebration is:

"E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le nu'u" - From the high mountains are the blessings of the village.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 4

Room 1
Georgia
Azumi

Room 3
Kaia Rose
Liam

Room 4
Christina
Finlay



Room 5
Micah
Fatima



Room 6
Kohen
Kaylah

Room 9
Arckeen
Husna

Room 10
Grayston
River

Room 11
Rehoboth
Wesley

Ola finafinau
Meleane
Sierra

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This year's theme honours language and culture as gifts passed down through generations to sustain communities and strengthen collective bonds.

BMIS has our ceremonial opening, many activities, so'otaga, students wearing cultural attire on Friday and a visit from Kowhai Intermediate School before the ceremonial closing to celebrate Samoan Language Week. Should you have any questions regarding Samoan Language Week (Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa) please contact our Cultural Lead, Miss Helen Magasiva at magasiva@brucemclaren.school.nz

There is no school on Monday as we celebrate King's Birthday Weekend. May everyone have a chance to balance our active times and take a moment to energise our wellbeing.

A whakatauki that certainly resonates with this part of a busy term is:

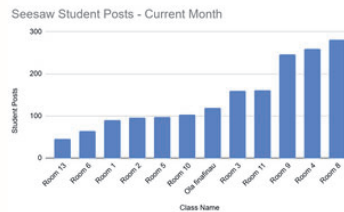
Mao ana ki ua, ua ana ki mao

This proverb speaks to the natural rhythms and cycles of life. While being busy and active is highly valued, this whakatauki is used to remind us that busyness must be balanced with rest. Just as the weather shifts between rain and clearing, we must balance our active times with still, quiet times to maintain our wellbeing.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki - Principal



Off at the Gate

Discussion with your child about OFF AT THE GATE is imperative. Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day.

Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride.

Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

Leaving the School

Students are to be in full school uniform when they leave their classroom to walk outside the gate at 3.00 pm unless they have after school training or games, eg. netball on Wednesday. Students attending after school homework groups are to also be in full school uniform and not in their PE gear.



PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 5

Room 1
Kyla Nephi

Room 2
Jade Jyotpal

Room 9
Felicity Cyron



Room 10
Jaeden Etta



Room 11
Zarrarul Teina

Ola finafinau
Vaimoana Lilly



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Education Outside the Classroom Whānau Manawanui Museum Trip



Whānau Manaaki Zoo Trip



McLAREN AWARDS



Week 5

Room 1
Samaria

Room 4
Danzel

Room 8
Iosefo

Room 12
Kaio



Week 6

Room 3
Harry

Room 6
Galatians

Room 12
Kaio

Room 13
Lars



Term 2,
Week 6, 2026

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Pink Day



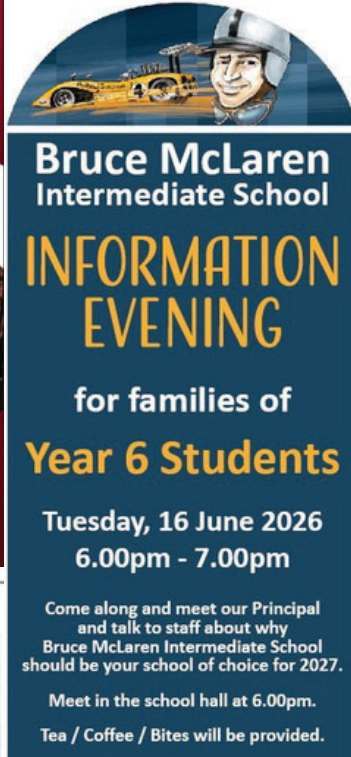
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
Prepare for success in 2027!
THURSDAY 23 JULY
3PM - 6.30PM
We warmly welcome Year 8 students to our Open Day.



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School
INFORMATION EVENING
for families of **Year 6 Students**
Tuesday, 16 June 2026
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Come along and meet our Principal and talk to staff about why Bruce McLaren Intermediate School should be your school of choice for 2027.
Meet in the school hall at 6.00pm.
Tea / Coffee / Bites will be provided.



OPEN EVENING
28 May, 2026
1 Archibald Road, Kelston
4:30pm - 6:30pm
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN AT KELSTON GIRLS' COLLEGE
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E-DAY
E-Day is a youth-led community e-waste collection and education event delivered through Zeal's Reboot programme in partnership with schools and industry partners such as Echo Tech.
The kaupapa empowers rangatahi to take action on digital equity and environmental sustainability by leading school and community e-waste drives, educating their peers and whānau about responsible recycling, and helping divert harmful electronic waste from landfill. Collection can include old laptops, mobile phones, tablets, chargers, cables, computer accessories, and small household electronics.
E-Day combines environmental action with youth development by creating practical, hands-on opportunities for leadership, creativity, teamwork, and community impact. The programme also supports Zeal's wider mission of improving digital equity, with suitable donated devices refurbished and used to help equip young people with technology access. Across participating West Auckland schools, the initiative aims to engage hundreds of young people and divert significant volumes of e-waste from landfill while building a generation of environmentally conscious and community-minded leaders.
Where
MPHS carpark (picture attached), next to the school
When
Saturday 30th May at 10:30-2pm
What happens

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week
Celebrate Samoa Language Week: 31 May - 6 June 2026
The 2026 theme for Samoa Language Week is "E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le 'nu'u - From the high mountains are the blessings of the village."



2026 PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS
GAGANA SAMOA
Ministry for Pacific Peoples
31 May - 6 June

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