

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 22 October 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope that you are well in your bubble.

With the many announcements of different information this week from the government, principals across Tāmaki Makaurau were left scratching their heads. By now I thought that I would have a clear pathway forward to having our students return to school, whether that was sooner or later. Alas, no!

I am looking forward to some clarity around Year 1-10 schooling from the government's announcement next Tuesday.

However, we've got a race plan at BMIS and Term 4 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School has commenced positively with our students continuing with distance learning. The start of the term has been seamless and, by now, you will have seen evidence of student engagement and student learning in zooms, school assembly, celebrations for Niuean Language Week, student tasks, challenges and Specialist Programmes.

Please be reminded that BMIS staff are also trying to work from home, while they juggle their bubble. I appreciate that our school families are doing the same thing. We are all in the Auckland border together. Distance learning is from 8:30am – 1:00pm. This gives time for your child to take a break from school screen time and for staff to assess and plan.

Not every child enjoys learning at home. Not every child enjoys learning on site at school. It is important to focus on your bubble's health and wellbeing first. Hauora is our priority at BMIS.

By now, all Year 8 students should be enrolled in a secondary school for 2022. All Year 6 students coming to BMIS in 2022 should also be enrolled – enrolment forms are on our school website.

Please share the list of support agencies where possible – this was in a previous Community Update. Many of us could do with a bit of support right now.

Keep the COVID-19 Culinary Cookbook recipes coming in – this is going to be an amazing 2021 collaboration.

With Labour Weekend upon us, I wish you all a safe and happy time. May the sun shine upon us.

Stay safe. Stay well. And we have a target now – 90%. Come on Auckland – we've got this!

He waka eke noa. We are in this together.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal