



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 1

## 1 February 2018

*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,

Welcome to 2018. This year promises to be a brilliant year with so much taking place.

It has been fantastic for our Year 7 students to have ruled the school for a day and to have our Year 8s on site so we can commence our school year as a full compliment.

Our whakatau will be held on Wednesday, 7 February at 9:30am for our formal welcome to our Year 7 students. We apologise for the change of date from Tuesday, 30 January, but illness is something we cannot control.

Due to our unpredictable Auckland weather, please ensure your child has their school sun hat and a light rain jacket at hand. Sunblock is provided in each classroom, water fountains are placed around the school and we encourage students to regularly hydrate, eat and find shade. We follow Sun Safe practices and ask you to discuss this with your child also.

BMIS has received its 'draft copy' of the ERO review completed Wk8, Term 4, 2017 and I am excited to share the final version with you soon. Much progress has been made in the last 2 years – that is for sure!

Due to the nature of a small school, we rely heavily on assistance from parents to make sport possible at BMIS. We are always in need of coaches and managers in a variety of codes. If you have experience in any code, please make contact with us as you maybe the difference between us being able to offer a particular sporting opportunity or not. Even if you have no experience but are willing and able to assist please let us know. Parent Managers do not need any code-specific knowledge and we can help with upskilling anyone interested in coaching through our connections with Sport Waitakere. We also ask that parents

help with transporting students to and from games where possible to keep costs to a minimum. You can indicate your willingness to help by checking in with our Admin Staff.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our two fantastic Admin Staff - Nicki and Bianca. Each of these ladies is informed of what takes place in our fabulous school.

Specialist subjects commence in Week 3 for BMIS students.

Along with every student completing an array of specialist subjects, we are introducing SpecEx. This is organised on a semester basis. Year 8 students who have shown a passion and talent for a specialist area in Year 7 are invited by teachers and specialist teachers to participate in these programmes which will run for 90 minutes on a Monday each week. This is an exciting learning opportunity that will extend these students.

Please note that we start our school day at 8:30am. This is when students are in class to commence the day of learning. Should your child be late or absent for any reason we MUST have a written note or phone call to the Admin Team on (09) 836 3175. Any lates or absences without reason are required to be acted upon by the Ministry of Education.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a positive and productive relationship with parents/caregivers and whanau, working together to ensure we provide the best education for your child.

Dates of significance are highlighted in this initial newsletter and on our website:

[www.brucemclaren.school.nz](http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz)

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood*  
Principal

**See next page for Term 1 dates to remember!**



## UNIFORM

All students should be in full, correct uniform, including PE uniform and shoes, by Friday, 9 February.

A reminder that uniform can be purchased from:

School Uniform Centre  
553 Remuera Road  
Remuera

Phone: 0800 600 553

Online: <http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/>

## STATIONERY

All students should have their stationery by Monday, 5 February.

Stationery packs are purchased from:

Warehouse Stationery  
Corner Pioneer & Catherine Street  
Henderson

Phone: 836-3893

## FEES etc

Below is a list of costs that will need to be paid throughout the year. These costs can be paid in full, paid weekly, fortnightly, term by term - however is easiest for you!

Additional events and activities may crop up through the year specific to our learning programmes. Information regarding any events will be available in newsletters, on the website and from your child before the event.

Our bank account details are: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, **12-3051-0471762-00** if you would like to start making payments towards any of these costs. Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

<b>Specialist Subject Fees:</b> This covers materials used in specialist subjects, like Food Tech, Soft Materials.	\$60
<b>Beach Ed (Year 8):</b> This is taking place in Week 5 and will need to be paid for by 2 March. Information and permission slip will be sent home shortly.	\$30

<b>Spelling Book:</b> This is a resource for a schoolwide spelling programme, and is not part of the stationery box	\$11
<b>Maths Buddy:</b> This is an individualised online maths resource integrated into our Maths programme	\$15
<b>Athletics Day:</b> This is taking place in Term 4 at the Trusts Stadium, and needs to be paid for by the end of Term 3	\$8
<b>Life Education (Year 7 Only):</b> An annual Health/Hauora programme delivered by the Life Education Trust, to be paid for in Term 1	\$3
<b>Maritime Museum:</b> This is a school wide trip to the Maritime Museum.	\$6
<b>2018 Graduation (Year 8 only):</b> This will be held at the end of Term 4, and needs to be paid for by the end of Term 3	\$10
<b>2018 Camp (Year 7 only):</b> This will be taking place at Lakewood Lodge on in Term 4. A \$30 deposit needs to be paid by Friday, 2nd March and the balance to be paid for in full for by the end of Term 3.	\$270
<b>2018 EOTC (Year 8 only):</b> EOTC stands for 'Education Outside the Classroom'. Year 8's will take part in different activities around Auckland in Term 4. A \$30 deposit needs to be paid by Friday, 2 March (to cover Beach Ed) and the balance to be paid for in full for by the end of Term 3.	\$270
<b>Donation:</b> This is voluntary but we would really appreciate it if this can be paid, as we are not funded adequately by the Government to provide the rich education we deliver to your child.	\$100

# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School 2018 Calendar Planner

# TERM 1

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22 JANUARY	23 JANUARY	24 JANUARY	25 JANUARY	26 JANUARY
<b>Week 1</b>	29 JANUARY AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY (School Closed)	30 JANUARY TERM 1 STARTS - Year 7	31 JANUARY TERM 1 STARTS - Year 8	1 FEBRUARY Newsletter Home Today	2 FEBRUARY
<b>Week 2</b>	5 FEBRUARY Pit Stop Opens	6 FEBRUARY WAITANGI DAY (School Closed)	7 FEBRUARY	8 FEBRUARY	9 FEBRUARY
<b>Week 3</b>	12 FEBRUARY	13 FEBRUARY Meet The Teacher - 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Sausage Sizzle available!	14 FEBRUARY Newsletter Home Today	15 FEBRUARY	16 FEBRUARY
<b>Week 4</b>	19 FEBRUARY	20 FEBRUARY	21 FEBRUARY	22 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY
<b>Week 5</b>	26 FEBRUARY	27 FEBRUARY Year 8 Beach Ed	28 FEBRUARY Newsletter Home Today	1 MARCH	2 MARCH Year 8 Beach Ed \$30 (Part 1 of EOTC due)
<b>Week 6</b>	5 MARCH	6 MARCH Western Zone Softball (Girls)	7 MARCH	8 MARCH Western Zone Softball (Boys)	9 MARCH
<b>Week 7</b>	12 MARCH	13 MARCH	14 MARCH Newsletter Home Today	15 MARCH	16 MARCH Effort Reports Sent Home today
	Life Ed for Year 7s - all week				
<b>Week 8</b>	19 MARCH	20 MARCH	21 MARCH Effort Report Parent/ Student/Teacher Meetings	22 MARCH Effort Report Parent/ Student/Teacher Meetings	23 MARCH
<b>Week 9</b>	26 MARCH	27 MARCH	28 MARCH Newsletter Home Today	29 MARCH	30 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY (School Closed)
<b>Week 10</b>	2 APRIL EASTER MONDAY (School Closed)	3 APRIL EASTER TUESDAY (School Closed)	4 APRIL	5 APRIL	6 APRIL
<b>Week 11</b>	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL Newsletter Home Today	12 APRIL	13 APRIL Term 1 Ends at 1.00pm