

**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER # 1 - 10 February 2022

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 our 2022 students, parents and caregivers of Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022 for Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Newsletters generally come out once per fortnight and are posted on our school Facebook page, website, and SKOOLLOOP app. Much of this newsletter is to outline specific areas of immediate interest.

Firstly, on behalf of the school, I wish to take this opportunity to **farewell Mrs Lagi Teokotai** who has been at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School for three jam-packed years. Mrs Teokotai has not only led her classes but has been involved in many of our extra-curricular activities. We wish Mrs Teokotai well with her new position at Alfriston College.

I wish to **introduce to you our new staff at BMIS; Mrs Anand in Room 7, Miss Francis in R12, Miss Southgate in R3, and Mrs Wade is in the Science Room.** Welcome aboard. BMIS is about learning through fun. I know that everyone will make them extremely welcome.

What an exciting time for our Year 7 and Year 8 students and families. We know how important it is to be engaged in your child's learning journey. When parents work together with their child's school there is success with learning. This is a time of social, emotional, physical and academical growth. We want to do everything possible to ensure your child will DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

We all wish for a settled year this year and that means having our students on site for learning. We are now into our third year of coping with COVID. We are flexible, we are adaptable, we've got this.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

PLAN:

The BMIS COVID-19 RED plan is available on our school website (www.brucemclaren.school.nz), however, these plans are forever evolving as the directives are changed by MOH and MOE. The MOE and NZSTA have advised all schools that every child in a NZ State School who is Year 4 or over, must wear a mask while indoors, so while in class learning. Therefore, students are NOT REQUIRED to wear masks outdoors. However, BMIS staff will be wearing masks when interacting with students outdoors during the school day.

MASKS:

Exemptions can only be given by a medical practitioner who can verify that the child has a condition or disability, mental health issue, blind or deaf and otherwise children must wear a mask.

As a school, we have no option at all about the mandating of masks for students while they are at school. The BMIS Board of Trustees has a duty of care to all students, and the wearing of masks is the protection of all people in the school. Your support is greatly appreciated, and our students are adapting well to this way of operating.

PREPAREDNESS:

It is important to note that while we are doing as much as possible to keep everyone safe on site, we all have lives outside of school. Our students have families and friends, our staff have families and friends. So, it may be only a matter of time before we must take action that may impact our students, families, and staff. We are prepared with a range of scenarios to cover what may come our way.

PROGRAMMES:

Your child should be set up with a school email account, SeeSaw and Googleclassroom. Student set up for Education Perfect and MathsBuddy are being processed. These are the required digital platforms that we operate at BMIS and cover all aspects of teaching and learning and are amazing also when there is the need for distance learning. We do NOT have our students use Instagram, Snapchat or Facebook (the minimum age for opening a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, or Snapchat account is 13) nor will BMIS staff ever communicate with you using their personal social media platforms.

LIFE AT BMIS:

Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents/caregivers on site in RED so our Meet, Greet and Eat with Staff, our whakatau welcome and incidental parent meetings are cancelled. This is not our BMIS Way.

While in RED the NZAIMS has decided that all Zone Sport is cancelled. BMIS will look at trying to squeeze our School Swimming Sports into the school calendar later in the year – when out of RED.

BEACH ED:

Planning continues for our BEACH ED programme for Year 8 students. This water-based learning is exciting and critical for our students to be immersed in. Nothing beats learning while having fun in the sun at the beach. The programme requires a ratio of parents/adults to participate also, so keep an eye out for this information coming soon.

DENTAL CLINIC:

The Dental Clinic is on site and only students who have had prior permission from home will be attending appointments.

TESTING:

BOY testing is underway to gather data to support teaching and learning for teachers and students. This takes place with class teachers and provides development around student goal setting.

CONTACT WITH TEACHERS:

On occasion you will want to contact your child's teacher. Times when you can meet your child's teacher face to face (not in RED) are: any week day on site from 8:15am to 4pm by appointment. If you need to contact your child's teacher by email, you can expect a response Monday – Friday 8:15am to 5pm. Our APs and I are also contactable.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will be underway Week 4. This includes 20 mins Reading, 20mins MathsBuddy, 10mins Spelling & Times-tables.

As you can imagine, there is much taking shape with teaching and learning at BMIS. Forging relationships and routines has been the focus across the first two

short weeks and this is always ongoing. Hauora, along with Health & Safety is at the forefront of everything we do at BMIS to ensure that your child is having the best experience we can provide.

Our staff really look forward to meeting with you, when we can. Fingers are crossed that this will be very soon.

BMIS is up and racing. We have a race plan. We've got this!

Here is to a fabulous year ahead.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Principal – Tumuaki

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MEET THE TEACHING TEAM:

With a settled start to the school year I wish to introduce the staff:

Room 1	Tracey Burgess
Room 2	Brenda Sluiter
Room 3	Lauren Southgate
Room 5	Pamela Clydesdale
Room 6	Dom Reed
Room 7	Asha Anand
Room 9	Hannah Few
Room 10	Helen Magasiva
Room 11	Christiaan Liebenberg
Room 12	Lucy Francis
Room 13	Brett McKenzie
Performing Arts	Kim Provis
STEM	Geoff Emmitt
Visual Arts	Sarah Ormsby
Hospitality & Food	Stephanie Pye
Science	Esha Wade

Our school is operating five Whanau (teaching and learning teams) which reflect our five core values. Your child is a member of a Whanau.

Maanaki – Care; Atawhai – Courtesy; Mahi Tahī – Co-operation; Atamai – Common Sense; Manawanui – Commitment.

SCHOOL ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES:

Teachers are in classrooms from 8:15am to welcome students to the new day. It has been observed previously that some students were arriving as early as 6:55am! This is a safety issue. There is no-one to supervise these students at this time as staff are working to prepare for the day.

Students should only be arriving at school AFTER 8am+ (this is still early!).

All students leave the school at 3.00pm. A staggered release operates in RED. Any students waiting for parents/whanau are required to sit by the school hall. No student is to wait outside the school gate. It is wise to discuss a pick up point away from the school gate (by The Hub, along Corban Ave, Heremai Road, Hulme Place, Silverstone Place, ... not loitering at the shops, waiting!). **THE BUS BAY IS FOR BUSES ONLY.**

The car parks are for staff. Should you be wanting to access the School Office, use the car park by the big palm tree. Please do not park on grassed areas.

We aim to keep all of our students and staff safe. Thank you for helping us do this.

STATIONERY:

Stationery packs are available for purchase from the Henderson Warehouse Stationery, Lincoln Road. **All students should have their stationery packs by Monday, 14 February.**

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.

PERSONAL BEST LEARNING PROFILE MEETINGS 2022:

Our Personal Best Learning Profile Meetings will be held on Thursday, 7 April (Week 10) from 1pm - 8pm where parents/whanau will meet with the teacher to discuss your child's application to learning. **Please note that school will finish at 12.30pm on this day to allow for the meetings.** More info will be sent out closer to the time. Please note that these meetings will only take place if we are out of the RED light setting.

SUPPORTING OUR STAFF:

Any staff member of Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is here to assist your child with their learning journey. Staff are respectful of your child/ren and will do their utmost to ensure their experience at our school is positive. We ask that parents and whanau role model what respect for, by and with staff looks like also when interacting with us. Your support is gratefully received.

SCHOOL BUSES:

Just a reminder that we share our school buses with Henderson High School. All school buses are scheduled to leave BMIS at around 3.05pm daily. We rely on Ritchies to let us know if buses are not running to schedule and if this is the case we will put updates on our Skool Loop App. Thank you for your patience.

SCHOOL FEES 2022:

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 will come 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.

Specialist Subject Fees: This covers materials used in specialist subjects, like Food Tech, Visual Art, Science, Stem, Performing Arts.	\$80
Beach Ed (Yr 8 Experience - Part 1): This is taking place in Week 5 and will need to be paid for by Friday, 19 February. Information and permission slip will be sent home shortly. This is for Yr 8 students only.	\$40
Spelling Book: This is a resource that supports a schoolwide spelling programme, and is not part of the stationery box	\$12
Maths Buddy: This is an individualised online maths resource integrated into our Maths programme	\$15
Year 7 Camp & Year 8 Offsite Experience: These events will take place in September. We will advise the cost as soon as we have it confirmed. This amount can be paid off during the year but will need to be paid in full before the events.	TBA

COMMUNICATION:

For general school information we have many ways of informing our school community.

- We ask:
 - parents/whanau to have the SkoolLoop app downloaded onto your device,
 - check in with the school website,
 - read the fortnightly newsletter (usually out on a Wednesday) and attached to the website
 - electronic sign at school gate
 - email list

Should you wish to make contact with the school, your child's class teacher is the first point of contact.

2022 TERM DATES:

T1: Y7: Wednesday, 2 February - Thursday, 14 April
Y8: Thursday, 3 February - Thursday, 14 April

T2: Monday, 2 May - Friday, 8 July

T3: Monday, 25 July - Friday, 30 September

T4: Monday, 17 October - Friday, 16 December

SUN SAFE:

With our Summer upon us it is important that our students utilise our four steps to ensure that we are a Sun Safe School.

1. Sun block is available in classrooms
2. Ample provision of shade structures and leafy trees under which students may seek protection
3. Education – the students are consistently reminded, about the dangers of the sun and to take precautions
4. A school hat is a compulsory part of the Bruce McLaren Intermediate School uniform

UNIFORM:

All students must be in full and correct uniform, including PE gear and correct school shoes, by Monday, 14 February. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform without any extras (no jewellery, wristbands, hairbands, wrong shoes, ...). Uniform can be purchased either online: <http://www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz> or from the School Uniform Centre showroom, 588 Remuera Rd, Remuera.

OFFICE HOURS:

The school office is open from 8.00am - 4.00pm every day except Thursdays, when it will close at the earlier time of 3.00pm.

PIT STOP:

PITSTOP will have fruit available Week 3 and will have morning teas and lunches available as of Week 4. PITSTOP is an incredible asset to our school. PITSTOP is NOT part of the government's lunch scheme. PITSTOP is operated by Miss Lee and run by students for students (when out of RED). Food is free and a privilege and we expect our students to show respect and display their best manners for such an amazing service provided by BMIS for any and all of our students. We do not have a school tuckshop.

Open Everyday:

First Break (10:00am - 10:20am)

and lunchtime (1:00pm - 1:20pm)

Hot Lunches (when available):

Monday, Wednesday and Friday (1:00pm - 1:20pm)

ATTENDANCE:

As part of our reporting to the Board of Trustees, we report against attendance. This is also shown on your child's school report.

The Ministry of Education outlines attendance rates as follows:

Absence Rates Across the Year			
Acceptable	96%	=	10 days (2 weeks of school missed across the school year)
A concern	90%	=	20 days (4 weeks of missed school, one month)
Critical concern	85%	=	30 days (6 weeks of missed school, over half a term)
Very serious	80%	=	40 days (8 weeks of missed school, nearly one term)

Another interesting, but scary fact - if your child misses one day a fortnight for various reasons, by the time they reach Year 10, they will have missed a whole year of schooling. Absences have a significant impact on a child's learning, please be mindful of this.

School starts at 8.30am each morning, and finishes at 3.00pm. Please make sure your child is on time.

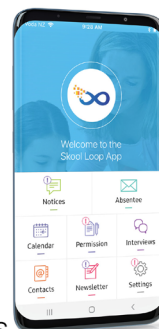
DEVICES:

Students are welcome to bring mobile phones/google watches/devices to school should their families require them to have one. However, these must be handed into the class teacher in the morning and be collected at the end of the school day. The school accepts NO responsibility for mobile phones/devices outside of the above arrangements. Should students have a need to contact parents/caregivers they may use the office phone in liaison with the office staff.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE:

BMIS is looking forward to presenting to our community a fun filled, action packed, fast paced Fia Fia in Term 3, 2022. This is ambitious and exciting. The timeline for rehearsals, costume designing and making, backdrop construction, staging and student development has been mapped out, timed and rigorous. Due to such an undertaking, it is important that our community is aware that should there be any change in or to COVID, at any stage during the year, Fia Fia will be rescheduled for 2023. Our fingers are crossed we will be able to go ahead this year.

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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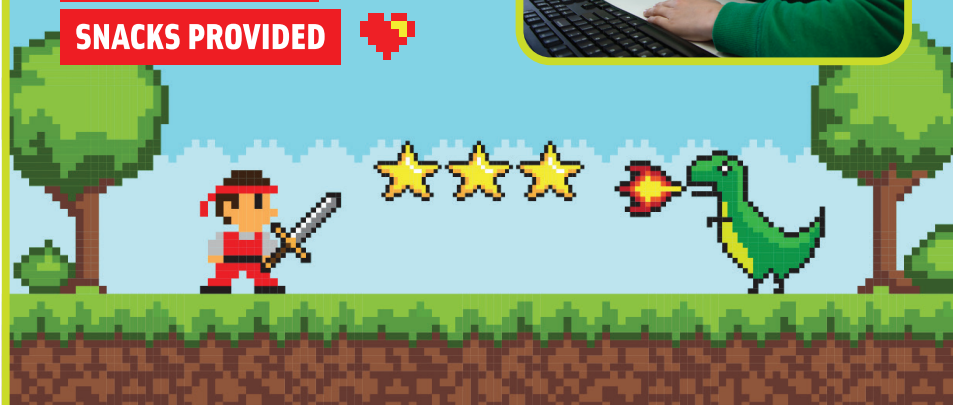
COMPUTER GAMES CREATOR CLUB

FOR YOUTH 10 - 13 YEARS

THURSDAYS 3.30 - 4.30 PM

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AVE, HENDERSON**

SNACKS PROVIDED



This 10-week programme teaches the basics of game making using easy software. Each class focuses on an aspect of game development such as storyline, visuals and character development. Learn how to plan, code and create your own game(s)!

Limited spaces – registration essential:

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