



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 10

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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

Welcome to Term 3. It is our hope that you have had time to enjoy your child/ren as much as we do. Now we are back with gusto.

INQUIRY TOPIC:

Globalization is our Inquiry topic for this semester and this concept is expansive. Please talk with your child/ren about the economic, environmental and wellbeing of our planet. The Moon landing is also a great place to commence conversation as it is the 50th anniversary of "That's **one small step** for man, **one giant leap** for mankind". Words said when Armstrong first stepped onto the **Moon** (20 July 1969) **One Small Step**, transcript of Apollo 11 **Moon** landing.

PROPERTY:

Over the term break, property has been a focus at the school. The administration block has been carpeted with a superb choice of tile, well chosen by Nicki and Bianca our amazing Administrators; roofing continues to ensure that the 'wet' stays outside; air conditioning units have been replaced; heating has been improved across the school; painting of chipped and bubbled blue paint is continuing to be replaced with Grey Friars grey for a more sleek, corporate look; the two way intercom system is being installed as this goes to print so that all classes are contactable for health and safety reasons; the rock wall at the staff carpark entrance has been rectified and is now upright!; new seating at the turf has been installed to create more spaces for students to relax at break times; Pit Stop has moved to the Hall Kitchen with a new menu; 6 new drones have been bought for coding and filming; water blasting is ongoing to maximize the longevity of our buildings; as well as the usual requirements of ensuring the school is in great shape. So as you can see, Mr Mike, our Caretaker, has been a very busy man.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS:

It is the time of year for Year 6 students of primary schools to be enrolled in an intermediate school. As

our roll is growing rapidly it is important that we place Year 6 students in the most accommodating class that we can – ensuring that we meet the needs of all of our students, so please get these in ASAP!

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL:

Just as importantly for our school, is having our Year 8 students enrolled in a secondary school. Every Year 8 student should know where they are headed for 2020. To this end, a BMIS Year 8 to Year 9 transition booklet will be distributed to every Year 8 student to support them with the transition from BMIS to secondary school. It is important that parents/caregivers view this booklet to support us, to support your child to experience a seamless transition! Keep asking for it until you have it in your hands! I wish I had established this booklet when my own child was at intermediate school!

Henderson High School are testing for their SHINE class for 2020. These are the accelerant classes. Year 8 students who are a solid 4A/5B+ across the curriculum and enrolled/enrolling at HHS will be put forward to this testing which will happen on site at BMIS, in the school hall. Should you wish for your child to be tested please contact your child's class teacher via email before Friday, 26th July, 3pm. Mr McKenzie is co-ordinating this testing.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:

One of our three corporate events is about to get underway with our school Cross Country race set for Friday, 9th July at 12pm. Mr Emerson/Matua Rob is co-ordinating this event. Every student is part of this event – it is about personal achievement. May we have fine weather as this will take place rain, hail or shine. Students need to ensure they have a towel, PE gear and a jacket (just in case). Parents/whanau are welcome to come and support this event.

WESTERN ZONE SPORT:

There is much WZ sport pressuring the calendar at the early part of this term. League – Mr McKenzie; Table Tennis – Mrs Burgess/Whaea Tracey; X-Country – Mr

Emerson/Matua Rob; Hockey – Ms Clydesdale. Many of these events do not happen unless parents/whanau are able to support with coaching and transportation. Thank you in advance for your support.

STAFFING UPDATES:

With Ms Kempster reducing her hours at BMIS, we welcome Mr Ganda and Ms Bayliss to Room 4. Mr Ganda was Acting Assistant Principal in 2018, is Whanau Leader for the Specialist Teaching team, holds the role as the Across School Lead Teacher for our Henderson Kahui Ako/Community of Learning and has a wealth of experience. Ms Bayliss will be in Room 4 for Thursdays and Fridays of which she brings a raft of teaching experiences with her. Ms Kempster will be on site teaching on Tuesdays enriching our Te reo & tikanga programmes.

CLASS PHOTOS:

Class photos are almost ready to distribute. They look amazing. It is important to note that the week of our class photos saw many of our students knocked over with the 'flu and other Winter ailments.

A calendar of events and activities is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

Here is to a fulfilled, jam packed, Term 3.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

MERIT AWARDS:

Well done to the following students, who received Principal's Awards at assembly during Week 1:

**Liam Clarke (R9), Milah Nixon (R6), Naailah Riaz (R5),
Harmonie Stafford-Rangihaeata (R3).**

NEWSLETTERS:

Newsletters are emailed out to all of the email addresses for parents/caregivers on file. If you do not receive our emails, but would like to, you can subscribe on our school website: <http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz/newsletters/> then 'Subscribe'.

NETBALL RESULTS:

19th June:

BMIS 7A vs Henderson Int. 17 - 6

BMIS 7B - BYE

BMIS 8A vs Blockhouse Bay Int. 10 - 25

BMIS 8B vs Rangeview Int. 14 - 32

Great playing teams - well done!

OFF AT THE GATE:

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. Devices are stored in a class valuables box until 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.

IMPORTANT INFO Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC:

Only 6 weeks to go!

PAYMENT: Just a reminder that Camp/EOTC needs to be paid for in full by Friday, 30th August. Payments can be made at the school office (cash or EFTPOS) or via online banking: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School: **12-3051-0471762-00** (please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references).

ATTENDANCE: It is expected that all students attend, unless there is a medical reason, in which case we require a doctors certificate.

PARENT HELPERS: A letter was sent home yesterday regarding parent helpers for Camp and EOTC. WE NEED YOU! Please complete the form and return to school by this Friday if you are able to help.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC AT BMIS

The mobile dental clinic will be on our school grounds for Term 3. The clinic will be open and you are welcome to enrol your pre-school children. Please call 837-9139 to arrange.

TERM 3 DIARY DATES:

24 July	WZ Hockey
29 July	Japanese Students Arrive
30 July	WZ Rugby
1 August	WZ Netball
1 August	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
9 August	School Cross Country @ 12pm
29 August	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
30 August	Payment for Camp/EOTC must be made in full by today
10 - 13 September	Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC
24 September	WZ Basketball
27 September	Term 3 Ends

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NZ POLICE: 105 NON EMERGENCY NUMBER

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

NATHAN WALLIS: TEEN BRAIN

Thursday, 29 August 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Waitakere College, Rathgar Road, Henderson

Waitakere College are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TVSeries "The Secret Life of Girls", NathanWallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - TeenBrain.

There are 6000-year-old hieroglyphics carved into the pyramids depicting the teenagers of the time as being self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated - that's sounding pretty familiar don't you think?

During adolescence (which is a lot longer than you think by the way!) part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well - being of others. So, whilst you can't expect lots of those behaviours during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years.

Join Nathan for an in-depth look into the teen brain and get a summary of the latest research and everything a parent, grandparent or whānau needs to know.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

TERM 3 CREATIVE CLASSES AT ZEAL!

**HIP HOP PHOTOGRAPHY DRUM LESSONS
GUITAR LESSONS BEAT MAKING SINGING**

Classes start on the week of 29th July, 9 weeks, term cost is \$70.

Enrol: BIT.LY/WESTPROGRAMMES or email: janelle@zeal.nz

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Alpha Testing:

Tuesday, 30 July at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

If you would like you child to take this test, please let Bruce McLaren Intermediate School know.

Enrolment Opportunities:

Every Thursday in August from 10am till 6pm.

Please call on 838-9085 to book a time, or drop in.

WAITAKERE COLLEGE

Open Evening:

Thursday, 25th July 2019 at 6.30pm

Daytime Tours:

Tuesday, 30th July & Thursday, 8th August at 9.00am and 10.00am.

Bookings are essential. To book call 836-7890 or email secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz

AVONDALE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Avondale College is holding an Open Evening for prospective students and their families on **Wednesday, 31 July from 4-7pm**. Guided tours will be leaving regularly from the main atrium building (Victor Street entrance). Make sure you allow plenty of time as there is a lot to see! For more information, visit www.avcol.school.nz

HIPPY @ HENDERSON SOUTH

HIPPY - Home-based Interactive Programme for Parents and Youngsters aged 3 to 4 years old. HIPPY is a home-based programme that works with parents to help their preschool children with learning and creating experiences that lay the foundation for success in school and later life.

The programme was designed specifically for those parents who may not feel comfortable in their own abilities to teach their children. Parents and children work together for fifteen minutes a day with storybooks, puzzles and learning games that help children become successful learners at school.

The HIPPY programme builds on the bond between parents and children and believes parents play a critical role in their children's education. HIPPY offers support that builds upon parental strengths so parents can provide their children with necessary skills and confidence to begin school with a positive attitude toward learning.

The work children and parents do together in their own home with the HIPPY materials is complemented by what they can gain from attending their local early childhood education centre, kohanga reo or language nest, and their transition to school.

If you are interested and wish to find out more, please make contact with: Lil Clark Programme Coordinator @ HIPPY MPHS, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson, Ph: 09 838 4820 or 022 307 2873 / hippy@mphs.org.nz



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Please complete & return slip to the office.

I have read the newsletter and discussed it with my child.

Child's Name: _____

Room: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Signed: _____

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

TRAVELWISE

As a TravelWise school, BMIS takes safety of its students seriously.

This morning, over 60 vehicles (they were counted) used the school Bus Bay for drop off. The weather was perfect - not wet, clear visibility. We encourage our parents/whanau to drop your child 400m or more from school to then, if required, cross at the Pedestrian Crossing that is operated twice daily from 8:10am - 8:30am and 3:00pm - 3:15pm to ensure the safety of your child/ren - our students.

PARKING

The Bus Bay is not for parking in.

Use the few carparks provided or meet your child 400m or more away from the school. Devise a Safety Plan with your child as to where they can meet you. If you must pick them up in a private vehicle please consider the safety of your child and the children of others and **DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAY - AT ANY TIME.**

AUCKLAND TRANSPORT:

The following information comes from AUCKLAND TRANSPORT.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES:

Speed around schools is a major public health and road safety issue. The faster you go the less time you have to react and the longer it takes to stop.

Children are most at risk, especially in the morning and afternoon when they're walking and cycling to and from school.

Pedestrian casualties (deaths, serious and minor injuries) occur the most at school peak times (7am - 9am and 2pm - 4pm).

Source – New Zealand Transport Agency Crash Analysis System (CAS)

A school speed zone is selected using NZ Transport Agency criteria.

A school speed zone slows traffic and increases driver awareness of the presence of children. This helps to reduce the risk of crashes around schools.

School speed zones are in force throughout Auckland with a 40km/h speed limit in operation on school days. They operate at least 35 minutes before the start of school and 20 minutes at the end of the school day. They begin no earlier than 5 minutes before the end of the school day.

The speed limit will also apply for 10 minutes at any other time when at least 50

children cross the road, or enter or leave vehicles at the roadside. Appropriate signs mark the beginning and end of the area where the speed limit operates.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS:

Pedestrian Crossings:

- School patrols operate twice daily to ensure that school children get to and from school safely.
- As motorists you must stop if one or both signs are extended onto the road.
- As pedestrians you should obey the commands of the patrols.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE:

We understand that the traffic congestion outside schools in the morning and afternoon peak times is very frustrating. Not only that, but illegal parking puts our children at risk.

Auckland Transport runs a Safety at the School Gate programme with individual schools in Auckland.

The Safety at the School Gate programme aims to support a safer environment for students, staff and parents traveling to and from school. This programme provides dedicated parking enforcement that occurs randomly during the school term.

SAFETY AROUND TRAINS, STATIONS & TRACKS:

Every year people are injured in preventable incidents. Here are some tips to keep you safe around trains, stations, level crossings and tracks. Stay alert, to stay safe.

Remove your headphones, remove your risk:

- Every time you're near railway tracks, be alert. Trains can come at any time, from any direction.
- Remove your headphones and always look both ways for trains before crossing the tracks.
- Electric trains are operating on Auckland's rail network. Watch our video for some quick safety tips around the electric trains:

SAFETY - AT CROSSINGS:

- Always use formed pedestrian crossings or keep on the footpath at road level crossings.
- Wait for alarm bells and flashing lights to stop before crossing. There may be more than one train. Kids at a level crossing waiting for the train to pass
- Always stop and look both ways, up and down the track.
- If a train has passed, always check that a train is not coming in the opposite direction. Two tracks means there might be a second train.
- Never walk down the tracks - it is dangerous and illegal with a maximum fine of \$10,000.
- Never walk on railway bridges or in railway tunnels - there is only enough space for trains.
- Not all trains (eg, freight and trains not in service) stop at every station. A fast train creates a vacuum which can suck you in if you are too close. Stand 5 metres back from the tracks.

With modern technology it may be hard to hear trains approaching:

Always remove headphones playing music from your iPod, mp3 player or mobile phone when crossing railway tracks. Never talk or text on a mobile phone while around railway tracks.

SAFETY - AT STATION:

- Stay behind the marked yellow/white platform edge lines whilst waiting on the platforms.
- Avoid running at stations, especially in wet weather.
- Keep your belongings with you at all times.

Catching the Train:

- Always use paths, overpasses and official pedestrian crossings to enter and leave a station or changing from one platform to another.
- Only step over the yellow safety line when the train has stopped.
- Never try to catch a moving train.
- Allow passengers to disembark first before boarding the train.
- When boarding the train, mind the gap between the train and the platform.
- When the warning signal sounds to alert that the doors will be closing, ensure you keep clear and do not obstruct the doors.