



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #10

9 September 2020

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, malo e lelei.

Welcome to Tongan Language Week & Week 8 of Term 3.

Much has happened since our last Bruce McLaren Intermediate School newsletter! However, an incredible amount of information has been disseminated through our primary point of contact: SkoolLoop (have this app on your device with notifications on!) as well as our website and parent/caregiver emails.

Thank you to the many parents/whanau who have sent in messages of support and compliments about how BMIS continues to engage and teach students with care and compassion, while insisting on meeting our high expectations whether through home learning online during Alert Levels or on site at school. Your feedback is much appreciated by our school staff.

Last week we hit the race track at pace. Back on site, with our teaching and learning programmes powering ahead. Our school wide MathEx Competition is underway, students are engaging in the skills based programme of Opportunities Day, EPro8 students have created a phenomenal machine, Year Book & Media Crew are out and about tracing the latest in news, MindPlus is operational on site, sport is underway, our Manaaki whanau are rapt to have students back at Specialist lessons, core Reading, Writing and Mathematics programmes and student wellbeing programmes have been at the forefront of our teaching as well as our staff undergoing professional development of Rongohia te Hau, GROWTH Coaching, High Performing Leadership Team, Mahi Ngatahi and continued Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) development to name a few. The ability to be so agile as a staff is envied by many! And of course, at BMIS we are adhering to all the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines regardless of Alert Levels. Your child should be dreaming "sanitise, sanitise, sanitise"!

ATTENDANCE:

We are proud to be a school with almost all of our students back learning on site. I know that the return to school after Alert Level 3 has been a problem for some

schools. With any absence, we must be notified by the parent/caregiver or your child is marked TRUANT and this process is a whole different kettle of fish that we wish to avoid!

BORROWED DEVICES:

The return of borrowed devices has been amazing. Thank you to everyone who has been appreciative of the mahi our staff went to, to disseminate and collect in the Chromebooks so that our akonga could continue with their online, home learning in Alert Level 3. 100% of the students who borrowed a Chromebook and have returned to school have returned their Chromebooks. These all have GPS and are Government devices.

TRANSITION BOOKLET:

Year 8 students were supplied with and worked through a TRANSITION BOOKLET last Friday. The booklet will set them up for their move to secondary school. Please ask your child about this booklet and help them to work through it. The booklet has some supporting questions when at Yr9 interviews. Every Year 8 student should NOW be ENROLLED at a secondary school for 2021.

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK:

Looking ahead we have Te Wiki o te reo Maori; Maori Language Week next week. To culminate the week a pack of food (chicken, potato, kumara, cabbage & stuffing) can be pre-ordered this week for \$5 (usually \$11). This will be delivered to the school at 12:45pm on Friday, 18 September. Pit Stop will be closed on this day. Pre-orders can be purchased online or at 8:30-8:50am – from the classroom. Last orders: 8.50am on Friday, 11 September.

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Having cancelled Teacher Only Day on 4 September, the teachers will be on site at a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 6 November to culminate professional development programmes. School will be closed to students on this day.

PINK SHIRT DAY:

Pink Shirt Day, on Friday, 16 October, fits well with our Strategic Plan. BMIS is a place where it is important for

all of us to feel safe, cared for and excited about learning. Students can wear PINK in support of the national Pink Day – anti-bullying campaign. A gold coin donation is encouraged to support this cause.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY:

School Athletics Day is on Friday, 30th October. This is a great day out at Douglas Track and Field (Trust Stadium). Book this into your calendar now.

So as you can see, it's all go at BMIS.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Noho ora mai.

Liz Wood – Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a Principal's Award at assembly:

Marley Havea (R7); Johnathan Patelu (R1); Loyahl Sila (R1); Kyan Teoh (R4); Jessica Botica (R4); Natasha Penjueli (R6); Aaliyah Mason (R6); Ribbon Mariner (R7); Makiyla Liakimatagi (R7); Louise Mafi (R8); Sonny Togiahekafa (R8); Nina Sundar (R8); Riley Moore (R8); Maia Bolton (R9); Milah Nixon (R9); Savanna Tait (R13); Amber Cullen (R13) Leilani Matagi Tomasi (R1); Sorayah Lefau (R1); Nacasia Manning (R2); Levi Havea (R2); Sang Sang Tuanthang (R3); Torilynn Tasmania (R4); Kayla Richards (R5); Joshua Hedges (R6); Loghan Pulotu McCarthy (R6); Divyesh Singh (R7); Daniel Drewett (R7); Nate Hazeldine (R7); Kieran Seal (R7); Traedyn Christiansen (R8); Aryan Kumar (R8); Mercy Dumkhar (R11); Talina Motufoua (R11); Natasha Pringle (R12); William Latu (R12); Sam Webb (R13); Finnley Cannon (R13); Maddison Williams (R13)

McLAREN AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a McLaren Award at assembly:

Neta (R12); Henare (R13); Hazel (R4); Jane (R11); Aaliyah (R6); Dominic (R1); Tamati (R2); Phelix (R13)

CAMP/EOTC REFUND FORMS:

A reminder that all Camp/EOTC refund forms need to be returned to the office by Friday, 25 September. Please contact Nicki Packer on 836-3175 or email admin@brucemclaren.school.nz if you have any queries.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE INTERNET SAFETY:

There is much inappropriate content out there on the internet. Disturbingly so, a video on Tik Tok. Please make sure that you know what your child/ren is viewing. As parents and caregivers it is up to you to know what your child/ren is viewing.

Our children are children. Let's let them be children and not have them be exposed to material that is not age appropriate or acceptable for them - emotionally, socially, physically, mentally age inappropriate!

Netsafe have advised the following:

For now, we recommend that students are being made aware not to share or view the footage as it can be highly distressing content. Our webpage has information about helping tamariki exposed to upsetting content that you may find useful. We have also provided some support lines for students and staff if they need to reach out for support below.

- **Need to talk: Free call or text on 1737 and there is support available 24 hours a day**
- **0800 What's Up: Available Mon-Fri 12pm-11pm Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm on 0800 942 8787**
- **Lifeline: Call on (0800 543 354) or text HELP (4357) for confidential support.**

This content can have an impact beyond those immediately engage with it. It is likely to have had a range of impacts on each person – some may be severely affected and others may not be affected at all. It is important to be aware of the need to talk with young people who have heard about it and to encourage them to express their feelings in response to the video. We recommend that having regular, open conversations at home around online safety is important to help young people navigate the myriad of digital challenges they will experience.

You can read more on our parental control advice page at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/parental-controls/>. There is an option to switch to Safe Search (<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/510?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>) when using Google search or alternatively, you can consider looking into this article (<https://support.opendns.com/hc/en-us/articles/227988647-How-to-Filter-Search-Engine-Image-Results>) to block Google images without blocking Google search.

This staying safe online guide (<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/staying-safe-online/>) and some of our printed resources (<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/resource-centre/>) may be useful.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BREAKAWAY

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Adventure Specialties Trust has received Breakaway funding. This means that you can be part of a fantastic and fun outdoor adventure holiday programme for **FREE**.

Participants will experience a range of adventurous activities throughout the 2 1/2 day programme. These *may* include (but are not limited to):

Abseiling | Biking | Bush Walking | Caving | Coasteering
Kayaking | Rock Climbing | Surfing

PROGRAMME	DATE	AGES	DAYS
Junior Programme	28-30 Sept	11-13 years old	Monday-Tuesday 9.00am-5.00pm Wednesday 9.00am-1.00pm
Senior Programme	28-30 Sept	14-17 years old	Monday-Tuesday 9.00am-5.00pm Wednesday 9.00am-1.00pm
Senior Programme	30 Sept-2 Oct	14-17 years old	Wednesday-Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm Friday 9.00am-1.00pm

See checklist over the page of what to bring.

Creating Everyday Heroes

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- Drop off and pick up:
4 Winston Place, Henderson (Adventure Specialties Trust)
- Day 1&2 - Drop off 9.00am / Pick up 5.00pm (full day)
- Day 3 - drop off 9.00am / Pick up 1.00pm (half day)
- We will provide all specialist gear
- You must reside within our funding zones to be eligible
- You must be aged between 11-17 years old at the time of the programme

WHAT TO BRING

- A packed lunch each day, snacks and drink bottle
- Wear sports clothes and walking shoes that can get wet and dirty, togs and towel, sun hat and sunscreen - **no jandals**
- A change of dry clothes

SPACES ARE LIMITED

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.adventurespecialties.co.nz

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**Children's Community
Dental Clinic** Free for children 0-17 years

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

To our Auckland whānau

With the change in COVID-19 alert levels to Level 3 across the Auckland region, the wellbeing of our community is paramount.

Practising guidelines set jointly by the Ministry of Health and Dental Council of New Zealand state that all routine dental treatment should be postponed. Therefore, the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service) is only able to provide urgent and emergency dental care to children, once the child's condition has been assessed by a dental clinician over the phone.

The Dental Council of New Zealand has further advised that if a child's dental condition can be accurately diagnosed and effectively managed *without* needing to see the child in-person, then that is best. This means the child's dental condition may be able to be managed with medication alone.

From 12 August 2020, we will have seven essential dental care clinics open across Auckland (please find the list below). Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4.30pm.

Clinic name	Direct dial	Direct email
Silverdale	09 426 8470	ARDS.Silverdale@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Glenfield Intermediate	09 444 6160	ARDS.GlenfieldIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Henderson Intermediate	09 838 9751	ARDS.HendersonIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Point England	09 570 4309	ARDS.PointEngland@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Browns Road, Manurewa	09 264 0047	ARDS.BrownsRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Buckland Road, Mangere	09 442 7208	ARDS.BucklandRoad@waitematadhb.govt.nz
Pukekohe Intermediate	09 237 1070	ARDS.PukekoheIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz

If your child is in pain or you have concerns about their teeth, please phone the nearest clinic to you from the list provided above. Alternatively, parents/caregivers can phone 0800 TALK TEETH. Our dental clinicians will be available to discuss your concerns with you and to make a plan for your child.

If you need to contact a health professional outside our operating hours, please phone Healthline on 0800 611 116.

We kindly request you *do not* present to the clinic unless you have phoned the clinic and have been offered an appointment. Please note that we are required to ask COVID-19 pre-screening questions prior to all children and their whānau attending an appointment in our dental clinics.

Please review our website for further updates to our service delivery:

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/dental-oral-health/>

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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

WAITAKERE COLLEGE Enrolment Interview Dates

Term 3	Weds 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd September, 2020	3.30pm to 6.00pm
Term 4	Weds 14 th , 21 st , 28 th October, 2020 Weds 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th November, 2020	3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please bring the following documents with you:

- Completed Enrolment Form (in the back of the prospectus)
- Birth Certificate / Passport / Visa (if born overseas student visa & parent work visa)
- Proof of Address (Property based bill ie rates, water, internet etc)
- Latest school Report
- Enrolment Interview (see times above)

To book an interview, please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code: **hjaje**

**If you have any questions regarding the above information please contact
Kay, Erin or Sarah at reception on Ph 836 7890 ext 0
or Email: secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz**

