



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 13

## 13 August 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

Here we are in Week 4 of Term 3.

#### *School Closed - Wednesday & Friday*

This week is a short week for our students. School is closed on Wednesday, 15th August - Strike. School is closed on Friday, 17th August - Teacher Only Day for staff.

#### *Maritime Museum Trip*

Whanau Toa attended a brilliant day at the Maritime Museum last Tuesday. The weather was amazing and our students behaviour was superb. It is now Whanau Kotahi's turn to attend this trip on Tuesday. It is never too late for parents to let us know that they would like to attend. Please contact Mr Deena Naidu at 836 3175. This was for Whanau Toa and is for Whanau Kotahi, an incredible opportunity for our students - cruising the Waitemata Harbour, learning at the Maritime Museum, checking out a state of the art ASB HQ building with their Artificial Intelligence software, interfacing with financial leaders and experiencing a career opportunity.

#### *Year 7 Camp & Year 8 EOTC*

Yr7 CAMP & Yr8 EOTC planning is well underway. This is a week of incredible learning for every student. This is about pushing students out of their day to day comfort zone and really experiencing something unique. Every student is expected to participate so please ensure you have the necessary documentation and payment in. Any issues, please contact Ms Atua Asafo at 836 3175. We have had this material out since Term 1. Time is marching on. Make sure that your child does not miss out on this amazing experience - once in a lifetime opportunity.

#### *Communication*

Please ask your child/ren what, how, and why they are learning about COMMUNICATION.

Keep in contact with your child's teacher and always feel welcome to ask HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD IS ACHIEVING?

#### *International Visitors*

We farewell two groups of Chinese visitors and one group of Japanese visitors this week. Thank you to the many homestay families who opened their homes and hearts to our visiting students. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect with different cultures. We look forward to a time when we will visit our sister school in Ningbo, China.

#### *No Helmet - No Ride*

As stated in a newsletter a fortnight ago, please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet when riding on any form of transportation (scooter, bike, ...) to and from school. The transportation will be held at school if found to be brought to school without a helmet until such time as a helmet comes to school or a parent/caregiver collects. The wellbeing of our students is paramount.

NO HELMET - NO RIDE.

#### *NZEI Update - Strike Action*

Again I bring to your attention progress to date of NZEI.

School will be closed on Wednesday, 15th August as teachers participate in strike action.

You may have seen on the news and read on-line about the strike and why it is happening.

The key reasons our teachers are striking are to ensure that all students receive the education that they need and deserve, to allow teachers more time to actually teach, and to attract and keep amazing teachers.

Teachers and principals will be marching on Wednesday, meeting at Fort Street at 11.00am, then marching up Queen Street to the rally at Aotea Square at 12.00pm. You are welcome

to come along and show your support for our teachers. This is a family friendly event, so you can bring the whole family!

We need to take this action for our kids' futures. As a mother I often hear my child say "...we had a reliever again today. Don't know who will be there tomorrow". This is not good enough for my child. This is not good enough for anyone's child.

NZEI's action is about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive. At BMIS we are in a fortunate position with having great teachers. However, time to teach can often be swallowed up by the overwhelming Ministry of Education paperwork and unnecessary processes imposed upon teaching.

We are extremely grateful to our parents/caregivers for supporting us in ensuring we stand strong, fighting for the best outcomes we can for your children, for our students.

A big thank you to all of those parent/caregivers that have emailed in messages of support.

Nga mihi  
Liz Wood - Principal

**Next Board of Trustees Meeting:**  
6.00pm on Wednesday, 22 August 2018

**Year 8 Students:**  
**MUST** be enrolled in a High School

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**KELSTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 16 AUGUST**  
**TOURS 6PM - 8PM**

\* FIND OUT WHAT THE SCHOOL CAN OFFER  
\* MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL, MRS BLAIR  
\* ENQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019

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## Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC: WEEK 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

### ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO!

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC forms were due back at the end of last term. If you haven't done so already, please complete the permission form and return to school asap. If there is a genuine reason why your child cannot attend, please send a letter along to the school office explaining why.

So much planning goes into this week, and we need all permission slips back so we can start working on groups etc.

At Year 7 Camp, the students can look forward to:

- Glow Worm Trip
- Hydro Slides
- Kayak Hire with Instructor
- Swimming Pool
- Adventure trail
- Animal Survival
- Cage Soccer
- Confidence Course
- Flying Fox
- Indoor Climbing course
- Mini Golf
- Shooting/Archery Gallery
- Sling Shot Paint Ball
- Top Team Games

Over the four days, the Year 8's will be going to:

- Snowplanet
- Tree Top Adventures
- Woodhill Mountain Bike Park
- Auckland Zoo
- Goat Island Snorkelling
- Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre

Payments need to be paid in full by Monday, 10th September.

This is such an amazing four days for our students - let's make some memories!