



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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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

Communication

Week 6 is a time to ensure that every student is immersed in his/her inquiry learning. Communication is a brilliant concept to have for our semester. Communication (from Latin *commūnicāre*, meaning "to share") is the act of conveying meanings from one entity or group to another through the use of mutually understood signs and semiotic rules. The main steps inherent to all communication are: The formation of communicative motivation or reason. Communication has unlimited aspects to inquire into eg verbal, non-verbal, artificial intelligence, indigenous communities, rural versus urban access, art history and the use of media to name a few.

Well done to our Netball Teams!

Last Wednesday after school, the teachers and staff took a break from curriculum development and supported our incredible netball teams. What an afternoon that was!! Our teams played extremely well in typical Auckland weather – 18 seasons in three hours! There was lightning and thunder, driving wind, torrential rain, a fine spell, a glimpse of sunshine and then it just repeated all over again. Our players, coaches, managers and supporters were undeterred. With this sheer determination – we now have 3 of our 4 teams playing in the semi-finals this week. This is an excellent result and reflects the doggedness of our players. GO BMIS!!

Staff Professional Development

In today's fast-paced, digitally enabled world, professional learning and development in education is more vital than ever. As the principal, I see my role as ensuring that my team keeps up with new trends and is able to prepare students for the future. To do this, teachers are undergoing

capacity/capability training to ensure that we are abreast of current education technology offerings and at the cutting edge of pedagogy with: Mathematics with Cognition, Writing with CoreEd, Coaching with The EduGroup and Leadership with Springboard Trust. And every staff member is now a trained First Aider. So as you can see, your child/ren is getting the very best at BMIS as well as our teachers being continually upskilled and evolving to meet the changing needs of students in the future. We are working strategically as well as being future focused.

Year 7 Camp & Year 8 EOTC

Camp & EOTC are just around the corner - less than two weeks to go! Thank you to parents/caregivers who have paid/making contributions to this activity to ensure your child/ren attend. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that should not be missed. Permission slips are required – as of last week, please get these in ASAP.

Tongan Language Week

Next week we celebrate Tongan Language Week. Our Tongan students will be leaders and immerse our school in language, song, dance and culture.

NZEI Update

There has been no progress to date with NZEI negotiations & the government. I will endeavour to keep you informed of any developments. Thank you for your continued support for teachers with wanting ONLY THE BEST FOR OUR KIDS.

May we all have a positive week.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

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.

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BOTTLE TOPS

We are collecting coloured bottle tops to create a Bruce McLaren car mural. Please bring your rinsed tops to the office each morning and place them in the container.

2019 ENROLMENTS

If you have a Year 6 child who will be attending Bruce McLaren Intermediate School next year, please return your completed enrolment form to the school office as soon as possible. All enrolment forms need to be with us by the end of this term - Friday, 28th September.

UNIFORM

It is a BMIS requirement that all students wear full and correct school uniform. If you need to purchase more uniform, you can purchase directly from our supplier: <http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz> or you can pay at the school office and we can order for you. There are samples in the school office for students to try on to ensure correct sizing.

Full and correct school uniform must also be worn to and from school.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named. We often have uniform items put into the lost property that have not been named.

BOT ELECTIONS 2019

The next Board of Trustees elections will take place in Term 1 next year, and we are looking for amazing new members to work alongside our current members.

You can find information for parents at this website: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

More information will be sent out closer to election time or you can contact our BOT Chair, Riki Williscroft, at: admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC: WEEK 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC forms were due back at the end of last term.

We are still waiting on some forms to come back! 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.

Year 8 students also need to return a completed and signed permission slip for Snowplanet and Snorkelling. These are a requirement of the individual companies. Students will not be able to participate in these activities if the signed forms are not returned.

So much planning goes into this week, and we need all permission slips back so we can finalise groups.

At Y7 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 Y8'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. You can pay by cash or EFTPOS in the school office or via internet banking (Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, 12-3051-0471762-00, use students name and either CAMP or EOTC as references).

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