



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #16. 30th November 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

Where has this year gone?

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is racing through Week 7, Term 4. Which means there are only 11 school days until BMIS concludes for 2022. It has been an amazing year! Our Year 7 students were in Year 4 and our Year 8 students were in Year 5 the last time they had the opportunity to experience a complete year of schooling, without an interruption, without COVID-19 determining the school year/s. We are very proud to have had our 'small school with a big heart' stay open for the entire school year and offer so much to and for our ākonga.

It is also amazing to know that BMIS has recently hosted a fulfilled, student led Fiafia evening, performed at our Kahui Ako Cultural Festival at Henderson High School, had Whānau of classes culminate their learning with trips to MOTAT, Chelsea Sugar Factory, Parakai Hot Pools – with huge success. BMIS looks forward to Year 8 students heading to Piha North for Beach Ed (a programme that supports water safety at surf beaches). Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who have given time to support with supervising these learning opportunities.

And at BMIS there is so much more beyond the core learning ...

Speaking of successes - BMIS has won the Auckland Regional Schools Surf Competition. This is a fantastic achievement especially when competing against secondary schools. Congratulations to our surfers for their achievements: Year 7 & 8 Girls 4th Ruby Becroft, Year 7 & 8 Boys 1st Zak Becroft, 2nd Milo O'Brien, 3rd Zeke Pragert.

Enlighten Education is on site sharing a programme of resilience and raising self-esteem.

Year 8 social dancing is underway (our students are certainly more co-ordinated than me – yes, I gave it a go and found I have two left feet).

A Board Meeting is being squeezed into the calendar on Thursday, 1st December from 6pm.

Student End Of Year Reports will be coming home with your child on Friday, 2nd December. Please ensure that you receive the report.

Your child's teacher has spent much time to ensure that you have a clear picture of what your child has achieved, where your child is at and their next steps for their learning journey. It is addressed to the Parent/Caregiver – not to your child, and will be in a sealed envelope.

Students will be sharing their learning with each other at their Science Expo on Friday, 2nd December.

Students receiving a Class Award at Prize Giving on Tuesday, 13th December at 1pm will have their parents/caregivers notified by Friday, 2nd December.

Year 8 HPV immunizations catch up for those with permission, will take place on Tuesday, 6th December.

Year 6 students who have enrolled for 2023 have been invited to BMIS from 9 – 10am on Tuesday, 6th December.

An assembly for BMIS students to acknowledge their peers who have committed to providing a service/duty/monitor roll is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th December.

Year 8 Beach Ed is set for Wednesday, 7th; Thursday 8th; Friday, 9th December.

Year 8 Graduation will celebrate 2 years of intermediate schooling on Monday, 12th December.

2022 school year for students will conclude with Prize Giving, Tuesday, 13th December at 1pm.

I wish to thank the members of the outgoing Board of Trustees (presiding member – Nicholas Powell; Trustees – Carol Botica, Lara Williams, Roy Dumble, Sarah Mason; Staff Trustee – Helen Magasiva; Board Secretary – Nicki Packer) for their incredible mahi over the last three years. The school has certainly been able to improve and grow, driving forward from strength to strength with the support of your governance. Thank you for affording me the scope to develop, implement and drive BMIS on an exponential journey of positive change.

It is a pleasure to introduce you to our incoming Board of Trustees community members: presiding member – Teena Cains; Trustees – Rachel Morgan, Nicholas Powell; Staff Trustee – Helen Magasiva; Board Secretary – Annika Rosandich.

Contact details are available through the school office. I know that this great bunch of people hold our students, staff, school and community in high regard and I look forward to working with the Board in its role of governance over the next three years.

It certainly has been a year to embrace and celebrate. There have been so many successes, achievements, realizations, victories, triumphs and attainments and each of these has been and is to be celebrated. BMIS students are always striving to uphold our core values – our 5Cs, and be self-motivated to DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

Before we look ahead to 2023, it is with much pride, and sadness, that our Year 8 students are farewelled. They are well prepared for their next step on their individual learning journey. I wish them all the best for secondary school and their chosen pathways. Our Year 7 students are an eager cohort and I look forward to them stepping into leadership roles, embracing the opportunities available and accelerating their learning next year at BMIS.

Should I not have the opportunity to see you personally before the end of 2022, thank you for your support; support of your child's learning, support for your child's teacher, support for our staff and support you have shown as a BMIS community member. Thank you.

There will be a Community Update next week – on SkoolLoop, BMIS Facebook page, emailed and attached to the website.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Be safe, stay well and enjoy being with whānau over the Summer.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Tumuaki - Principal

◦ **McLAREN AWARD WINNERS:**

- Payton R 2, Nevaeh R12, Troy R2, Austin R6, Hawaiki R11, Ceejay R5, Jason R9, Amy R11, Alvina R6, Nathan R5, Harper R3, Phillip R2, Hunter R2, Stella R2, Ryland R10, Latreviah R12, Rex R11, Amiel R7, Chassis R9, Dante R5, Rihaan R11, Monika R12, Ruby Neal R9, Myekah R1, Malvis R5, Aurora R12, Joy R2, Tyler R1, Jade R12, Jordan R3

◦ **SCHOOL COUNCIL QUIZ WINNERS:**

Week 3, Term 4: Amiel R7
Week 6, Term 4: Hunter R2

Year 8 Beach Ed and Year 8 Graduation permission slips are due NOW. Please bring to the school office A.S.A.P so we can ensure that these important events are catering for all our students attending.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Beach Ed	7, 8, 9 December 2022
Year 8 Graduation	12th December 2022
Formal Prize Giving	13th December 2022
Last day of Term 4	Tuesday 13th December 2022
Term 1 Commences for Year 7	Wednesday 1st February 2023
Term 1 Commences for Year 8	Tuesday 2nd February 2023

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Bucket hat must be worn in Term 1 and 4.
- SHOPS: (Opposite School)
Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** parents to find another space to collect your children from. For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first - always. Thank you for your support with this.
- Lollies, sweets, chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and expected behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Students only cross the road ONCE to come to school and Once going home from school. This is to be at the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING for safety.

PARKING AT SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that there is to be NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address (ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz). Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Ms Ah Chong, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone knows the definition of "bullying". At BMIS the students refer to the chart below.

IS IT BULLYING?



NOT NICE:

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once** ...
... that is **NOT NICE**

MEAN:

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once** ...
... that is **MEAN**

BULLYING:

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time**, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...
... that is **BULLYING**

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.

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:

Which class will win the Mr Whippy attendance prize? We have classes that are tracking close to having over 90% attendance for a week.

Week 6, Term 4 = on a given day; R9, R10, R11, R10, R2, R9, R11, R2, R10

Come on students, let's have a class get over 90% attendance for a week.

"I'm glad you are here today"

is something that students ages zero to 99 love to hear and that establishes belonging."

EXCITING PHOTOS OF:

Fiafia, Parakai and Motat

