



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 2

## 14 February 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,

It is hard to believe that Week 3 is upon us already. We have had an amazing start to 2018 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Our school roll has grown by 15% which is fabulous. No doubt this is down to the hard work that our staff, students and community put into our school.

The Education Review Office (ERO) also commented on the hard work and progress that had been made over the last two years at our school; "Considerable work has been done..." "The school has undergone significant change in the last two years." Our confirmed ERO report is available on our website. It makes for positive reading!

Last Wednesday a whakatau was held to formally welcome our Year 7 students to BMIS. It was fabulous to have friends and whanau of our students and school attend too. This set the tone for what is shaping to be a brilliant year.

We have hosted a group of Chinese students from Ningbo. These students have worked with Room 3 on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) lessons culminating in a team challenge, designing a sustainable house. Much learning and amazing cultural interactions were had. We wish our new friends safe travels back to China. A huge thank you also goes to whanau who home-stayed the students to allow such an experience to take place.

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers and whanau who braved the weather to attend our Meet the Teacher evening. This is always a great way to meet other students' parents/caregivers and whanau of the class your child is in.

Year 8 Beach Ed programme is coming upon us quickly. Please make sure that all paper work for this is completed and returned to the front office ASAP. If you are a parent/caregiver who can help

out on either or both of the 2 days that this takes place, we would love to hear from you. If you are a Year 7 parent, you can also assist. The days are Tuesday 27th Feb and Friday 2nd March.

To ensure that school payments are up to date, as a parent in the same boat as you, I encourage time payments are made to alleviate the lump sum payments closer to school events. Please see the option to do this later in the newsletter.

An incredible opportunity was held for one of our Whanau. Thank you to Melissa Inouye, mother of a student in Room 5, for providing a superb programme to celebrate Chinese New Year.

This is a Year of Earth Dog, starting from the 2018 Chinese New Year on Feb 16 and lasting to 2019 Lunar New Year's Eve on Feb 4. Dog is the eleventh in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac sign. The Years of the Dog include 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018.

With assessments out of the way, learning is taking centre stage. Please ask your child what they are doing at school, what they are working on and how you may assist in the learning?

The weather is still erratic, to say the least, so it is important that our students are warm and dry as well as protected from the harsh NZ sun rays. Full school uniform will safeguard our students from the elements. All uniform should be correct and stationery purchased by now. Thank you for your support, in supporting your child to have all that is required of them, to maximise their learning time.

Here is to a wonderful fortnight!

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood*  
Principal

## **COMMUNITY OF LEARNING - EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

On Friday 9th March, all schools in the Henderson Community of Learning will be **closed from 1pm**. All teachers of the schools will be in attendance at a COL information and training session. This is to ensure the teachers of our schools (HVPS, HSPS, Oratia, Sunnyvale, Prospect, BMIS and HHS) are abreast of COL operations, management and direction and the expectations our schools expect for our COL student achievement. School buses will collect students from BMIS after the 1pm bell.

## **UNIFORM**

All students should now be in full, correct uniform, including PE uniform and shoes. There are a few exceptions, where students are waiting on delayed orders from the School Uniform Centre (these students have been given a uniform pass until their order arrives).

## **STATIONERY**

All stationery packs have now been sent to us and are no longer available from Warehouse Stationery. The packs are now available from the school office and cost \$28. All students should now have their stationery packs. Please ensure you purchase stationery ASAP, if you have not already done so.

## **CORRECTION - LIFE ED COST**

In the last newsletter it was incorrectly printed that the cost for Life Ed (Year 7) was \$3. The correct amount is \$6 - apologies for the wrong information.

## **YEAR 8 BEACH ED**

Tuesday, 27 February 2018:

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & half of Room 4 to Piha

Friday, 2 March 2018:

Rooms 5, 7, 8 & half of Room 4 to Bethells

This is part one of the Year 8 EOTC experience. Just a reminder that **all forms need to be completed and returned to the school office by Friday, 16 February, and the cost of \$30 needs to be paid in full by Monday, 26 February.**

(This \$30 comes off the total EOTC cost of \$270, leaving \$240 to pay by the end of Term 3).

## **BUSES**

Students catching buses and waiting for a ride from school after 3pm are to line up at the hall and wait with the Duty Teacher. This ensures the safety of our students.

## **PAYING FEES, etc**

Just a reminder that fees etc can be paid online. If you would like to start making payments, our bank account details are:

**Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**  
**12-3051-0471762-00**

Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Have you moved over the holidays or need to update any contact information on your child's enrolment form? It is so important that we have the correct information so that we can contact you, especially in an emergency. Please call the school office on 836-3175 if you need to update any details, or check the details we have on file.

## **LATE STUDENTS**

Please note that we start our school day at 8:30am. This is when students are in class to commence the day of learning. Should your child be late or absent for any reason, we **MUST** have a written note or phone call to the Admin Team on (09) 836 3175. Any lates or absences without reason are required to be acted upon by the Ministry of Education.

## **OFF AT THE GATE**

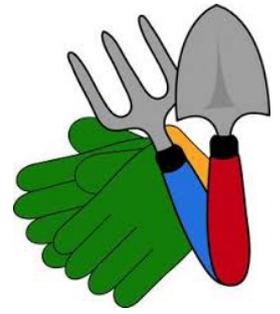
Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety.

## **STUDENT VALUABLES**

To ensure the safety of any device or valuables brought to school, students are to hand these to their class teacher. These devices and valuables are placed into a class container and locked away in the office and returned to students at 3pm. Should a student need to contact home we have a landline they are able to use.

## Gardener Wanted

The school is looking for a gardener for two days per week. Someone who is passionate, knowledgeable and willing to take direction about gardening, someone who is focused and self-motivated is required. Police vetting is mandatory. If this sounds like a position for you, please leave your contact details with the Admin Team at the front office.



## Bruce McLaren Intermediate Effort Report Evenings

**Wednesday, 21 March      3:15 PM to 7:15 PM**

**Thursday, 22 March      1:15 PM to 5:45 PM**

Effort Report Evening is a time to come along, reflect on learning and effort of your child thus far into the school year.

Each interview is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

**School will close at 1:00pm on Thursday, 22 March to allow for the meetings.**

### ***Booking Your Interviews:***

The booking website will open Thursday, 15 February at 3:15 PM, and will close Thursday, 22 March at 5:30 PM.

1. Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **4DZZZCY** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.

Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

Please call the school office on 836-3175 if you need assistance booking your interviews.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MARCHING TEAM

Looking for girls to join our Marching Teams. There are three parts to Marching: 1st Part is Review & Inspection; 2nd part is March Plan; 3rd part is Display Dance to music. Under 16 Team from 10 Years to 16 Years. Join our Team Contact On Below Detail: Jennifer on: 021 186 9685 ; Jennifer on: 09 838 0330; Gail On: 027 5080 292. Text - Land Line Number to ring you back.

## KIDSLINK TERM 1 SEMINARS

Growing Resilient and Capable Kids:  
Waitakere School  
Wednesday 14 March  
7-9pm - 6:15pm trade tables, tea/coffee  
\$20 per ticket

Building Resilient and Confident Kids:  
Windy Ridge School  
Wednesday 21 March  
7-9pm - 6:15pm trade tables, tea/coffee  
\$20 per ticket

Our seminars always deliver top tips and take home messages that can be used straight away in your family or in your classroom! Tickets are always in hot demand so get in quick! Book online: <http://www.kidslink.co.nz/events/>

## WEST BIKE FEST

Come along to the West Bike Fest for some wheely great bicycle fun. There will be free bike checks, bike decorating, skills course and a great quiz cycle ride to complete. Grab yourself a free juice from our bicycle powered blenders and try your hand at our fun games.

Henderson Park (off Wilsher Crescent) Henderson;  
Sunday 25th Feb 10am-2pm; Easy bicycle access from the North Western Cycleway via Henderson Creek Path, along the Project Twin Streams Paths.

## HENDERSON AIKIDO

Henderson Aikido warmly invites new teens to our martial arts classes at Waitemata Rugby Football Club on Monday nights (6:40pm to 7:40pm). First session free. Enrol for term 1 now with Sensei Jeanie Benson (4th Dan) on 021335020 or jeaniebenson@gmail.com. Or just bring your kids and come to WRFC at 96 Swanson Road in the Main Hall.

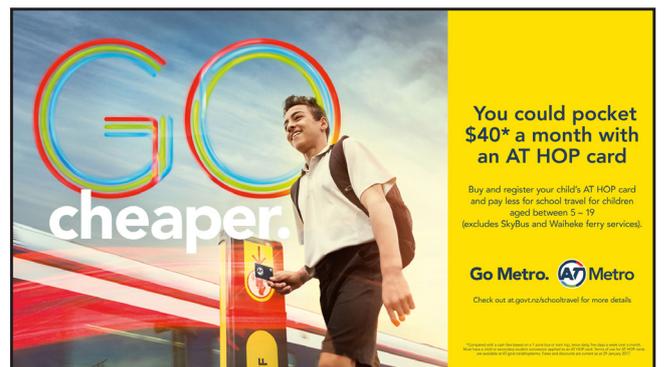


**NEIGHBOURS DAY at YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HOUSE**

- Meet locals
- Activities for kids and adults
- Free sausage sizzle
- Free fruit
- Bouncy castle
- Meet local services
- Performance

Everyone WELCOME

Come on down to the  
Glen Eden Community House  
13 Pisces Road Glen Eden  
**Saturday 24th  
March 2018  
1pm to 4pm**



**GO cheaper.**

You could pocket \$40\* a month with an AT HOP card

Buy and register your child's AT HOP card and pay less for school travel for children aged between 5 - 19 (excludes SkyBus and Waheke ferry services).

Go Metro. 

Check out at [at.govt.nz/hopcard](http://at.govt.nz/hopcard) for more details.



**Parenting Helpline**

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856  
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday



[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)



**FREE ENTRY**

**10:30AM TO 6PM**

**SUN 4 MARCH**

**CORBAN ESTATE ART CENTER HENDERSON**

**HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLOURS**

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