



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 2

## 19 February 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

It has been an incredible start to the year with 30+ students enrolling within the last four weeks.

#### CLASS PLACEMENTS:

As you can imagine, a lot of time and hard work goes into class placements. Students learning, social, emotional and health needs are all taken into consideration. Sometimes students may not be placed with their friends, and may have been placed with a teacher that is better suited to their needs. As our classes are all full, it is extremely difficult to move students. We encourage students to allow relationships with their teacher and fellow students to settle. However, if you have any concerns, please contact the classroom teacher.

#### WHAT A WEEK!

Last week was a huge week for Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Wednesday saw many students, families and extended whanau joined us for a BBQ sausage at Meet The Teacher evening – putting a face to a name. On Thursday, 13th February, our Year 8 students, staff and whanau welcomed our new students, staff and whanau to BMIS. From manuhiri to tangata whenua of BMIS – a special time for all. On Friday, 14th, for the first time in apparently 8+ years, BMIS held a School Swimming Sports Day at Henderson High School. The sun shone, the students swam and the staff were rapt with the level of involvement from our students.

#### KEEP INFORMED:

To keep you informed with all that happens at BMIS, we have many ways of informing our school community.

We ask:

- parents/whanau to have the SkoolLoop app downloaded onto your device,
- check in with the school website:  
[www.brucemclaren.school.nz](http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz)
- check the school parent FaceBook page - which is monitored
- read the fortnightly newsletter (usually out on a

Wednesday) and attached to the website, emailed and on SkoolLoop

- electronic sign at school gate
- email list (newsletter subscription found on website)
- School blogspot

#### SUN SAFE:

With our Summer finally upon us it is important that our students utilise our 4 steps to ensure that we are a Sun Safe School.

1. Sun block is available in classrooms
2. Ample provision of shade structures and leafy trees under which students may seek protection
3. Education – the students are consistently reminded, and in assemblies, about the dangers of the sun and to take precautions
4. A school hat is part of the Bruce McLaren Intermediate School uniform

#### 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.

#### EFFORT REPORT EVENING:

The first formal reporting processes commences Week 7 with a scheduled time for parents and student to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's Effort Report. This is an indicator of how your child is settling in to intermediate life and applying him/herself to tasks. At this time, a 2020 goal will be created. You are able to book a time using the SkoolLoop app. We look forward to seeing as many parents and caregivers as possible on Wednesday, 11th March from 1:15pm-8:30pm.

So that we can meet with parents and caregivers, **school will close at 1pm**. Students will need to make their

own way home. Ritchies do not operate a bus service to accommodate us. Should you need your child to stay at school until 3pm in the Library, please contact the school by 12.00pm on Friday, 6 March.

Should you wish to have a sit down meeting with the teacher before the Effort Report evening, a separate time will need to be arranged through email with the class teacher.

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

There have been no reported cases to date. We encourage maintaining a high level of personal hygiene.

### **NEW CLASSROOMS:**

Our two new classrooms are having their final touches (security, SNUP, wifi, water, power, lighting...) completed before our students of Rooms 12 & 13 move in. It is believed to be about a fortnight away. Concreting will take place this week. It is an exciting time to grow from 7 to 12 classes, as this indicates strong teaching and learning and the myriad of opportunities offered to our students are being recognised at our school and by our community.

### **YEAR 8 BEACH ED:**

Part 1 of Year 8 EOTC is in the planning. Students will head to Piha North to be trained by Surf Lifesavers (most have been on the TV programme Piha Rescue) to read rips, stay safe in the surf, learn about the IRBs, rescue themselves and others, and be Surfwise. This programme is invaluable. Our country is flanked by ocean. Our children need to know how to cope with the sea and this programme certainly supports this.

There is a comprehensive Medical Form to be completed by parents of every Year 8 student. We require a ratio of 5 students to 1 adult so if you are keen to have a day at the beach, working alongside our students please complete the permission slip that has been sent home. Dates, times and information for Beach Ed is included. As this is Part 1 of the Year 8 EOTC, the cost is \$30 per student. This is deducted from the heavily subsidised \$290 for the complete Year 8 EOTC package.

### **GOVERNMENT SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME:**

BMIS has not opted into the Government's donation scheme along with hundreds of other schools. As reported in the media: "... schools say they will be worse off financially, many by tens of thousands of dollars, if they took up the Ministry of Education offer for decile 1-7 schools. The 'status quo' schools represent about 66,000 students and are of all sizes, and all over the country."

In the end it came down to, do we accept the offer, knowing full well that it will result in a reduction of opportunities to our students. The philosophy around intermediate schooling is about providing a breadth and

depth of learning and opportunities in a short space of two years.

The conversations were rigorous. Our parent/whanau donations support BMIS in employing more teachers over Ministry of Education entitlement to provide a wider range of options and smaller classes, funding extra curricular activities, sports equipment, more teacher aides for those requiring learning support and extension programmes. So, we are grateful to our families for choosing a school that values a holistic learning approach and for supporting us with our small donation of \$100. It never ceases to surprise me what a government produces in an election year!

Parent/whanau involvement is incredibly important for your child's success. Our partnership will only strengthen your child's learning.

Thank you to everyone for your support so early in the year.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:**

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

**Saqqara (R12); Cyclone (R12); Marie (R9);  
Justis (R9); Lisa (R11); Jesse (R11); Hillary (R11);  
Liam (R13); Samuel (R13)**

### **McLAREN AWARDS:**

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

**Rihanna (R1); Emma (R11); Jayme (R9); Levi (R3)**

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with our school app!**

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**Simple free download:**

In Google Play & App Store search  
'Skool Loop' & choose our school  
once installed.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

*Kia Ora whanau and welcome back to school. My name is Stephanie and I am your child/ren's school public health nurse. I am available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development.*

*My work includes health assessments, health promotion, immunisation and home visiting. Common things I am able to help with include skin and ear infections, asthma and eczema, bedwetting and soiling, hearing and vision concerns, linking to health and social services and advice about any other health concerns.*

*I work Monday to Thursday and can be contacted via [stephanie.palmer@waitemataadhb.govt.nz](mailto:stephanie.palmer@waitemataadhb.govt.nz), 021 528 659 or please leave a message at school for me to contact you.*

*Nga Mihi,*

*Stephanie*

## FREE HAIRCUTS!

Hi my name is Kylie I work across the road at Eclipz Hair Studio. I'm currently looking for models for hair cuts girls and boys for the next six weeks on a Saturday morning. Please give us a call to book a spot. This is for a limited time only so get in quick! I'll look forward to hearing from you. And please mention this add when booking. Eclipz Hair Studio, Phone 838 6666.



### • Youth Studio:

- Monday to Friday 3pm – 6pm in Youth Studio
- Age 9yrs up
- Creative space for young people to explore their artistic potential through film, music, animation, art and other mixed media.
- Also can access computer for assignments/projects and homework

### • Kids Club:

- Every Tuesday 3pm – 5pm in Hall
- Age 5yrs – 12yrs
- Kids come together to enjoy creating, playing games etc.

### • Youth Adventure:

- Every Wednesday 3pm – 5pm in Hall
- Age 11yrs – 17yrs
- Active and connecting with each other playing games like indoor soccer, cricket, badminton, table tennis etc.

### • Breakaway Holiday Programme

- School Holidays
- Age 11yrs – 18yrs
- Includes events like onsite; sports day-gamers guild (games, movies etc.)-laser tag etc., pool/beach/park trips, movies, community events; with Project Twin Streams (did biking last holiday) and community clean up (did painting with Tag Out Trust), amazing race and a lot more

All programmes at no cost and we supply light snacks.

MPHS Community Trust

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[www.mphs.community.org](http://www.mphs.community.org)

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The image is a promotional poster for Suburbs Junior Rugby. It features a logo at the top left with a torch and the word 'SUBURBS'. Below the logo, there are two photos of young rugby players in action. The main text on the poster reads 'SUBURBS JUNIOR RUGBY' in large, bold, white letters on a red background. Below this, it says 'MIXED &amp; GIRLS ONLY TEAMS' in white letters on a red background. The word 'REGISTRATIONS' is in white letters on a blue background, and 'OPEN!' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.SUBURBSRUGBY.CO.NZ' is written in white letters on a red background. There is also a circular logo that says 'REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!' and a Facebook icon with the handle '@SUBURBSJUNIORS'. The text 'UNDER 5'S - UNDER 13 TEAMS', 'RIPPA &amp; TACKLE TEAMS', and 'MIXED &amp; GIRLS ONLY TEAMS' is also present.