



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 2

## 24 February 2021

*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

What an interesting start to the year we have had! It was fabulous to see your school come together – half of our students brand new and the other half back to extend their learning journeys.

There are thirty seven (yes, 37) schools represented onsite at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School – so we have students from all across our country and our globe. BMIS reflects the true cosmopolitan mix of our world. This will stand our students in great stead for their futures – real global citizens experiencing the real world. Our roll stands at 315 students, keeping our class sizes exceptional to maximise student learning – this is a best kept secret so don't tell anyone!!

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE:**

COVID-19 Alert Level 3 had BMIS spring into Home Learning. COVID-19 Alert Level 2 has seen a hyper-vigilance on keeping ourselves safe on site, as we continue to do so for COVID-19 Alert Level 1. The Lockdown has been disruptive but we have been through this before and nothing is insurmountable. Our focus is to 'control the controllables'.

#### **BEACH ED:**

As we look at the tail end of Summer, Year 8 students will be heading to Piha to be put their paces with Beach Education. This programme is an important aspect of the Year 8 Experience at BMIS. With so much coastline and such a range of diverse beach settings, this programme is definitely full of life skills. Year 8 students should have given you the required documentation by now. Parent help is gratefully appreciated.

#### **SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:**

School swimming sports day was thwarted – something out of our control. However, as an agile team BMIS will now call for students who wish to swim in a competitive environment on 19th March at WestWave. Documentation will be with students soon. We look forward to a large squad of students applying for this opportunity.

#### **SPECIALIST LESSONS:**

Specialist lessons commence on Monday for our students situated in the iHub. You will have received a newsletter from the Specialist teachers. Due to the nature of these learning environments students must have their hair tied back and be wearing school shoes. Much fun is had in this specialized learning area which houses the lessons – our innovation hub.

#### **MEET THE TEACHER:**

Meet the Teacher is set for Thursday, 25 February from 6:00 - 7:00pm. We must be in COVID-19 Alert Level 1 for this to take place, so our fingers are crossed. Meet in the hall first and enjoy a sausage on your way to Meet the Teacher. At the time of print, we are at Alert Level 1.

#### **SCHOOL PRODUCTION:**

As previously mentioned, should there be any change in COVID-19 Alert Levels, the school production would be postponed. This has taken place so the production will be 2022. However, students still have many opportunities to participate in dance, drama and musical activities/events/performances throughout the year.

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS:**

Thank you to the many parents who have already made mention of the smooth transition for your child/ren to BMIS. We really do care about every student and it is important to us that we get to know as much about your child as we possibly can to make the time at BMIS incredibly special and positively memorable. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me.

Your child will tell you that our COVID mantra is "sanitise, sanitise, sanitise and scan".

Let's keep safe and well.

We're up and racing!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

## IMMUNISATIONS UPDATE:

The Child and Family Public Health Nurse team is currently supporting the vaccinator workforce required to run the COVID vaccination programme. They are hoping to minimise disruption to the school based immunisation programme ( SBIP).

As a result they are not able to deliver talks to most schools as they have done in previous years. In order to assist the students with their understanding they are asking for your support please.

Consent forms will be delivered to schools with a covering letter to parents.

Parents/caregivers please sight and sign and return these to the school office as soon as possible.

A completed form is required – either a consent or decline.

If you have any questions or concerns please email or call me. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to SBIP.

## eBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

[ebully@bruce McLaren.school.nz](mailto:ebully@bruce McLaren.school.nz)

**E = ELIMINATE and ELECTRONIC**

As you know Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address. Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Mrs Wood. She will action any ebully emails as soon as she receives them. Contact will also be made with the sender of the email. Often issues are discussed within the family home and out of school hours so this gives parents and students alike, an opportunity to deal with issues immediately.

Students and parents have taken advantage of this and have been grateful for the swift response.

5Cs are BMIS' core values. Your child should hopefully know these by now. It is handy to have five fingers to check them off against as it is handy to have the other five fingers to name five adults on site at BMIS that your child can list for whom they would seek out to

support them if they wished. Three fingers are used by students to self check that they are 'in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing'. These three fingers make the letter M for McLaren - our McLaren Way. As you can see, these are a few of the self checks and hauora strategies that are used so that our focus at school is all about learning!

# MATHS BUDDY AT BMIS

We would like to announce the opportunity for our school community to use MathsBuddy. MathsBuddy enables students to control the pace of their own learning and further assists teachers to ensure that no-one misses out. This is because the key feature of this programme is that there is a

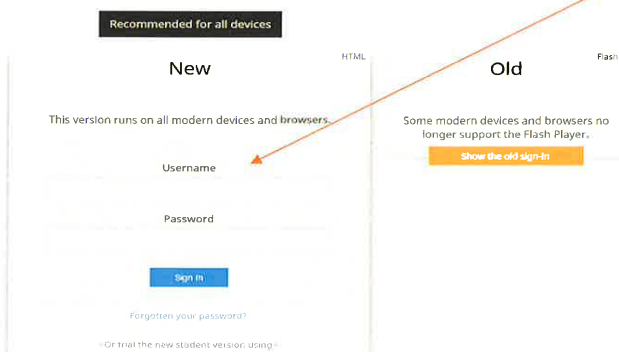
## Video Tutorial for Every Mathematics Concept.

- To see what your child will experience go to [www.mathsbuddy.co.nz](http://www.mathsbuddy.co.nz)

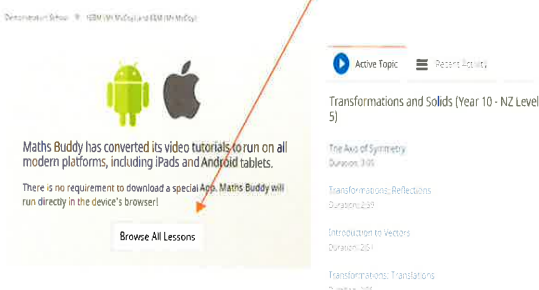


Info for Teachers Info for Parents Demo Try It [Sign Up](#)

- Then ask for your child's login details and insert them here



- Now you will have access to **every** lesson in the NZ curriculum from year 1 to 13 by selecting "Browse All Lessons"



## SCHOLASTICS BOOK ORDERS:

We will no longer sending Scholastic Book Order catalogues home, but you can order online at your leisure and orders will still be delivered to school.

You will find the dates our book clubs are sent on our website:

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/toolkit/>

Please go to the bottom of the page, all dates of each issue are listed there.

## TRAVELWISE:

BMIS is a TravelWise School. This is another safety component of our school. Road Patrollers have trained with Constable Murray and ask drivers to be careful when driving around the school.

**"BE AWARE - KIDS ARE NEAR!"**



# WHANAU NEWSLETTERS:

Every learning pod of three classes is a Whanau. Your child is a member of one of our five Whanau. Families of our school will have now received, electronically or accessed through the website, a Whanau newsletter checking in and outlining a wee bit of the learning ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Whanau Leader if you have any ideas, thoughts or wonderings. It is most important we hear from you directly, rather than second hand.

### MANAWANUI Whānau Newsletter Term 1, 2021



**Our Value 'COMMITMENT'**

This is MANAWANUI IN TE REO

Our Whākatatau to welcome the Year 7's The Manuhiri: Year 7's Tangata Whānau: Year 8's WE ARE NOW ALL ONE WITH 'Hā the breath of life'

**Meet Kaiako**

**Tracey Burgess/Ruma Tahī**  
Kia Ora Whānau Manawanui I am the Whānau Leader of our wonderful whānau at BMIS. I thrive on hearing your tamariki to find their passion in life. It takes a village to raise a child' is an African proverb that means that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience success. I look forward to meeting with you throughout the year to help our ākonga DREAM: BELIEVE! ACHIEVE with the values we aspire to. Our inspiration comes from alumni on our Wall of Fame: Michael Jones, Eroni Clarke and Walter Little to name a few. My hobbies include: Travel, jogging, kapa haka, Virtual Choir and Short Film.

**Kevin Chester/Ruma Rua**  
Kia Ora Manawanui I am the Room 2 teacher. We have settled in and there is a warm buzz to the class that I am enjoying. Before I arrived at BMIS I was teaching internationally in China and the Middle East. For the last 14 years I have been passionate about teaching and am committed to this year. My specialities include: sport, music, and travel.

**Adrianna Yang/Ruma Toru**  
Kia Ora Whānau Manawanui I am a teacher of Room 3. My goal as a whānau leader is to instill the drive to be courageous, to take risks in learning, to be confident, to be resilient, to have a passion for reading and writing particularly, but all equal maths. I am excited to get to know your children and know that it will be a challenging, exciting and fulfilling year.

### Whanau Mahi Tahī Term 1 2021 Newsletter



Whanau Mahi Tahī Term One sports captains

**Our Teachers**

**Mrs Selma Nicolson**

I am excited to be entering into my second year at BMIS. I am an experienced teacher with 20 years of experience. I have also taught Year 7 and 8s for many years but have also taught at a primary school. I have a passion for reading and writing particularly, but all equal maths. I am excited to get to know your children and know that it will be a challenging, exciting and fulfilling year.

### Welcome to Atawhai Whānau.

Atawhai has a welcoming in English of "Kindness and Caring".

Our Whānau values are: **Kindness, Caring, Respect, Responsibility, and Achievement.**

A BIG welcome to those who are new to Atawhai. We welcome back to those who we again. All classes have had a chance to meet the year level whānau leaders a day before the Year 8's joined us. They had a chance to meet the year level whānau leaders to know each other and become familiar with our whānau. We are excited to welcome our new members and old ones back to our whānau.

The Whānau Leader's meeting for the year level whānau leaders has been postponed. The meeting will be held on the 11th of February. We will be holding a meeting for the year level whānau leaders to discuss the year level whānau leaders' expectations for the year.

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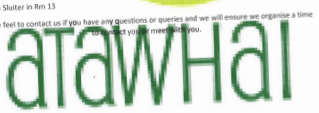
On the 11th of February we are having a Meet the Teachers Evening which will give Teachers and Parents a chance to meet and connect. This is not a formal situation. It is a formal meeting with come a little later in the evening. The event begins at 6.00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Events which are held on the 11th of February are: 9:25 Gaitaka, Back Ed for Year 8 students, Swimming, Track and Field, and while auditions for our Major Production will be commencing shortly.

A major activity which your child will be taking part in is Opportunity Day. This takes place every Thursday. The students will be given the chance to select trade opportunities which they wish to take part in. We are looking for a volunteer while others will be for the year.

Atawhai Teachers for 2021 are:

Brett McKenzie in Rm 8  
Lagi Teckator in Rm 12  
Brenda Suter in Rm 13

Please feel to contact us if you have any questions or queries and we will ensure we organise a time to meet with you.



### Korero Spec Atamai

Issue no 1

Our Specialist Whanau are excited to start 2021 with a semester of transformation, beginning with our new whānau name Atamai. Our Whānau are excited to start 2021 with a semester of transformation, beginning with our new whānau name Atamai. Our Whānau are excited to start 2021 with a semester of transformation, beginning with our new whānau name Atamai.

**Food & Hospitality**

I am very excited about our focus of Transformation in Food Technology. Food products are always changing or transforming. Even in their growth stage. DNA is being modified. The simple act of adding one ingredient to another can transform taste, texture and the final outcome. Ingredients can be altered, prepared in a different manner and cooked to make dishes more appealing, cost effective and healthier. This semester, we will be making the ordinary extraordinary!

**Visual Arts**

This year in Visual Arts, we will be creating paintings, prints and sculpture constructions based around our inquiry themes of Transformation and Globalisation. In year 8 & 2 we will research and create our own personal tattoo designs, inspired with Maori and Māori. We will be exploring the use of digital technology and the use of digital technology in the art world.

**STEM**

In the STEM workshop, Year 7 learn how the science of biology and use this knowledge in our construction. We will be using the knowledge in our design and construction. All students learn to use tools and machinery safely when constructing their projects and are encouraged to be creative in their designs. We will be exploring the use of digital technology in the art world.

**Performing Arts**

Performing Arts has some exciting projects this semester. We will be looking at how Dance and Music has evolved and transformed through the years starting in the early 1900s. Our focus will be on making written word come alive through performance.

Dear Parents/ Whānau and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to our Whānau Manaki for 2021. It is great to see familiar, smiling faces, as well as welcoming our new Year 7 students to Bruce McLaren.

**Who are we?**

We are Whānau Manaki, which means CARE in Te Reo. It is one of our five school core values at Bruce McLaren. In our Whānau, we show respect to each other, support one another, work collaboratively together and of course be able to ask your child.

As a Whānau, our children have the opportunity to mix together regularly with weekly Whānau Fitness sessions, PE, SPEC and Whānau hui (meetings).

**Our Whānau Manaki Team**

- Room 9- Miss Whittington- [whittington@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:whittington@brucemclaren.school.nz)
- Room 10 (Samoan Identity, Language & Culture class) - Miss Ngawaka - [ngawaka@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:ngawaka@brucemclaren.school.nz)
- Room 11 - Mr Liebenberg [liebenberg@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:liebenberg@brucemclaren.school.nz)

Should you wish to contact your classroom teacher, please make contact at the office or feel free to email and the class teacher will get in touch with you.

**Learning focus:**

- about getting to know each other, in our class, Whānau, school and community, or this semester (terms 1 & 2) is Transformation. We will be learning about this inquiry and science lessons.
- Our expectations for all of our students to:
  - pool in time every day 8-30am
  - correct uniform including hats and PE gear
  - respect and support others
  - initiative while learning through fun
- about the year ahead and we can't wait to work alongside you to create the best hies for your child.

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# MEET THE TEACHER



## THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 6.00PM - 7.00PM

Meet the Teacher is a time to come along and put a face to the name of your child's teacher, meet other parents/whānau of students in your child's class and get to hear about how your child's class operates.

There are many opportunities to get involved with, to support your child's learning at our school.

**Meet the Teacher evening is on: Thursday, 25 February 2021 6.00pm - 7.00pm**

We will all meet in the hall to begin with and then move to classrooms. Your child is encouraged to show you their Specialist Classrooms also.

Everyone is invited to come along. There will also be a sausage sizzle - first in, first served.

*Hope to see you all!*

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# 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**