



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 3

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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,

What a week Week 5 has been so far, and it is only Thursday!

A brilliant time was had with the Year 8 students at Beach Ed out at Piha North with the Life Guards and big waves! The cloud cover made it an enjoyable day. The students had a blast. The waves turned it on, the beach was all ours and the Life Guards had amazing theory and games to ensure the learning of beach safety, water safety and how to have fun safely in the surf. Thank you to our amazing supporters (parents, Salvation Army staff, teachers and staff) for making this possible.

Opportunities Day has commenced with students heading off in all directions undertaking activities to encourage and extend them with their learning journey. Opportunities Day operates semester by semester. Most students will have at least one opportunity that they have selected. Any student who has not been placed into an Opportunity will be placed in semester 2.

Trainings for WZ sport days continue with students preparing for softball and swimming. Cultural groups are also underway with practices. Should you wish to assist with any sport or culture group please contact the front office.

Being a member of the Board of Trustees of our school is an incredibly rewarding position. If you would like to inquire into becoming a member of the BOT, please contact Nicki at the front office or email: admin@bruceclaren.school.nz.

We are now over halfway through the first term and officially into Autumn (where did Summer go?). Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and is up to date with their stationery.

With Effort Reports coming home on Friday 16th March, a great question to ask is "how do I know my child is learning?" Teachers are always available

to talk with you so feel free to email them for any queries or to make an appointment. Effort Report 3 Way Conversations take place Wednesday and Thursday 21 & 22 March. To make a time to meet with the teacher and your child, more information is available in the newsletter.

Please feel free to call or email to discuss any issues, concerns or compliments.

Thank you for being part of our BMIS whanau.

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood*  
Principal

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### ***ebully@bruceclaren.school.nz***

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 concerning bullying are discussed within the family home and out of school hours so this gives parents and students alike, an opportunity to deal with bullying immediately.

### ***PIHA BUS UPDATE***

The early bus will depart from North Piha at 07.30am, starting TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2018.

The same bus leaves Te Ahu Ahu road at 7.45am

## **REMINDER: EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

- 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. School buses will collect students from BMIS after the 1pm bell.
- On **Thursday, 22 March**, school will close at 1:00pm to allow for the Effort Report Meetings.

## **CONTACTING & COMING INTO SCHOOL**

We hope that 2018 has started well for all BMIS whanau.

We understand that there maybe times when parents/caregivers will need to come into school during the day to visit the Student Office or to see staff members.

This is a reminder of our procedures:

1. If you need to come into the school, you must always sign in on the computer in the main foyer. You will receive a Visitor Entry Pass that must be worn while you are in the school. Please ensure that you also sign out when leaving.
2. The classroom teacher is your first point of contact for queries relating to what is happening for your child. All emails of teachers are on our website: [www.bruce McLaren.school.nz](http://www.bruce McLaren.school.nz) or phone 836 3175.

## **LIFE ED MONEY DUE**

Year 7 students will start Life Ed in Week 6 (12 March). Please send payment of \$6 to school (or pay online) if you haven't already. Thank you.

## **PAYING FEES, etc**

Just a reminder that fees etc can be paid online. 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.

## **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 **4DZZZYCY** 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.

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## COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**1-5pm, Saturday 24th March 2018**

**Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Field**

61-69 Bruce McLaren Road Henderson

**FREE Family Entertainment**  
**Food/Info Stalls, Maze, Entertainment,**  
**Petting Farm, Pony Rides, Hula Nesian,**  
**Climbing Tower, Kelston Girls Meke, Unity Kids**  
**Games/Relays, Seed 2 Harvest and more**  
**BYO Picnics, blankets and sun shades**

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