



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

Week 6 has a raft of events underway and some rain to break the drought.

YEAR 8 BEACH ED AT PIHA:

Beach Ed, Part 1 of Year 8 EOTC, is being implemented with our students learning incredible life skills when in and around a surf beach at Piha North. Beach Ed is a full day surf safety course delivered at the beach by surf lifeguards. Beach Ed covers module 8 of Swimming NZ Kiwi Swim Safe Programme. Activities on the day may vary depending on conditions. Beach Ed Modules include:

- Tour of club
- Teaching of surf safety rules
- Identification of and how to escape a rip current
- Beach games - relating to a skill to stay safe on the beach including a sand sculpture of a rip current
- How to set up a beach patrol - reinforces safety messages
- Water activities - may include mock rescues, body boards, channel/hole identification, survival using flotation device.
- Lifeguard in a rip
- Sun smart

We look forward to having our students be amazing surf smart citizens.

KAHUI AKO/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING:

The Kahui Ako/Community of Learning is igniting its collegiality for 2020 with all schools in our COL embarking on Rongohia te hau – learning with a cultural lens. (Schools are: Prospect, Oratia, Sunnyvale, Henderson South, Henderson Valley, Bruce McLaren and Henderson High School). We look forward to revisiting and upskilling in this area.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSE:

A reminder that school will be closing at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 11 March to allow for Effort Report Meetings. More info on the next page!

WINNING ATTENDANCE:

Winning attendance for Monday, 2 March goes to Room 9. Attendance counted includes justified absences (sick, bereavement, notified from home of absence) and justified late arrival to school. Congratulations Room 9 – winner of ice blocks.

WAITAKERE ZONE SOFTBALL:

WZ Softball teams will be representing BMIS next week. We wish them well and look forward to their commitment to trainings working in their favour.

PITSTOP:

Pit Stop is feeding 120+ students, twice per day. Pit Stop is a top up/refuelling station for our growing emerging adolescent students. This is where students are able to access delicious food including fruit, hot meals, sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, patisseries and smoothies, milk, water – overseen by staff but run by students for students. This is amazing student agency. No student can say they are hungry at BMIS! Even the staff is able to refuel. ALL FOR FREE! Please keep sending morning tea and lunch with your child – this is a 'top up' not a replacement for parenting.

DEVICES AT NIGHT:

It has come to our attention that there are more than a few students stating that they are on devices at many times throughout the night. Sleep deprivation, also known as insufficient sleep or sleeplessness, is the condition of not having enough sleep. A chronic sleep-restricted state adversely affects the brain and cognitive function. This makes it extremely hard for an overtired, sleep deprived child to learn - and ridiculously hard for an experienced teacher to teach this child. As all engaged parents do, please review your child's device usage. And remember - as parents we determine when our children are online or on a device.

JOB VACANCY - MOWING CONTRACTOR:

BMIS is reviewing the field mowing contract. If you know of a 'field' mowing contractor who would like to quote for 14 field mows for 12 months, please let them know and send the quote through to admin@bruceclaren.school.nz

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) - update for BMIS Whanau. During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic.

You may be wondering what BMIS is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

If you have checked our Pandemic Planning Policy, you will have seen that school specific content is no longer there. Instead, we will follow the daily updates from Ministry of Education and Health.

Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell, you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two more links for those wishing to read more.

Ministry of Education: <http://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/student-and-staff-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/#preventing>

Ministry of Health: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus?>

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

SWIMMING AWARDS:

Well done to our swimming champs!:

Top Year 7 Boy: *Maceo Thompson*

Top Year 7 Girl: *Jessica Botica*

Top Year 8 Boy: *Liam Clarke*

Top Year 8 Girl: *Isabella Linkhorn*

Top Whanau: *Atamai (Rooms 4, 9 and 11)*

McLAREN AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a McLaren Award at assembly:

Maia (R9); Leilani (R1); Lewis (R13); Lailoa (R7); Rosa (R1); Kalita (R4); Sonny (R8); Sarah (R5)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

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

Honor (R1); Rihanna (R1); Bezalel (R2); Deborah (R2); Aria (R3); All of Room 4; Sarah (R5); Kyra (R6); Emily (R6); Makiyla (R7); Jayme (R9); Mila (R13); Sahar (R13); Glaeiz (R6); Natasha (R6); Maceo (R9); Rhys (R9); Carlos (R3); Jadyne (R1); Michael (R1); Sam (R11); Nikolai (R11); Lisa (R11); George (R2); Nacasia (R2)

SCHOOL FEES 2020:

The cost for Year 7 camp has now been confirmed and will be \$290 per student. The cost of Year 8 EOTC is also \$290 (\$30 for Beach Ed, the remaining \$260 for four days of activities in September).

You are welcome to start paying these costs off now. 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.

EFFORT REPORT EVENING

Wednesday, 11 March 2020
1.15pm - 8.30pm

You can now book your meeting with your child's classroom teacher through the Skool Loop app, under the 'Interviews' tab.

Just a reminder also that **school will be closing at 1.00pm** on this day, to allow for the interviews. 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.

Please call the school office on 836-3175 if you have any issues.

EXCITING TIMES AT BMIS!



ABSENCES - IT ALL ADDS UP!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:

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



Find out how we do it

Come to
Liston College's
OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 25th March
7.00 – 9.00pm

Assemble at the Gym at 7.00pm

Register by visiting www.liston.school.nz

Creating
ACHIEVERS

