

Bruce McLaren Intermediate





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NEWSLETTER #3 - 9 MARCH 2022

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, of Term 1 is racing by.

It is superb to have so many students engaged in their learning on site. SCHOOL IS OPEN. Learning is at school, even in RED. Thank you to our school families for keeping us safe on site by always monitoring your child/ren for any symptoms and keeping them home if they are unwell.

ISOLATING STUDENTS:

If students are isolating – learning online with Education Perfect and MathsBuddy using SeeSaw and googleclassroom continues or through a hard pack of learning.

If your child (BMIS student) is a positive COVID-19 case: They have been tested with a positive result and are isolating. Please advise the school as soon as possible.

If your child is a HOUSEHOLD CONTACT: They will isolate at home. Please advise the school as soon as possible.

If your child is NOT a positive case/NOT a Household Contact: Your child is to attend school. Life as we know it.

If your child is unwell: Please keep them home from school.

In this stage of the CPF RED Phase 2, I encourage parents/caregivers to be vigilant and watch out for the signs and symptoms of the virus. These are:

- new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- a fever •
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat •
- shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/ irritability.

ON SITE LEARNING:

Again, we have been incredibly fortunate to have our staff and students remain well. BMIS is observing the health and safety mitigations which support the limiting of transmission of COVID-19 in our school. We are powering through sanitizer and sunblock! Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing a mask. We are taking our learning outdoors when we can as well - check out the pictures in the newsletter.

Students are completing a Science Survey which will gauge how they feel about their learnings of Science to date and what interests them.

BEGINNING OF YEAR TESTING:

Beginning of Year testing (e-asTTLe, IKAN, STAR, GloSs, PROBE) is completed, with a few catch ups in the pipeline. This is a great indicator as to where a student is at, set goals for the term and ensure that areas of development are targeted. You will see your child's Goal Setting Sheets on their SeeSaw profile. Please take the time to discuss this with your child. Student goals are supported by their classroom teacher and are referred to regularly so that every increment to achieving the goal/s is celebrated.

MY PERSONAL BEST - LEARNER PROFILE CHECK IN MEETINGS:

"My Personal Best - Learner Profile" will be completed this term and, with fingers crossed, we will be able to host our Check In meetings with parents, caregivers and students on site to discuss these.

The date for the evening is: Thursday, 7 April from 1:00pm - 8:00pm. School will close at 12.30pm to accommodate slots. More information about how to book will be sent out closer to the time.

Please note that these meetings will only go ahead if we are out of the RED light setting.

Ritchies bus students can be collected or registered through the front office by parents, to wait until bus collection at the end of the school day, while supervised in the Library.

STAFF ONLY DAY:

On Thursday, 14 April, BMIS will be closed for a Staff Only Day. This day is part of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. Staff will be immersed in professional development. The school will be closed to students.

TERM BREAK:

Easter is looming. The term break is from Thursday, 14 April – Sunday, 1 May. School is closed over this time.

CONTACTING TEACHERS:

Should you have any thoughts, wonderings or questions about your child's learning, the classroom teacher is the first point of contact. Email is the best form of communication.

Never hesitate to contact with us, we are here.

Parents as first and forever teachers and for educators in schools, it is important for us to remember:

Ka rongo, ka areware Ka kite, ka mahara Ka hangaia, ka marama ahau I hear and I forget I see and I remember I do and I understand

Have a safe and happy fortnight ahead.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood Principal – Tumuaki

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

EBULLYING EMAIL ADDRESS:

ebully@brucemclaren.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.

BULLY FREE NZ - PINK SHIRT DAY:

This year's Bully-Free NZ week will be from Monday 16 to Friday 20 May (with the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day happening on Friday 20 May).

It will continue to build on the theme *"He kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau: Simple ripples create big waves"*.

BMIS will be holding a PINK SHIRT DAY with a gold coin donation to support this great cause in Term 2.

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.

END OF DAY - REMINDER:

In CPF RED our students are staggered when leaving school to reduce congestion at the gate.

Departing times are:

Bus students to the hall at 2:45pm

Atawhai:	2:45pm	Mahi Tahi:	2:50pm
Manawanui:	2:55pm	Manaaki:	3:00pm

No student is to wait outside the school gates. The Bus Bay is for buses only - there are many spots around the school that make for safe pick up areas. Please ensure you discuss this with your child so that no student is left waiting at school after 3:10pm.

2022 TERM DATES:

TERM 1:

Year 7: Wednesday, 2 February - Thursday, 14 April Year 8: Thursday, 3 February - Thursday, 14 April Thursday, 14 April: Staff Only Day (no school)

Friday, 15 April: Good Friday (falls during holidays) Monday, 18 April: Easter Monday (falls during holidays) Monday, 25 April: ANZAC Day (falls during holidays)

TERM 2:

Monday, 2 May - Friday, 8 July

Friday, 3 June: Staff Only Day (no school) Monday, 6 June: Queen's Birthday (no school)

TERM 3:

Monday, 25 July - Friday, 30 September Friday, 9 September: Staff Only Day (no school)

TERM 4:

Monday, 17 October - Wednesday, 14 December Monday, 24 October: Labour Day (no school)

Hospitality and Food







Hospitality & Food Technology is off to a colourful start. Creative presentation was part of the design brief for these students and they didn't disappoint!

Well done to all those students who tried a new fruit and made their own twist on the average fruit salad.

















COVID-19 POP UP VACCINATION CLINIC

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022 3.30PM - 5.30PM

61-69 BRUCE MCLAREN RD, HENDERSON NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVERYONE WEARS A MASK. VENUE: BRUCE MCLAREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL