



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 4

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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,

This week is Week 7 of Term 1. This means we have achieved 63% of our school learning time. Therefore, we only have 18 school days left of the term to ensure we cover everything we have set out to accomplish. Time flies when you are learning through fun!

As many of you are aware, Mr Brett McKenzie, Assistant Principal, is leaving the school after commencing Term 1, 2004, for 2018. He will be taking up a Study Award to further his professional education. This is an important part of any educator's professional development. Mr McKenzie's last day is Thursday, 22nd March – at Effort Report – 3 Way Conferences. We wish him well with his learning journey.

We welcome Mr Arun Ganda, who will fill Mr McKenzie's position in his absence, of class teacher of Room 4 and Assistant Principal. Mr Ganda will be present at the Effort Report – 3 Way Conferences to meet parents/caregivers and whanau.

Welcome to Mrs Sophia Woof, who is joining our team of Specialist teachers. Mrs Woof has a great depth of experience with teaching Technology and will commence after Easter.

Mr Geoff Emmitt is changing his teaching role at BMIS commencing Term 2. Mr Emmitt is looking forward to providing Pure Science to our students. This shift will ensure our students will have hands on, incredible experiences with Science - science as it should be, in a designated Science Room where students can experience hypothesizing, using specific equipment, developing methods, assessing risk, experimenting, discerning results, making connections, deducing conclusions and HAVING FUN!

We welcome Mrs Patricia Tuilaepa who will be the teacher in Room 2. Mrs Tuilaepa has previously taught at Sunnyvale, Prospect and coming to us from Kelston Intermediate School. Mrs Tuilaepa will be in attendance at the Thursday 22nd March, Effort Report 3 Way Conferences after 4pm to meet

parents/caregivers and whanau.

School life continues to evolve at Bruce McLaren Intermediate. Students are currently attending Life Education Trust which is facilitating a fabulous programme around 'empowerment' and concurrently being immersed in Everyday/Applied Theatre developing and honing skills around key values and the importance of 'resilience'. The programmes are focused on providing our students with skills for life.

Sport activities continue with great days of Softball at WZ Competition and Swimming about to take place.

Opportunities Day is well underway with students heading off in all directions, doing all kinds of amazing learning.

At BMIS we pride ourselves on ensuring our students are equipped to DREAM BELIEVE and ACHIEVE – knowing their identity, language and culture/s are valued by all on site; that each student has a voice and that each voice is listened to. Last Friday we closed early for all teachers of all the schools in the COL to meet and discuss our shared vision, successes and aspirations for our akonga. Miss Marietta Ah Chong, with Ms Atua Asafo in support, conveyed to our COL what we are doing at BMIS that makes a difference for our students. This was received extremely well and I have had nothing but positive feedback about BMIS' direction, practices and progress! The roll growth of 15% from 2017-18 reflects this.

BMIS is about a CULTURE of continuous quality improvement with everyone involved. There is 'no standing still'.

Please take note of the days that schools are closed for Easter and Term 1 break.

NEWSLETTERS ARE IMPORTANT TO READ.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood
Principal

EFFORT REPORTS

Effort Reports will be brought home by your child on Friday, 16th March in a sealed envelope addressed to their parent/s or caregiver/s.

The Effort Report is useful feedback for your child and for us as parents/caregivers. There is sound evidence that determination and perseverance are hugely important to many school outcomes that most people care about. There is also evidence that students' beliefs about effort are important. When students believe that effort leads to achievement, they are more likely to work hard, and not to get discouraged by failure, because they believe that, with more effort, they can succeed. **And at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School that is what we do: DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE!**

REMINDER: EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE:

On Thursday, 22 March, school will close at 1:00pm to allow for the Effort Report Meetings.

TRAVELWISE

In November 2017, six Year 8 School Councillors with Auckland Transport used the Speed Radar to measure the speeds of vehicles passing our school gate from 8:15 - 8:30am. At this time the actual speed is zoned for 40km/hr.

120 vehicle speeds were capture. 52 km/hr was the highest speed captured. 24km/hr was the lowest speed captured. The average speed over this time was 39km/hr.

There were 46 vehicles speeding at this time which means 38% of drivers passing our school gate are breaking the law by speeding in a 40km/hr zone.

Some slogans the students came up with are:

Keep speed down - don't be a clown!

We CARE - Kids near!

Go slow and keep the flow.

We need to be alive to learn!

Drive with care - students near.

Look out - kids about.

Thank you to everyone who drives with care when passing our school. It is much appreciated.

OUR B.O.T. NEEDS YOU!

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@brucemclaren.school.nz.

BOTTLE TOPS

We are collecting coloured bottle tops to create a Bruce McLaren car mural. Please bring your rinsed tops to the office each morning and place them in the container.

OFF AT THE GATE

All student devices are to be switched off when entering the school and placed in the class valuables box by 8.30am. They can be turned 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.

LIFE ED MONEY DUE

Year 7 students have now all visited the Life Ed caravan. Please send payment of \$6 to school (or pay online) if you haven't already. Thank you to those that have paid.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Your March statement will be posted out next week. *Please note that the statements only show items that are still to be paid.* Any concerns or queries about payments, please call Nicki in the school office on 836-3175.

Your prompt payment of this amount would be very much appreciated. Families who have entered into a regular payment schedule with the school can continue as usual.

SCHOOL DONATION:

The resources and facilities our students enjoy are partly due to the generosity of existing and past parents who have paid this donation. Hence, we would very much appreciate your payment of this donation as well.

Receipts are available for all donations paid.

MAKING PAYMENTS:

Payments can be made by cash or EFTPOS at the school office, or direct into our school bank account (**Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, 12-3051-0471762-00**). Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

ebully@brucemclaren.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.

UNIFORM

A reminder that school uniform can be ordered online at: <http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/>

We have samples in the office for students to try on, if you need to check sizing. We can also help out with ordering if you are unable to order for yourself online.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:
8.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday:
8.00am - 3.00pm

SOFTBALL UPDATE

The Year 7/8 Boys Softball team took part in the Waitakere Zone Softball tournament on Tuesday at May Rd.

They started the day off losing their first game in section play to Avondale Intermediate. Undeterred they straight away had to play Henderson

Intermediate. In this game they ended up coming out on top, winning 5-3.

This then meant that they moved in to the Quarter Finals where they were up against Blockhouse Bay Intermediate who had not lost a game during their section play.

They started off really well and scored five runs in the first inning. Blockhouse Bay came back and managed to score one run. Bruce McLaren unfortunately didn't manage a run in the 2nd innings, but they managed to keep Blockhouse Bay scoreless. This meant that Bruce McLaren would go through to the semi-final to play Te Atatu Intermediate. Unfortunately, Te Atatu proved too strong for us at the end of the day. The boys did extremely well and finished 3rd overall.

Congratulations to all the boys for giving their best on the day.

The Team: *Jodeci Popata-Hennessey, Haneef Safi, Ashton Latham, Charles Waipouri, James Edmonds, Matty Breuer, Junior Uaelesi, Patrick Enosa, Kelevi Kalisoqo, Te Ama George-Koteka, Jeremiah Havea, Luke Whitefield.*

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR INTERVIEW TIME YET?

BMIS Effort Report Evenings

**Wednesday, 21 March:
3:15 PM to 7:15 PM**

Effort Report Evening is a time to come along, reflect on learning and effort of your child thus far.
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, enter the event code **4DZ2ZYCY** 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.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

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messages

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and App Store search '**Skool Loop NZ**'
& choose our school once installed.

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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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