



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #5

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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,

Here at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, we are racing to the End of Term finish flag.

Much has been achieved in the last few weeks, as it has throughout the Term 1.

VIRTUAL REALITY SESSIONS:

Every student attended a Blake Virtual Reality session, exploring the depths of our local waters from Cornwallis Wharf waters to Goat Island, the Poor Knights to the Hauraki Gulf. Students learnt about the effects of overfishing, pollution, runoff and how our efforts with conservation can have a hugely positive outcome on our local, regional, national and international waters. The VR session delved deep into the marine reserves around Aotearoa and highlighted the comparisons between devastated and rich marine ecosystems. Another amazing opportunity for your child at BMIS!

WESTERN ZONE TAG TOURNAMENT:

The Tag Rugby teams competed at WZ Sports Day where they demonstrated that dedicated trainings can certainly make a difference. Some of our students had never heard of Tag or even played with an oval ball before this tournament. Now they are seasoned players with an amazing range of skills. Thank you to Josh Rave for your time and effort supporting our coaching staff.

YEAR 8 BEACH ED:

Beach Ed is being implemented. Thwarted by COVID-19 previously, our Year 8 students are off to Piha North - learning the benefits of how to be safe around sea water; how to read rips and survive if caught in a rip, how to manage oneself and others in waves, how to remove someone from the surf, how to use a floatation device, how to ENJOY time at a surf beach. This is an incredibly important programme for our students that saves lives.

TURBO TOUCH:

Three BMIS teams - girls, boys & mixed, participated

at the Western Zone Turbo Touch Tournament held at the Te Pai Courts, Friday 9th April. Our teams were highly competitive with an emphasis on having a stronger mindset on and off the court, always striving to improve. Thank you to Josh Rave for assisting our coaching staff on the day.

Final Results:

BMIS Girls: 3rd equal; BMIS Mixed: 3rd equal



PERSONAL LEARNER PROFILE MEETINGS:

My Best Learner Profile – 3 Way Learning Conversation evening was extremely well supported. Thank you to the many parents/whanau who made time to meet with your child's teacher.

It is so important to have a conversation about the transition your child has made to Year 7 or Year 8. Setting a goal for your child for the year is of utmost importance as this provides the focus for ongoing reflection and discussion with home/school/student and how your child is progressing with their holistic learning and wellbeing.

Your child will be able to show you their work on SeeSaw, Language Nut, EduPerfect, Googleclassroom and MathsBuddy also. Keep asking them to show you their learning. And yes, there is always homework.

COVID UPDATES:

COVID has been very disruptive to Term 1. However, we are all in this together, taking pride in responding to new situations, and finding solutions.

I know that the ongoing uncertainty around COVID, and responding to the needs of your child/ren – our akonga is demanding. So, whatever your plans over the school holidays, please take some time to connect with whanau and friends.

FAREWELL MR EDMONDS:

Thank you to Mr Edmonds of Room 6, for your mahi as classroom teacher, support of school singing and Teacher in Charge of the Band for Term 1.

Best wishes for your future endeavours.

RAMADAN:

Ramadan commenced on 13 April and goes until 12 May. We look forward to supporting all of our students who are participating in Ramadan and wish them well.

May you have a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to our students being in class at 8:30am on Monday, 3 May.

Keep sanitising and scanning; smiling and supporting one another.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

BMIS STAFF ONLY DAY:

Friday, 4th June is Staff Only Day.

The school is only open to staff who will be immersed in specific needs and pedagogical learning. We look forward to seeing students in class at 8:30am on Tuesday, 8th June after Queen's Birthday Weekend.

PIT STOP:

We are so proud of PIT STOP. A reminder of what Pit Stop is:

Pit Stop caters breakfasts, morning teas and lunches for our BMIS students and has done so, without stigma, since 2017.

Every student and staff member is able to access Pit Stop.

We believe that everyone on site needs to ensure they are fuelled ready for learning - which increases engagement and enhances achievement.

Hot meals for lunch are provided Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cold lunches are Tuesday and Thursday.

Pit Stop is supported by Kickstart Breakfast, KidsCan, Fonterra and Fruit In Schools.

Pit Stop is operated under supervision of staff and run by kids for kids - that's entrepreneurial!

We have recently been visited by Kickstart Breakfast to observe our Pit Stop operation and Kickstart Breakfast are so impressed with how food is easily accessed and is openly equitable for all at BMIS, that BMIS has been asked to host the leadership team of Fonterra to see Pit Stop in action. VERY EXCITED!

FOLAUGA:

The Ministry Of Education has allocated funding nationally, through their Pasifika Education Innovation Fund of which BMIS has been successful in applying for. The folauga aligns with MOE goals, BMIS strategic goals and Kahui Ako strategic goals and focuses on learning around successful transitions to intermediate school for Year 7 students and transitions to secondary school for Year 8 students. These transitions are unique globally. BMIS is one of many schools nationally which has received funding to assist Pasifika students. Thank you to our parents/matua who have given written permission for your tamaiti to be involved in the folauga, providing feedback that you are seeing the benefits of the programme thus far. We are looking forward to continuing this learning and teaching. Please be aware that our students are catered for at the folauga so that they do not miss out on Pit Stop as sessions run on a Tuesday from 8:50 - 11:50am. Every classroom teacher is involved in one of the six sessions for Year 7 and six sessions for Year 8 and is providing feedback also. We are all learners together.

Innovations and initiatives at BMIS, in addition to our New Zealand Curriculum, sporting, cultural, performing, music, service, key competencies and trips/events, that are in place and/or coming up are:

Jammers; health mentoring; Navig8; ARL Game Changes; MatesWay; Te Ao Marāma, Activ8;

You can see - the teaching team are doing the mahi to ensure that our students have as many opportunities as they can in their short time at intermediate school.

SAFETY BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL:

At assemblies our BMIS students are reminded to mention to parents and whanau about the 'drop off' and 'pick up' at the school gate.

Reminders are: choosing to park in a safe and legal place, always making sure children have the right child restraint / seat belt as well as do NOT stop in the bus bay, always park away from YELLOW LINES, adhere to the speed limit outside a school.

These are everyday safety items that all parents and whanau should think about to ensure the safety of our akong - your children.

FROM THE ROAD POLICING TEAM:

In conjunction with the school, the Road Policing Team may talk to drivers arriving at school. They are looking at proactive reinforcement of safety around schools and SAFETY approaches to ensure the wellbeing of our akong are certainly welcomed.

Please do the right thing! Show that you care while our kids are near.

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Well done to Room 10 for best attendance for Week 8 and 9 and to Room 8 for best attendance in Week 10. Keep up the great work!

WELL DONE KYRA!

Kyra competed in the South Island Surfing Championships in Dunedin where she placed 5th in the Under 14 Girls and 3rd in the Under 12 Girls. She was also in the Otago Daily Times last Saturday morning. She had a great time and received a very impressive trophy. A group of our students also participated at another big competition at Pauanui. The Billabong Grom contest at Piha was postponed due to Covid Level 3.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY, PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN IN TOO!

WAITAKERE CITY ATHLETIC CLUB
Cross Country Season!

WHEN:
Tuesday nights, kicking off from March 30th

WHERE:
Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

TIME:
Meet at 4.30 pm with pack run to commence at 4.45pm

Find out more at www.wcac.org.nz or facebook.com/waitakereathleticclub

FREE FOR YOUTH 11-17 YRS OLD

APRIL 21
Youth HOLIDAY PROGRAM

10AM - 3PM . DAY EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PROGRAM WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON MON 26 APRIL (ANZAC DAY)

MON 19 APRIL Back Yard Olympics	TUE 20 APRIL Silo Park Egg Hunt	WED 21 APRIL Gamers Guild	THU 22 APRIL Self Defense	FRI 23 APRIL Mission Bay
MON 26 APRIL Observing Anzac Day	TUE 27 APRIL Laser Tag	WED 28 APRIL Western Springs	THU 29 APRIL Master Chef	FRI 30 APRIL Amazing Race

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MPS COMMUNITY TRUST ORANGA TAMARIKI Ministry for Vulnerable Children

ARL HOLIDAY BLAST

Get active and have fun with us during the school holidays!



WHEN: THURSDAY 29th AND FRIDAY 30th APRIL
TIME: 9AM-3PM
WHERE: JACK COLVIN PARK, TE ATATU RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
COST: \$25 PER DAY, LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Further info: maclayton07@gmail.com or call 021 191 2683

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!
All ages welcome. Come down and join the WFC family!!

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