



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 8

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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

We are now in Week 7 of a 10 week term. So much has taken place in such a short amount of time over the last fortnight.

Through this newsletter you will read about our super sports stars and the events they have attended, the industrial action, programmes, winners, contributors, updates of growth, changes, challenges and positive progress.

HAWKES BAY SCHOOL VISITS

I have been fortunate enough to have visited intermediate schools in the Hawkes Bay over the course of three days and have returned back to our school affirmed about the vision, direction and the many initiatives at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Many of the intermediates were envious about or trying to implement such a programme as our Opportunities Day. Opportunities Day – our personalised learning time.

This amazing programme continues at BMIS, by engaging every student in something related to the arts, music, sciences, humanities, environment, academics and a range of digital experiences and technologies beyond the classroom programme. It was also affirming to see that timetabling, staffing and meeting the needs of specific students are areas of “need” in every intermediate school whether Decile 1 or Decile 10!

I wish to thank the Management Team for their leadership in my absence.

SOCCER

Our Girls and Boys Soccer teams headed out in May - see their reports later in this newsletter!

RUGBY

On 29th May, our Rugby team played at the Waitemata Rugby Club, under the watchful eye of Mr McKenzie. Read his report later in this newsletter.

SQUASH

On Friday 7 June, 16 Squash players competed with amazing success and rocked into my office holding a

Champions Trophy and smiling from ear to ear. We are very proud of all our team players and the way in which they conducted themselves. I have heard from teachers, parents and the community outside of our school just how amazing our students represented their school. We can be all be very proud of our students.

NETBALL

Netball continues in all weather. If your child has committed to a team then he/she will know when the training sessions are and what time the games are on at Te Pai. Attendance is imperative as a member of a team sport. It is expected that 7 players take the court regardless of attendance. We have an amazing winning record to uphold this season.

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

On Friday, the last day of Samoan Language Week, Ta fia Falealili fua hosted Waimahia Intermediate School and Kowhai Intermediate School to a So’otaga, an Ava Ceremony, a rotation of amazing activities and heaps of yummy food. The weather was not in our favour, however, everyone shone brightly making this a very memorable day. We were fortunate to also host the Minister for Sport and Culture from Samoa (our Minister of Education equivalent).

BLOG SPOT

Blog spot: Some fantastic pictures and reflections from Room 1 are on the blog from the So’otaga and Samoan Language Week. Fa’afetai Ms Magasiva and Room 1 students for making this available.

<https://bruceclarenintermediate.blogspot.com/>

TOUCH SCREEN TV

We love receiving “goodies” and we are grateful to the E.R.O for a fabulous TV touch screen on a fantastic stand. Thank you very much for your generous gift. This will be used constantly in our learning and teaching.

EID

With the conclusion of Ramadan, a belated happy Eid Mubarak to our families who have fasted over the

duration of Ramadan. I am sure your festivities were memorable.

It is Hindi Language Week and we are celebrating with our Hindi students as they provide us with language and cultural information.

YEAR 7 CAMP & YEAR 8 EOTC

Camp and EOTC are fast approaching (Term 3) and it is time to start getting excited about these brilliant experiences.

These experiences are part of our curriculum and it is expected for all students to attend. Only a medical certificate will keep our students from attending.

Resilience is something that our students will benefit from – being away from home, self-managing their time, clothing and sleep; participating and contributing to team building activities, thinking strategically and relating to others.

This is one intermediate experience that most of us remember as adults – fun, friends, learning and laughter. However, Year 7 Camp is not like I remember – this is like a 5 Star hotel, all dietary requirements are met, food is delicious, facilities are incredible, and the activities are exciting and tailored for weather.

If you would like to support your child at camp or EOTC, please contact Mr Rob Emerson at emerson@bruce McLaren.school.nz or ring through to the office for information about Year 7 Camp or Year 8 EOTC.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As of now we have a new Board of Trustees. I would like to formally welcome **Carol Botica, Roy Dumble, Sara Mason, Nicholas Powell, Lara Williams** and **Mr Rob Emerson** – Staff Trustee, to the BMIS Board.

It is a challenging time to commit to such an important task as a School Trustee of our nation with industrial action, the teacher crisis, the high level of special needs students entering mainstream classrooms, budgetary restrictions imposed by the MOE such as the lack of maintenance funding for property, new buildings, digital technologies, furniture upgrades, to name a few. So we thank them in advance for their commitment to education at our school and our BMIS journey ahead.

MID YEAR REPORTING

Please ensure that you book a time online to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the learning progress thus far at our Mid Year Reporting time. Reports will be posted home to you during the week beginning 24th June.

If you would like us to scan and email your child's report to you, please contact the school office on 836-3175 or email: admin@bruce McLaren.school.nz

Report evenings are: Wednesday, 3 July and Thursday, 4 July. **School will close early on Thursday, 4 July at 1:00pm** and normal time on Wednesday, 3 July. Year 8

students will need this report to enrol at the high school you choose.

2020 ENROLMENTS

Year 8s will need to be thinking about, if not already enrolled, what high school they will be attending in 2020.

Year 6 enrolments are open now at BMIS. Be in early to secure a place as we are rapidly growing and will cap the roll for 2020.

May you and your whanau be well and keeping warm and dry.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

SQUASH:



On Friday, 7th June, 16 students descended upon the Henderson Squash Club to play for the title of Western Zone Squash Champs. BMIS entered 5 teams resulting in 1st place, 3rd, 4th, 5th and Plate Finalists in 7th place. The students really honoured the school motto of Dream, Believe, Achieve and performed way above expectation. This, no more so, than the big final between Henderson Intermediate which showed incredible tenacity by the BMIS players. A point to note was that the team had been practicing 5 weeks leading into the competition at Henderson Squash Club. Thank you to the parents and students for your commitment to train and prepare for this event.

- Rob Emerson

RUGBY:

The Bruce McLaren Open Rugby team competed at the Waitakere Zone Rugby day which was hosted at Waitemata Rugby Club on the 29th June.

They started the day off very well with a well deserved win over Rangeview Intermediate. The next game

was to be against the eventual winners of the day, Kelston Intermediate. The boys did extremely well for most of the first half but eventually folded to a much bigger, faster and very skilled team. They tackled their hearts out and gave it their all. In the 1st half they only managed to gain possession for the last minute of the half, so tackling was what they did for that half. The boys followed this game up with the game against Henderson Intermediate, a game which they dominated for long periods of time but fatigue finally told and they lost in the final few minutes. The last game of the day was against Glenavon Primary school which they managed to win after a very tight battle.

There were a number of players who stood out during the day, including J-Sue, Patrick, Ashton, Teina, Luke and our captain Montel.

A big thank you to the parent support on the day, it was great to see you all there supporting the boys. A big thank you to all the boys for their performance on the day. You did your school proud.

- Brett McKenzie

GIRLS SOCCER:

On Tuesday, 21 May, I had the pleasure of taking 25 girls to Parrs Park for the day to represent Bruce McLaren in the Western Zones Girls Football tournament.

Both teams displayed a great competitive spirit over the day, with some stand out players showing off their skills. The Year 7 team got a placing of Third. The Year 8 team were not so lucky, but both teams did their school proud with their efforts.

A big thanks to the girls for their commitment to training and being part of the team. Thanks also to the family members who came and supported on the day.

- Jenny Sheppard

REMINDER – CLASS PHOTOS:

Class photos will be taken on Monday, 24th June. **All photos must be prepaid, using the printed envelopes provided, by Wednesday, 19 June 2019.** There will be no individual photos.

SOFT DRINK BOTTLES & LIDS:

Mr Emmitt is on the hunt for empty soft drink bottles with lids for our STEM classes. Please send any clean, empty bottles with lids along to school.

NEWSLETTERS:

Newsletters are emailed out to all of the email addresses for parents/caregivers on file. If you do not

receive our emails, but would like to, you can subscribe on our school website: <http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz/newsletters/> then 'Subscribe'.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students, who received Principal's Awards at assembly during Week 6 & 7:

Judas Tana (R2), Daniel Khulia (R6), Maddison Williams (R5), Savanna Tait (R2), Cathy Sang (Rm 4), Vlad Jones (R4), Serina Puka-Edwards (R5), Sarai Tufala (R5), Sam Hordyk (R7), William Melamed (R7), McCahon Harvey (R8), Ciaran Norman (R8), Teina Murphy (R8), Laili Aminin (R8), Jackson Takia (R9).

MERIT AWARDS:

Well done to the following students, who received McLaren Awards at assembly during Week 6 & 7:

Hazel Powell (Rm 4), Isla Webster (Rm 6), Jessie-Marie Matete (Rm 2), Nacasia Manning (Rm 9)

MID YEAR REPORTS:

Mid Year Report will be POSTED home this term. **Please make sure we have your correct address details.**

NETBALL RESULTS:

5th June:

7A BMIS VS Marina View	10-15
7B	BYE
8A BMIS VS Kelston	14-30
8B BMIS VS Blockhouse Bay	11-17

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The School Uniform Centre have moved! They have relocated just across the road from where they were - the new address is: 588 Remuera Road, Remuera. Their website address is: <http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/catalogue/school/bruce-mclaren-intermediate/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC:

Only 13 weeks to go!

We encourage families to start making payments towards Y7 Camp and Y8 EOTC now. These can be made at the school office (cash or EFTPOS) or via online banking: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School: **12-3051-0471762-00**

Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references. It is expected that all students attend, unless there is a medical reason, in which case we require a doctors certificate.

Bruce McLaren Intermediate

Mid Year Three Way Learning Conversation

Wednesday, 3 July: 3:30 PM to 8:15 PM

Thursday, 4 July: 1:15 PM to 5:45 PM

Each interview is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Booking your interviews:

The booking website is now open and will close Thursday, 4 July at 12:45 PM.

1. Go to www.parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **QYU3ZMLJ** 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.

If you are unable to book online, please call the school office on 836-3175 and we can book for you.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE EARLY AT 1:00pm
ON THURSDAY, 4th JULY 2019 TO ALLOW FOR THE MEETING.**



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Please complete & return slip to the office.

I have read the newsletter and discussed it with my child.

Child's Name: _____

Room: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Signed: _____