



DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

Week 3
Term 1
2026

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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, SUSADEI, SELAMAT SIANG, SABAIDEE, MINGALABAR

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to parents, whānau and friends of **Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**, and welcome to the **2026 school year**.

We are well underway at BMIS with our Beginning of Year settling-in and assessments. Our ākonga are looking superb in their uniform, which truly is the window to our school.

Thank you to our **Year 8 ākonga** for leading our whakatau and welcoming new staff, students and families to BMIS. We look forward to working alongside our school community to ensure your child, our student, gets the most out of their time here.

Communication

Please ensure **Skool Loop** is downloaded on your primary device, as this is our main method of communication.

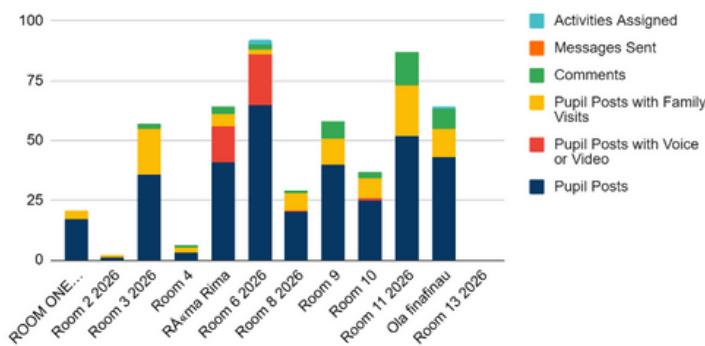
Our communication channels include:

- Skool Loop
- Email
- Front sign
- SeeSaw
- Official Facebook page
- School website
- Fortnightly newsletter (subscription required)

We prefer to be paperless; however, if you would like a hard copy of the newsletter, please email admin@brucemclaren.school.nz or send a note to the office with your child.



Seesaw Engagement for the Current Month



Seesaw

Week of February 1 - February 8 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate



282
New Student Posts



83
Comments



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Meet My Teacher

Thursday 19 February | 6:00 – 7:00pm

We invite you to our Meet My Teacher evening.

Families will gather in the hall before heading to classrooms to hear from teachers.

Enjoy a BBQ sausage or two (Halal), check in, and catch up with other whānau. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

Sports Update

Sports trials and trainings are underway for our first round of **Western Zone Champion of Champion** sports.

- Softball teams are learning the finer points of the game
- Swimming competitors have a programme outline and in place
- Tag trials are scheduled
- Netball trials are set and information has been provided to keen students
- Orienteering has over 90 students registered. Students are encouraged to start practicing their map-reading skills.



For any queries regarding WZ Sport, please contact Miss Ah Chong at deputy@brucemclaren.school.nz



Second Hand School Uniforms

Limited second-hand uniform items are available from the school office on a **first-in, first-served** basis. Miss Mel oversees all sales.

Students may purchase items by visiting the office **before 8:30am**.

Available items include:

Soft-shell jackets	\$40
Polar fleece	\$30
Polo shirts	\$20
Culottes	\$25
Shorts	\$25
PE Gear - Shirt	\$15
PE Gear - Shorts	\$15
Socks/Hats	\$5

All items have been professionally laundered.



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E-Bullying Email

BMIS has zero tolerance for bullying, and it is important that students understand what bullying is. Learners are supported by class teachers, whānau leaders, staff, and school resources.

If concerns arise at home - whether during family time or the after-school rush you are welcome to email: ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz.

This confidential inbox is received by me. You will be contacted to discuss the concern and any follow-up actions.

I put this process in place on my arrival at BMIS, and last year we received no emails, which is fantastic. However, please know the support is there if needed.

Policies

BMIS is a SchoolDocs Kura. School Docs houses all policies. We encourage our whānau to check these out.

The password is "racecar".

School Docs has a schedule of review for policies and everyone is welcome to provide input.

Click on SchoolDocs: enter Bruce McLaren Intermediate.

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE: When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once** ...
... that is **NOT NICE**

MEAN: When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once** ...
... that is **MEAN**

BULLYING: When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it**, over a period of **time**, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...
... that is **BULLYING**



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.





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BMIS Team 2026

Classroom Teachers

- Room 1: Nathan Dowding – Assistant Principal, Whānau Leader (Mahi Tahi)
- Room 2: Amanda Whitehead (relocating Friday 13 February)
- Room 3: Jade Noffke - Mahi Tahi
- Room 4: Gus Magasiva - Manawanui
- Room 5: Kiah Saunders-Dempster - Manawanui
- Room 6: Bipin Shankar - Manawanui
- Room 7: ESOL: Learning Assistants
- Room 8: Asha Anand – Whānau Leader (Manāki)
- Room 9: Kailah Johnson - Manāki
- Room 10: Lauren Southgate - Manāki
- Room 11: Lucy Francis - Atawhai
- Room 12: Helen Magasiva – Ola Finafinau, Whānau Leader (Atawhai)
- Room 13: Elyse Broadfoot-Woods - Atawhai

Specialist Teachers

- Performing Arts: Becks Tupa'i and Tim - Atamai
- Visual Arts: Cathy Warden - Atamai
- STEM: Geoff Emmitt - Atamai
- Food/Hospitality: Gerard Horgan - Atamai
- Health/PE: Rob Vakalahi (LAT) - Atamai

Support Staff

- SENCo: Rochelle Allport
- ESOL: Bipin Shankar
- Reading Support/Library: Lee Hodgkinson (LAT)
- Learning Assistants: Kristie Irvine, Gen Tagaloa, Daynah Nakivell, Matilda Huch, Jasna Radivojecic

Administration & Property

- Admin/Receptionist/Enrolments: Tua Waititi
- Admin/PA: Mel Paul
- Caretaker: Tila Siose





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BMIS Team 2026 CONT'D

Senior Leadership

- Assistant Principal: Nathan Dowding – Whānau Leader (Mahi Tahi)
- Deputy Principal: Marietta Ah Chong – Whānau Leader (Manawanui; Atamai)
- Principal: Liz Wood

Making Contact

At Bruce McLaren Intermediate School our teachers provide regular updates about your child's learning through a raft of methods. Our reporting cycle is over and above what is required. We believe it is important for our parent community to be informed.

A formal written report is provided Term 2 & Term 4. A Personal Best Learning Profile is provided Term 1 & Term 3.

Should you need to know about something of your child's learning, it is always best to contact your child's class teacher first. Email addresses can be found on our school website.

Farewell



Thank you to Miss Whitehead for her time at BMIS. We wish her well as she heads off to further her career. Best wishes from Team McLaren.

Positive Start to 2026

As you can see, BMIS is off to a positive start, with class sizes of 24 or fewer to support focused teaching and learning. Our staff are excited about 2026 and hope you are too.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki Principal





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MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEB	3	9 ASSESSMENTS	10 ASSESSMENTS	11 ASSESSMENTS	12 ASSESSMENTS	13 ASSESSMENTS
FEB	4	16 DAVID RILEY (Author) WORKSHOPS SPECIALISTS SUBJECTS COMMENCE	17	18	19 MEET MY TEACHER 6-7 pm	20
FEB	5	23	24	25	26 BOT MEETING 6PM	27
MAR	6	2 WZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	3 WZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	4	5 WZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	6
MAR	7	9 WZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	10 WZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	11	12 MY PERSONAL BEST LEARNING PROFILES	13
MAR	8	16	17	18	19	20
MAR	9	23 ORIENTEERING @ H. H. S	24 ROAD PATROL TRAINING	25	26	27
MAR	10	30	31	01	02 LAST DAY OF TERM	03 GOOD FRIDAY