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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 OUR PRINCIPAL – LIZ WOOD

Kia ora koutou katoa

Please be reminded that FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER is Staff Only Day.

Tomorrow is Staff Only Day.

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Absences and Lateness:

If your child is absent or going to be late to school, it is important to please call and leave a message on the school absence line (09) 836 3175 extn 2, or complete an absence report from the school website or on SkoolLoop. If you know in advance your child will be away, please email the office and copy in your child's classroom teacher.

If your child is late, they must provide a note from a parent/caregiver providing an explanation. This needs to be brought to the office where a Late Pass will be issued.

For student safety if the school is not notified of your child's absence you will receive a text message.

Following the Ministry of Education guidelines, if the school is not advised of a student's absence they will be marked as truant.

Appointments:

If your child has an appointment during the day, please arrange to meet them in the office at a designated time and ensure you advise your classroom teacher by email. Students must be signed out by a parent/caregiver who is registered on their enrolment details.

Student Online Conduct:

Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in online behaviour that has raised concerns. BMIS would like to remind parents/caregivers that social media websites CANNOT be accessed through the school internet nor can students access them on their phones/devices during school time as they must be handed in at 8:30am.

The school asks that parents/caregivers monitor their child's behaviour online outside of school hours. The school has limited authority to shut down or control online content.

If the online behaviour seriously impacts a child, the school has an obligation to take some form of action when it is brought to attention and when it is affecting the student's ability to feel safe at school.

If you are concerned about behaviour online or a chat group that your child has joined, the below steps may provide some guidance around what are some of the things you can do:

- Remove from the chat group
- Block the person
- Take a screenshot of the message/comment as it can be used as evidence if the harassment or bullying continues
- Don't reply or engage

Report to Netsafe if it is of a threatening or harmful nature

<https://report.netsafe.org.nz/hc/en-au/requests/new>

BMIS continues to educate students around sensible online behaviour and being positive global digital citizens. Parental support is imperative.

Year 7 Camp:

Here we are! How exciting! Year 7 Campers will head off on Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is well packed and ready. Everyone will be meeting in the Hall from 7.30pm.

Year 8 Offsite Experience

A fun filled time jammed packed with amazing experiences gets underway with the Year 8 Offsite Experiences. Year 8 ākongas know exactly where they are going and what they are up to. Be prepared for action!

Year 8 Enrolments for 2024:

All Year 8 students should now be enrolled in a secondary school for 2024.

Happy birthday to Bruce McLaren for 30.08.23 – he would have been 86 years old! Our lad, legend and legacy!

Thank you to the many parents/whānau who are supporting our events and activities during Week 8 (next week). Without you, our staff are unable to implement these amazing opportunities. THANK YOU – and have fun!

The next newsletter will be Week 10.

Spring is upon us! (However, as a dairy farmer's daughter I know that September is also our wettest month!). So keep warm, well, safe and happy.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Principal - Tumuaki