

Kia ora koutou katoa.

The last full week of Term 4 and of schooling for 2022 is drawing to a close so this will be the last Community Update for 2022.

What a year! From the very outset of the beginning of the school year, we were planning for a 'Red Light Setting' pandemic response. Still reeling from the vaccination mandates, we faced relentless change as COVID continued to evolve through its various stages.

As the virus peaked then receded, we faced the challenge of re-engaging students in their learning journeys, assessing where they were at and planning a way forward to compensate for the lost learning time. It was a time of constant review, and reprioritizing of learning goals. Collaboratively BMIS wrestled with the questions - 'What is most important to teach?' and 'What is the best next step for each ākongā?' Then came the next set of questions – 'Which teachers are here today?', 'Which students are here today?' and 'What else do we need to manage today to make this the best experience for all on site?'

2022 has seen Year 7 students have the opportunity to have a full school year back on site – of which they haven't had since they were in Year 4. For our Year 8 students, it is the first full school year back on site since they were in Year 5. Congratulations to students (and whanau) who have remained focused on their learning for the course of 2022 – you are resilient and should be proud of your achievements.

If I had to choose one word to describe what we've seen BMIS do well this year, it would be innovation. It has been inspiring to see BMIS' staff and students pivot with each twist and turn, and get creative with online teaching and learning, on site teaching and learning and everything in between to keep learning journeys progressing.

As our 2022 year crosses the finish line, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 8 students all the very best for 2023 and the years ahead. It is a time of change of which they are ready for. You are a resilient cohort – the world is your oyster! Take and make the most of every opportunity and continue to strengthen your learning for life! You've got this!

To our Year 7 students, there is so much on offer at BMIS – grasp every opportunity you can as you accelerate your learning in Year 8. Remember that 'attendance = engagement = achievement'. You will be the leaders and role models of 2023. There is much in the pipeline for you to look forward to. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 2nd February, 2023 at 8:30am.

To our amazing Bruce McLaren Intermediate School community, thank you for your continued support. I hope you can look back on 2022 and be proud of what you and our team achieved in trying circumstances, and I wish you all a restful break.

On behalf of the team here at BMIS, I wish you all a restful break.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Tumuaki – Principal

Points of Interest:

Monday,	12.12.22	Year 8 Graduation evening
Tuesday,	13.12.22	Student stationery and belongings home
Tuesday,	13.12.22	Formal Prize Giving 1pm <i>(all recipients' whānau have been notified)</i>
Tuesday,	13.12.22	Year 8 students can donate uniforms
Tuesday,	13.12.22	School closes for 2022, 3pm