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## NEWSLETTER #15 15th November 2023

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.

Week 6, Term 4 is proving unpredictable with the weather. However, there is nothing unpredictable about teaching and learning at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Teachers, staff and ākonga are focused on the task at hand and the days ahead until Thursday, 14th December when school closes to learners for 2023.

What's been happening for us at BMIS since last week's update? Well...

School Councillors have visited Prospect School, Henderson Valley School, Oratia District School and Henderson South School and will be visiting Sunnyvale School also. As proud leaders of BMIS, the School Councillors have presented the schools with a book for our contributing schools' libraries and explained why they are so proud to be part of Bruce McLaren's legacy – a unique opportunity in one's lifetime! Not to forget all the learning they do.

Village Collective continues to facilitate their programme supporting the NZ Health & PE Curriculum, covering common values and pubertal changes. I wish Village Collective had been around in my Year 7 & 8 time at school!

Vision and Hearing testing continues with our ākonga, providing a service so parents and whānau can be informed as to whether a child needs support in these areas.

Fiafia was a great evening bringing our parents, whānau and community together. Our staff and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves showcasing their learnings through performance. Cultural groups, speeches, recap videos, dancing and singing shown on the big screens and on stage. A whole load of fun was had by everyone. Thank you to the many parents/whānau who supported behind the scenes also, to support your child/ren to shine.

A group of students headed out to ZEAL on a 'ICT Refurbishment-a-thon' with Miss Ah Chong and the team at ZEAL.

WZ Athletes (39 students) are making their way to War Memorial Park, Wesley, on Thursday, 23rd November with Mr Dewes. We wish the team all the best and hope the weather is fine for them.

This Friday, the delicious smell and the lip smacking taste of Chop Suey will be around the school with the Whānau Manawanui fundraiser. These servings were preordered – I can't wait for mine!

Friday, 24th November is a STAFF ONLY DAY. This is a MOE Accord Day where staff will be immersed in much learning and mahi.

Please chat to your child/ren about appropriate use of language, personal space and personal responsibility. At BMIS we pride ourselves on upholding our 5Cs (care, commitment, courtesy, common sense and co-operation) and have high expectations that our ākonga display these. There is no place for inappropriate behaviour at BMIS. BMIS students know that they are to be 'in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing' – always.

As we near the end of the school year, often our Year 8 students have outgrown parts of their uniform. Should this be the case, a note must be received from a parent/caregiver explaining this. BMIS takes pride in its uniform and students in this uniform represent themselves, the school, our community as well as Bruce, his family, Team McLaren and all who have been before them and those who will follow after them at BMIS – our uniform is a window to our school.

All Year 8 students need to have enrolled in a secondary school for 2024. This is imperative.

All Year 6 students need to be enrolled in an intermediate school for 2024. This is also imperative. Student placement of 2024 Year 7 ākonga is underway at BMIS with the composition of classes being carefully crafted to ensure the best learning journey for our new arrivals.

You will have heard in the media that COVID-19 is making a resurgence. At BMIS we still have sanitiser and masks available in classrooms. Personal hygiene is important and we encourage students to wash their hands, not to share food and to cough and sneeze into their elbow. There are also COVID-19 tests available for your child to bring home. These can be collected from the front office by whānau and by students at the end of the school day.

The next newsletter will be in a fortnight. However, next week will be the Community Update via our media outlets – Facebook page, website, email and SkoolLoop. I hope that the weekly information this term is helping you keep abreast of dates, times, events and activities at BMIS.

As BMIS speeds to the finish line (and Christmas decorations are out and about) it is important for us to pace ourselves and breathe. Hā ki roto, hā ki waho – breathe in, breathe out. We've got this!

Have a wonderful week.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Principal - Tumuaki

## **MCLAREN AWARDS T4, W5 & 6**

Darlene R2, Umāima R3, Kurtis R5, Ayven R7, Belle R9, Narin R13

## **GENERAL**

- Black sandals are to be worn in Term 4.
- SHOPS: (Opposite School) Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** parents to find another space to collect your children from. For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first - always. Thank you for your support with this.
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- Lollies, sweets chewing gum, fizzy and sports drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and expected behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

## **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:**

Students only cross the road **ONCE** to come to school and **ONCE** going home from school. This is to be at the **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**.

## **PARKING AT SCHOOL:**

Just a reminder that there is to be **NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY** - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops' carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

## **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. All home devices are placed in a class box at 8.30am and returned by 3.00pm. 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.

## **ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:**

Which class will win the Mr Whippy attendance prize? The class that successfully achieves >95% weekly attendance, on any given week for Term will win a visit to their class by Mr Whippy.

Attendance = Engagement = Achievement.

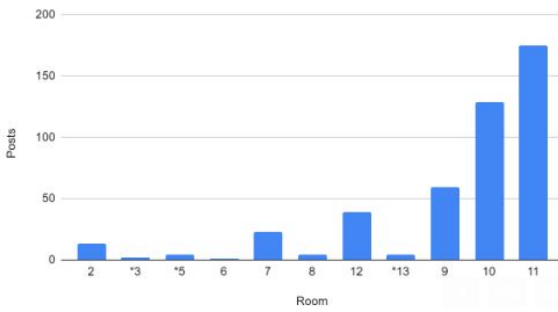
Which class or classes will this be? Watch this space.

Come on students, lets have a class get over 95% attendance for every week.

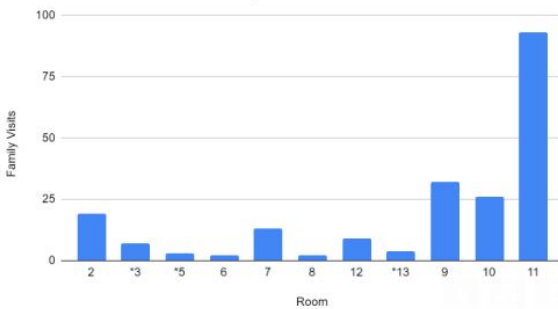


# SEESAW OCTOBER

Class Posts 18/10 - 14/11



Seesaw Family Visits 18/10 - 14/11



## EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address [ebully@bruceclaren.school.nz](mailto:ebully@bruceclaren.school.nz). Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Ms Ah Chong, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone know the definition of bullying".

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Bake Sale & Chop Suey	Friday 17th November
Western Zone Athletics	Thursday 23rd November

Please ensure you download our school app - Skool Loop.  
 Android: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en\\_NZ&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en_NZ&gl=US)  
 Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/skool-loop/id1043396607>

### IS IT BULLYING?

Courtesy: Common Sense Education

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**