

Kia ora koutou katoa.

I hope that the Christmas and New Year period has been positive for you and that your child/ren has time to rest, relax and recharge for the busy Bruce McLaren Intermediate School year ahead.

Our BMIS staff are excited about the year ahead and looking forward to meeting our 2024 cohort.

The following is a courtesy check-in as we get closer to the commencement of the 2024 school year.

**Points to note before Day 1.**

**Enrolment:**

All students attending BMIS for 2024 are to be enrolled.

**Uniform sales:**

The sale of BMIS uniform will be on site in the hall/foyer on:

**Wednesday, 24th January** - 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Thursday, 25th January** - 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Tuesday, 30th January** - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Second hand uniform will also be available for purchase.

**Stationery sales:** Stationery lists will be available on the Warehouse Stationery website. You will be able to view the list and add items to cart from the 8th of January 2024. There are both delivery and click and collect options available.

**Pick up & Drop off:**

Students are to know how they are getting to and from school. NO student is to be in the school grounds after 3:15pm. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to support the growing independence of our emerging adolescents and if dropping or collecting from school, wait outside the school gates.

**Mobile phones/devices:**

Any home device brought to school by a student is placed in the class device box at 8:30 - 3pm.

**Wheels:**

Bicycles, scooters, skates - when riding, helmets MUST be worn at all times. A lock is to be brought from home to secure the wheels in the 'bike zone'.

**Communication:**

Have SkoolLoop downloaded onto your mobile device - this is our primary means of communication.

Subscribe to the BMIS newsletter through the BMIS website.

Any queries please contact the school office between 9 - 2pm from Monday, 22nd January.

**Points to note for Day 1. (Year 7 only - Wednesday, 31st January @ 8:30am)**

Students are to be in full school uniform - named.

Students are to bring their stationery to school - named.

Students are to meet in the school hall. Parents/caregivers are welcome to stay until students move from the hall to class.

**Points to note for Day 2. (Year 7 & 8 - Thursday, 1st February @ 8:30am)**

Students are to meet in the school hall. Parents/caregivers are welcome to stay until students move from the hall to class.

**Points to note for Day 3.**

Students will go directly to classes.

A whakatau for new students and staff will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

The 'cut and paste' below came from a Community Notice Board. As a parent (and principal) it certainly resonated with me and I am sure it does with you also.

Dear whānau

School is about to start so please sit down with your tamariki for 5 minutes and explain that being similar or different from the person beside you is to be celebrated.

That there is nothing wrong with wearing the same shoes every day. Explain to them that a used backpack carries the same dreams as a new one.

Teach them not to exclude someone because they are "different" or do not have the same opportunities as others. Explain that teasing hurts...and that they go to school to LEARN, to enrich their learning journey.

EDUCATION STARTS AT HOME...

*It's \*AT HOME\* that tamariki should learn to say:*

- 01 - Good morning
- 02 - Good afternoon
- 03 - Good evening
- 04 - Please
- 05 - With your permission
- 06 - Sorry
- 07 - Forgive me
- 08 - Thank you very much
- 09 - Thank you
- 10 - I was wrong

*It's \*AT HOME\* that we also learn to:*

- 01 - Be honest

- 02 - Be punctual
- 03 - Do not insult
- 04 - Be polite
- 05 - Respect everyone: friends, colleagues, elders, teachers, authorities

*Still \*at home\* we learn to:*

- 01 - Eat everything
- 02 - Do not talk with your mouth full
- 03 - Have personal hygiene
- 04 - Don't throw litter on the ground
- 05 - Help parents with their daily chores
- 06 - Don't take what doesn't belong to you
- 07 - Be content with what you have
- 08 - Work honestly to earn a living
- 09 - Dress with modesty

*\*At home\* we still learn to:*

- 01 - Get organized
- 02 - Take care of your belongings
- 03 - Do not touch other people's belongings
- 04 - Respect the rules,
- 05 - Speak your mother tongue(s), master all aspects of your culture and stand tall

Because *\*AT SCHOOL\** teachers are there to teach the curriculum and reinforce what has been taught at home.

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With our strong home and school partnerships we will definitely see our ākongā accelerate as they continue to DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE while at BMIS.

See you all soon.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood  
Tumuaki - Principal