

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal Update: 26 August 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

We are in uncertain but exciting times.

As of Sunday, 11:59pm we will be back in COVID-19 Alert Level 2. I hope that you have been able to manage this time as best as possible but if you are anything like me and our BMIS staff, you are looking forward to transitioning back to Alert Level 2 and getting back to some rhythm and routine.

It is with much excitement that we are expecting our students back on site on Monday, 31st August at 8:20am. The Ministry Of Education, in conjunction with the Ministry Of Health, has stated that "learning will be on site".

Our home, online learning programme will finish on Friday, 28th August. We will still be using our devices to maintain our online learning programmes at school so we **NEED all devices distributed during Alert Level 3 RETURNED on MONDAY.**

As you can appreciate, we have all the necessary systems and procedures in place to ensure your child/ren and our staff are safe at school in Alert Level 2. Please do NOT come into the staff carparks or school grounds unless it is imperative and then ONLY come to the front office adhering to the MOH guidelines.

The plan for COVID-19 Alert Level 2: Round#2 is attached. Please read this thoroughly as it outlines how BMIS functions under Alert Level 2. Things are "same, same but different" - e.g., we do not have drinking fountains on site anymore, we have water bottle filling stations. These tweaks were made as part of the learning from the first Lockdown with Health & Safety in mind.

More than two weeks ago I ordered a hard copy learning pack for each BMIS student from the Ministry of Education as a supplementary activity booklet, I am hopeful that these have been arriving to your child. Fingers are crossed!

The Ministry of Education has also stated that "face coverings are not required in schools at any alert level" (MOE, 24th August). However, we wait for any new announcement. We can tweak, be agile and add any procedure to ensure our students and staff are safe.

With eyes on the checkered flag, a race plan in hand, a positive 'can do' Kiwi attitude and a full tank of teaching and learning - Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is up and racing!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at: principal@brucemclaren.school.nz or admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

Have a fabulous weekend whanau.

Noho ora mai.

Liz Wood - Principal