Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal Update: 4 September 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope that you are doing well and continue to do so in Alert Level 2, Round #2. You may have heard today the Prime Minister announce that this Alert Level will continue for another 10 days.

At school we continue to follow the Alert Level guidelines and sanitise, sanitise, sanitise.

We have had an amazing week at BMIS. Our students are back into their learning on site and this is rewarding for students and staff.

Our programmes continue to grow from strength to strength and student engagement, on site, is incredibly fulfilling to see. Nothing beats learning with your peers and with a staff who care about you.

Next week was to be Year 7 Camp & Year 8 EOTC, which are cancelled, so we are researching other activities for our students to be involved in, onsite and in our local area, for later in the year.

Next week is also when BMIS will celebrate Tongan Language Week with Tongan students leading our school in areas of dance, song, language and culture. We look forward to our Tongan students wearing their cultural attire with their school polo shirts.

Following on from Tongan Language Week is Te Wiki o te reo Maori $-14-18^{th}$ September. Students and staff will be able to pre-order a food pack, for \$5 to culminate Te Wiki o te reo Maori. The orders will be taken next week at school. The packs are from Broncos Spit Roast Feasts and will consist of chicken, potatoes, kumara, cabbage and stuffing. YUM! (Usual cost is \$11 per pack). The packs will be delivered for lunchtime, Friday, 18^{th} September. Pit Stop will be closed on this day.

Hakinakina continues with our students being outside enjoying the Spring weather. It feels great to be at school, with students out in the sunshine - having fun.

Please remember to have your child stay home if they are showing any signs of cold or flu and ring Healthline or visit your GP.

Again, I suggest that your child has a mask to wear before entering and after exiting school when they are in the public arena. We are doing everything possible at school to be safe and eliminate COVID-19. We want this virus gone from our region, our country! We want our students to be able to travel, explore and enjoy their surroundings AND our globe.

Let's keep fighting the good fight BMIS community!

Be safe, be well - noho ora mai!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood

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