

2023 Student Start Date: Tuesday, 7th February.

With the possibility of further weather damage leading to more disruption, the Secretary for Education has directed that schools, kura, early learning services and Tertiary institutions in the Auckland region (Wellsford to Pukekohe) must close for physical attendance and instruction until 7 February.

The detail of how Bruce McLaren Intermediate School will proceed with Term 1, starting for students on Tuesday, 7th February will be communicated later this week.

We hope that our school community is accessing the necessary support where required. A message offering support is included below.

Stay safe, stay well. Kia kaha, kia manawanui.

Liz Wood
Tumuaki - Principal

Message from VisionWest

We know many thousands of Aucklanders are facing the devastation of flood water or slips destroying their property and making their homes uninhabitable. Families have lost precious belongings and access to even the basics like food, clean clothing and bedding.

As part of a network of caring organisations, Visionwest has activated its emergency response plan and is on the front line making sure families have the practical help they need to get through these next days safely and with dignity.

If you, or someone you know, needs help with...

Emergency food: Email kai@visionwest.org.nz. Include your name, phone number, and address in your email. The team will contact you as soon as possible.

Emergency Accommodation: Phone 0800 222 200.

Financial Support: If you need help as a result of the emergency, you may be able to get financial support from WINZ or through a Civil Defence payment. You don't need to be on a benefit, anyone can apply. You may be able to get help with: Medical costs, Power bills, Emergency food, clothing, and bedding, Repairs or replacing appliances, Emergency accommodation costs, Loss of income because you can't work, Payment if you have evacuees staying with you. For more information, click here or phone 0800 400 100. NOTE: You may have to pay the money back depending on your situation.

Civil Defence Centres: Three centres have been set up across the city: WEST – St Leonards Road School, 15 Saint Leonards Road, Kelston. NORTH – Massey University Albany Campus, Albany Expressway SH17. SOUTH – Mana Tukutuku, 32 Riverton Drive, Randwick Park. Visionwest have been supporting the Auckland Flood Emergency response by providing emergency food parcels and blankets to whānau.

We have dipped into our emergency stores and are currently distributing what we can to meet immediate need.

Our team has been helping supply food to the Kelston Hub to prepare meals for whānau staying at the centre.

At this point we have provided pallets of food including: over 200kg of chicken and large quantities of breakfast foods and milk. Our team have also been helping prepare meals.

If you are in a position to help you can donate so families can access the things they need to get back on their feet.

Your donation will help replenish supplies and make sure we are ready to respond to the longer term needs of people who have been affected by the floods. Any donation, large or small, will make a difference.

Thank you.

From all the team at Visionwest

PS To see a summary of help available visit our website.

Or if you would like to make a donation use the details below to donate directly into Visionwest's bank account. Thank you.

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