

**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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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

At Bruce McLaren Intermediate School we are racing through **Week 8, Term 4**.

Last Thursday, BMIS athletes headed off to Memorial Park, Wesley to compete in **WZ Athletics Day**. The team placed well and gave it their all. Congratulations go to Lesina placing 3rd Yr7 Girls Shot Put and Lucas for placing 1st Yr7 Boys Discus. Lesina and Lucas are heading to Mt Smart to compete in the Auckland regional competition – **IZ Athletics**. We wish them all the very best.

Staff Only Day was incredibly valuable for BMIS staff and the mahi will certainly benefit ongoing pedagogical rigour.

This week is the last week for **Specialist Subject** lessons as class rotations conclude for the school year.

Classes are involved in a school wide competition of **Ki o Rahi** which is definitely creating an exciting vibe.

Year 8 ākonga are underway with **formal and social dancing** and the etiquette around this – and they are certainly having fun learning some new moves!

It is with huge congratulations to **Miss Lucy Francis and Miss Lauren Southgate** for completing their two years as Provisionally Registered Teachers (after their 3-4 years of study) to achieve their status as Fully Registered Teachers. Both are amazing classroom practioners who are strong contributors to our BMIS way of life. Well done kaiako!

Change and challenge are the two constants in life that every individual will experience regardless of age and stage of life. For our BMIS emerging adolscents transition is part and parcel of their changes and challenges.

A facet of ensuring a smooth transition of Year 6s coming to BMIS as **Year 7s for 2024 are invited to BMIS** to meet their teacher on Tuesday, 5th December from 9 – 10am. This is organized by parents/whānau not by contributing schools.

Year 8s heading to secondary school for Year 9, 2024 are to now be enrolled. Every BMIS Year 8 student must know where they are going next year.

Not only is there change for our students, there is also change for **staffing in 2024**. We farewell Mr Tony Jee who is relocating to a school closer to home. We wish him well with his teaching career.

Welcome to Tracy Leaoa as Assistant Principal, Whānau Leader and Teacher. We look forward to having her join our staff and know that our school community will make her very welcome.

As of the 1st February, I will be on Primary Principals' Collective Agreement; Refreshment Leave which entitles Primary Principals to up to one year's leave after seven years of service. Ms Ah Chong will be Acting Principal with Mrs Few as Acting Deputy Principal during 2024. Please be aware that "I am on leave – I am NOT leaving". BMIS is in an extremely strong position for 2024+.

The final lap is in sight. The pace is fast and focused for our ākonga and staff. At the end of each year we **farewell Year 8 students**. This year, Year 8 students will be acknowledged with a Leaver's Certificate for their eight years of primary education and two years at intermediate school at our **Service Prize Giving**, being held on Thursday, 7th December at 12pm. This is also when students who have volunteered their time for duties to support the running of the school will also be acknowledged eg Road patrollers.

Year 8 ākonga are also invited to a **Leavers' Dine and Dance** on Tuesday, 12th December. Attendance is not compulsory. Your child will have all the information necessary for this event. Please chat with them.

Formal Prize Giving is when students will be acknowledged for achieving a school award, school prize and/or school cup. This will be held on Thursday, 14th December at 9:30am. Parents/whānau of students receiving one (or more) of these awards will be notified by the school before the end of Week 9 – next week.

As Thursday, 14th December is the last day of the school year, students will stay at school after the Formal Prize Giving until 3pm.

Should you wish to take your child after the Formal Prize Giving, this MUST be pre-arranged by Wednesday, 13th December, 12pm. Any child who leaves the school site MUST be signed out at the office by an adult listed on the child's record housed at the office. Safety is paramount.

Any whānau of a Year 8 student who wishes to donate uniform to the school will be able to do so Block 3 on Thursday, 14th December. Only Year 8 students **donating uniform** will be able to change into mufti at this time.

End of Year Reports will be addressed and brought home to you by your child – in a sealed envelope, on Friday, 8th December. Kaiako have spent much time analysing, evaluating, assessing, and conferencing with your child and their learning to provide you with the best information and next steps for your child's ongoing learning journey. Please read the End of Year Report in conjunction with your child's SeeSaw learning profile.

As at writing this newsletter, Whānau Atawhai are headed to Parakai today to celebrate their year of learning. Regardless of what the weather has in store for them, they will certainly have fun.

Thank you to all the parents and adults who have and are still assisting with supporting events and activities so that we can provide our ākonga with amazing learning opportunities while having fun.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Principal - Tumuaki

McLAREN AWARDS T4, W7&8

Jesh R5, Suma R7, Hannah R9, Kwayde R10, Elijah R12

PRINCIPAL AWARDS T4, W7&8

Manu R2, Donte R2, Darlene R2, Chassis R5, Eunica R6, Obi R7, Suma R7, Yumi R9, Tyresse R9, Ethan R10, Madeliene R10, Hannah R10, Jovine R11, Shakana R11, Madison R11, Aeris R11, Lincoln R11, Amiel R11, Eden R11, Jahaziel R11, Aidan R11, Lele R12, Jireh R12, Samantha R13, Toniane R13, Gester (Art), Believer (Art), Nevaeh (STEM), Tyler (STEM)



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.
- 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 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, let's have a class get over 95% attendance for every week.

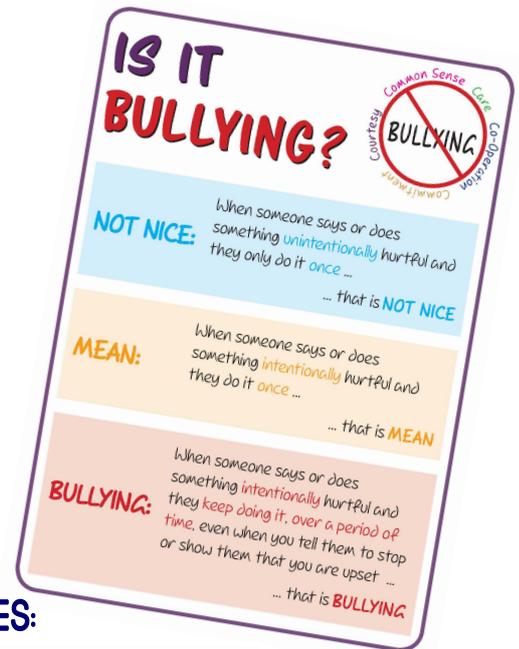




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 Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en_NZ&gl=US
 Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/skool-loop/id1043396607>

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address ebully@brucemclaren.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 knows the definition of bullying".



IMPORTANT DATES:

Atawhai Parakai Trip	Wednesday 28th November
Next BOT Meeting	Tuesday 5th December
Service Prize Giving	Thursday 7th December
Manaaki & Manawanui Trip	Friday 8th December
Year 8 Dine & Dance Evening	Tuesday 12th December
Formal Prize Giving	Thursday 14th December
End of Term 4 2023	Thursday 14th December 3pm

Wishing Lesina and Lucas luck at IZ Athletics on Thursday 30th November

