

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 THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



### Getting our Race Plan Right!

Tēna koutou ki te whānau o Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

The Autumn season is officially here and just like that, so is the mid-point of our kura's first term. The focus of our mahi over the first month has been about laying the foundations for the year ahead. Our ākonga with their kaiako have been establishing expectations and structures with their learning and building relationships with each other, with their whānau.

They have set up their student workbooks and online platforms - Seesaw, Education Perfect and Maths Buddy. The expectation here at BMIS is that our ākonga work 50% in their student workbooks and 50% online. All whānau should now be connected to their child's class on Seesaw and should be able to see real time learning, homework coupled with notices from kaiako.

You should have received via Seesaw your child's My Personal Best Learner Profile. This profile shows your child's effort towards their Personal Best for their learning. This is about progress relating to their personal excellence. Ākonga are encouraged to regularly reflect on these criteria and to plan their next steps.

The first term's sports season is well underway with our BMIS Girls Softball participating in the Western Zone Girls Softball tournament earlier this week and tag rugby now practicing for their tournament later on in the term.

Fitness is an integral part of our PE programme with fitness circuits and the beep test being implemented in some classrooms. Kura Hakinakina - School Sport is also up and running with ākonga whānau teams competing every Friday in a variety of games, with their whānau chants hoping to be the winning whānau of the week.

Ākonga are now making decisions around their opportunities for this first half of the semester, which may include possibly committing to a year long cultural group - Kapahaka, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island or a Performing Arts group - Showquest, McLaren Voices, Band to name a few.

For many of our ākonga especially our Year 7's and those Year 8's new to our kura, these decisions and new systems may prove demanding at first but with the support of their kaiako, their peers and other staff, their ability to make choices for their learning becomes easier due to these foundations that have been established in this first month. It is important to us that our ākonga get their race plan right from the beginning so that they feel a sense of success at different points and that they feel supported and safe as they begin to independently take hold of their journey.

Ngā mihi

Marietta Ah Chong  
Principal - Tumuaki (Acting)



### KEY DATES

- 5, 6, 7, 8 March, 2024  
Beach Ed
- 12 March, 2024  
Māori / Pasifika Hui
- 14 March, 2024  
Opportunities Commence
- 14 March, 2024  
WZ Swimming
- 19 March, 2024  
3 Way Learning Conferences
- 19 March, 2024  
WZ Tag
- 20 March, 2024  
3 Way Learning Conferences
- 21 March, 2024  
BOT Meeting
- 22 March, 2024  
Manaaki Museum Trip
- 22 March, 2024  
Ola Finafina's & Kapahaka trip to Polyfest
- 29 - 31 March, 2024  
Good Friday & Easter Sunday
- 10 April, 2024  
Parent Cyber & Safety Evening 6.30-8.30pm @ Prospect
- 12 April, 2024  
End of Term 1



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## 3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES 2024

**Booking Interviews:** Booking your interviews is easy! Jump onto the Skool Loop App and into the "interviews" option. From here you can enter child's teacher and select interview times.

**Early Close:** To accommodate these 10 minute slots, school will close early on Tuesday 19th March at 1.00pm.

**Buses:** There will be school buses running on Tuesday afternoon. Only bus students may be supervised in the library - please let the office know if you require supervision for your student by Friday 15th March.



## MLARENAWARDS T1, W6

Emma R1, Zabrina R5

## PRINCIPAL AWARDST1 W6

Rilee R1, Nikau R1, Evie R2, Ayla R2, Kaleb R2, Frida R3, Leo R3, Cyrus R3, Caeleb R6, Blake R6, Ve'a R12, Izaiiah R12, Seema R12, Clinton R12,



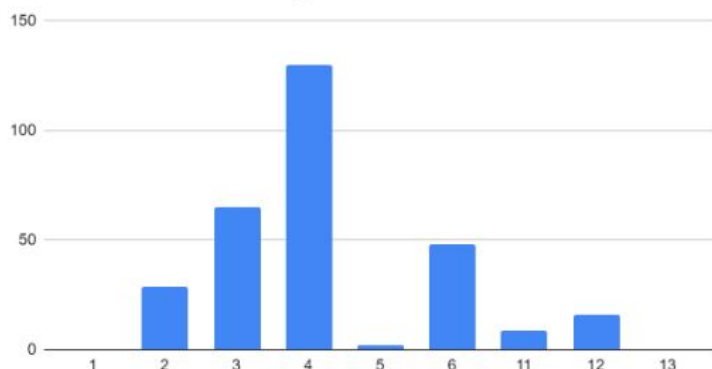
## KURA HAKINAKINA RESULTS:

1st: Whānau Atawhai, 2nd: Whānau Manaaki, 3rd: Whānau Manawanui



Week 5 - Whānau for the Week - Whānau Manaaki

## Seesaw Family Visits 06/02 - 04/03



## GENERAL

- Black sandals are to be worn in Term 1 & 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:

We would encourage that devices be left at home, that your child is away from their device for the day. If there is a need to have their device, a discussion with your child about **OFF AT THE GATE** is imperative. When entering school, students 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:

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. Together we play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. That our ākonga, your child or children attend school every day and engage in learning as every school day matters. You must let us know if your child or children are going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Let's work together to see if we can get 1 or more of our **classes over the 95% mark so that we can have Mr Whippy onsite.**



## PARENT CYBER SAFETY EVENING:

### DIGITAL SAFETY

Prospect Primary School have kindly offered to all schools in our Kahui Ako - Community of Learning, the opportunity to attend a presentation on digital safety on Wednesday, 10th April 2024 from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. It will be free for all families to attend. Prospect Primary School will be sending information about how to book via Event Finder closer to the date so please watch this space.

The presentation is a hard-hitting, eye-opening and often hilarious In-person "Parent Cyber Safety Evening" presented by Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope and also includes a one-year subscription to their new online educational film series for our students.

The "Parent Cyber Safety Evening" covers the following:

- Cyberbullying - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- Social media - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety.
- Gaming and the developing brain – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- Naked Selfies - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- Online predators - The methods they use, how to spot them.
- Online porn vs healthy sexuality - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry

### Solutions

- Filters - Which filters are best and how to install them
- Smartphones - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- Boundaries - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- 3 golden rules - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- Talking to your kids - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- Challenging our own phone and device usage - Reconnecting as a family

## EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address [ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz). Students and parents able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to: Mrs Few, Assistant Principal.

It is important that everyone knows the definition of bullying".

See our new poster below

## REMEMBERING MONIQUE GRBIC



We were deeply saddened to learn that a member of our BMIS whānau passed away last week, Monique Grbic. She worked as a Learning Assistants and left us in 2023.

Monique was diligent and reliable.. She was a wealth of local knowledge and history and could make her colleagues laugh. Monique was dedicated to helping students reach their potential.

Bruce McLaren Intermediate sends their condolences to her son Leon and whānau.

Day by day, we will let go of the loss, but we will never let go of our love.

May the memories of her live forever.

**BRUCE MCLAREN INTERMEDIATE'S**

# MĀORI PASIFIKA HUI

**This is an opportunity for our whānau to meet over a bite to eat.**

**These meetings will take place once a term and provide the opportunity for kōrero/talanoa about important school and learning topics.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH**  
**6.00 PM - 7.30 PM**

**Make sure you register your attendance.**  
**For more information email: Helen Magasiva**  
**[magasiva@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:magasiva@brucemclaren.school.nz)**



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Android: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.parentteachercalendar&hl=en\\_NZ&gl=US](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>



# IS IT BULLYING?



## NOT NICE:

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they only do it once ...

... that is NOT NICE

## MEAN:

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once...

... that is MEAN

## BULLYING:

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

...that is BULLYING

COMMON SENSE

CO-OPERATION

CARE

COMMITMENT

COURTESY

# Attendance Challenge

*Which class will win?*

The class that achieves greater than 95% weekly attendance, on any given week this term will win a visit to their class from Mr Whippy



## BEACH ED 2024

