



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

*Dream
Believe
Achieve*

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...



Tēna koutou ki te whānau o Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Growing leadership is an area which is particularly important to us here at BMIS. One opportunity is being a school councillor of our kura. We had 30 students who put themselves forward, completing the application form and then speaking to our kura hoping to win a position. It then went to the polls where our ākonga voted along with staff. I want to congratulate all candidates for their courage and resilience of going through this process. This is a win in itself. I encourage the 16 students who missed out to continue to lead in other areas of our kura whether it be responsibilities in your classroom, leading a sports team for Western Zone, kura hakinakina or leading in a cultural or performing arts group. I am so very proud of them.

So here are our BMIS School Councillors for 2024: Parker Hayes Rm 1, Shakira Sheikh Rm 2, Mara van Straten Rm 2, Awa Mayer Rm 3, Eden Kent Rm 4, Ayven Harold Rm 4, Hannah Botica Rm 6, Jayden Liu Rm 6, Lebron Nicholls Rm 11, Fapiano Afeaki Ola Finafinau, Asolelei Siofele Ola Finafinau, Bridget Koteni Ola FinaFinau, Yumi Shimada Rm 13, Yashna Thakur Rm 13. We are now in the process of selecting our BMIS Heads of School. We hope to make this announcement soon.

Our ākonga led assemblies have been embraced so positively by our ākonga. It has been rewarding to watch ākonga grow in their confidence especially our Year 7 students who have taken key leadership roles in their assemblies. The amount of talent with public speaking, IT skills to create videos, the creation of their own skits and bringing these to life with the completed work they are proud to present to our kura has been outstanding.

Each class brings their own flavour to how they run their assemblies with the guidance of their teacher. I look forward to watching Room 11 who will run the last assembly for the term.

Growth Mindset has been a focus for our Literacy Writing and Maths. It is vital for our ākonga to believe that they are writers and mathematicians. That they feel safe to take risks and know that it is okay to get things wrong. The science behind brain growth and how this relates to their learning has been so interesting for them. This term the literacy writing genre has been biographies and all ākonga will have had the opportunity to write their own on a person of their choice. I'm looking forward to reading some of these on Seesaw when they are uploaded at the end of the term. Make sure you're logged onto your class Seesaw account otherwise you might miss your child's written piece. If you can't see it, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Our BMIS mathematicians' focus has been addition and subtraction of whole numbers and decimals, also looking at time. So to support us with your child's learning, ask them what the time is or what it will look like on an analogue clock versus a digital clock. There are all sorts of exciting fun school wide events related to Literacy Writing, Reading and Maths coming up.

It's all about engaging our ākonga to love learning, to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE.

Ngā mihi

Marietta Ah Chong
Principal - Tumuaki (Acting)

KEY DATES

- 20 March, 2024
3 Way Learning Conferences
- 21 March, 2024 BOT Meeting
- 22 March, 2024
Manaaki Museum Trip
- 22 March, 2024
Ola Finafinau'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
- 29 April, 2024
Start of Term 2
- 13 - 17 May, 2024
Blake VR Onsite
- 13 - 17 May, 2024
Rotuman Language Week - Fāeag Rotuam Ta
- 21 May, 2024
Class Photos
- 27 - 31 May, 2024
Samoan Language Week - Gagana Samoa
- 31 May, 2024
Staff Only Day

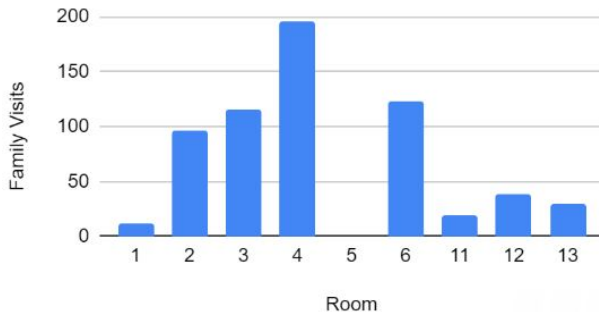


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Seesaw Family Visits 22/02 - 18/03



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.**

McLAREN AWARDS T1, W8

Rylie Rm 5, Taito Rm 5, Valentine Rm 6, Archer Rm 11,

PRINCIPAL AWARDS T1 W8

Kiro R1, Jason R1, Tallulah R1, Lennox R2, Emma R2, Robin R2, Lilly R3, Christina R3, Alna R4, Kurtis R4, Arianna R6, Hannah R6, Prezayious R6, Lebron R11, Fapiano R12, Rejoice R12, Joshua PA, Jaice PA, Frida STEM, Elijah STEM

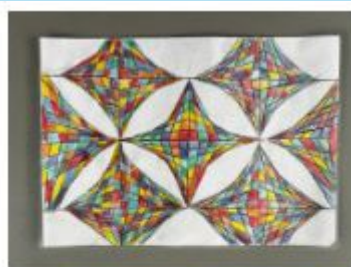


KURA HAKINAKINA RESULTS:

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



Week 5 - Whānau for the Week - Whānau Atawhai



INTERNATIONAL MATHS DAY

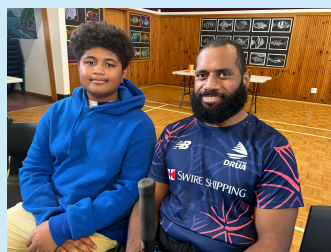
Last Thursday was International Maths Day where the theme was to play with maths through games, puzzles, experiments and performances. BMIS celebrated all of last week by playing different games, solving brain teasers and making art that used different maths skills to bring the fun to our maths lessons. We held a school-wide competition where each class had to make a piece of art using maths skills and the best ones were put forward for judging to win points for their whānau.



1st - Prezayious Rm 6
2nd - Lebron Rm 11 and Kiro Rm 1 3rd - Robin Rm 2



During week 7 BMIS held its first Māori and Pasifika hui with huge success! We had many ākonga attend alongside their whānau. The kaupapa or purpose of this hui was to collect whānau voice. This included gathering their thoughts on what BMIS currently does that reflects our school cultural identity and what they would like to see more of and how they would like to be supported as a whānau during their time at BMIS so ākonga can have success. Many school-based and research-based work focuses on ākonga and staff perceptions; however, parent and whānau voices are very important too. Ākonga are influenced by the way their whānau feel about their school. So, this hui was a fantastic opportunity for our kaiako (teachers) to connect with whānau in a safe environment. We had a few raffle prizes that whānau could win by attending, a survey that whānau completed that will help inform our next steps and shared kai. If any of our Māori and Pasifika whānau were unable to attend, kaiako will hand out hard copies at the 3 way conferences during week 8. Keep your eyes peeled for our next hui date - we would love to see you there!



3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to our community whānau that came out for our 3 Way Learning Conversations. It was such a pleasure to meet each and every one of you to discuss our ākonga, your child's learning. If you missed out, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's kaiako to make an appointment. It is important for us that you are part of our whānau, part of your child's learning journey here at BMIS.

See you all at the next learning conversations at the end of Term 2.



WZ BMIS SWIMMING

Well done to our BMIS swimmers who participated in the WZ swimming meet on Thursday, 14th March 2024. All the students had so much fun representing our school.

BMIS WZ Swimmers: Charlie Rm 5, Skyla Rm 5, Rylie Rm 5, Yumi Rm 13, Hannah Rm 6, Leo Rm 3

- Mr Dewes - Sports Lead



WZ BMIS TAG RUGBY

Our boys tag team competed at the WZ Tag tournament on Tuesday, 19th March out at Moire Park, Massey. We won 3 out of our 5 games placing 6th out of 13 teams. I am so proud of how the boys played, the heart they showed emptying their tanks out on the field especially during the last two games.

All the boys played well but I would like to make a special mention to our MVP: Zahn - Ola Finafinau, our Top Try Scorer: Zephaniah - Ola Finafinau and our Top Playmaker: Shultz - Ola Finafinau and Most Improved: Joshua - Ola Finafinau.

- Ms Ah Chong - Tag Coach



SPEC EX UPDATE WEEK 8

The students are in full swing in their various SPEC EX classes.

In STEM, students are hard at work making their own wooden drums.

In Performing Arts, the students are busy writing and coordinating their script and getting ready to put it into action.

In Sport WZ training, the students are challenging themselves with a range of skills and exercises.

In the Spice Kitchen, students are enjoying creating and cooking a range of flavours, and enjoying the weekly 'banquet' where they eat their kai together.

In Visual Arts, they have made their first stencil designs by cutting out and spray painting their stencils.



EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

We have an e-bullying email address ebully@bruceclarenschool.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"



SKOOL LOOP

Please ensure you download our school app - Skool Loop.

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/id1043386607>

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



RACE TO KNOWLEDGE

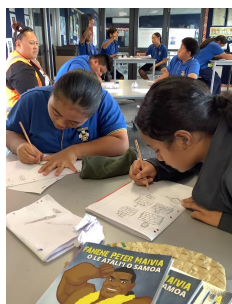
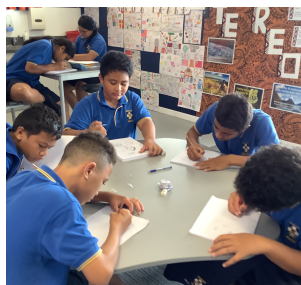
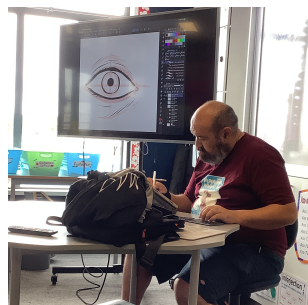
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WHĀNAU POINTS UP FOR GRABS!



MICHEL MULIPOLA AUTHOR VISIT WITH OLA FINAFINAU

Story Teller, Comic Book Artist, Pro Wrestler, Story Artist, Cultural Consultant



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



- A SPECIAL THANKS TO PAK'NSAVE HENDERSON FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT AT BRUCE MCLAREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL