



DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

Whānau of
Learners
FEBRUARY 2025

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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, SUSADEI, SELAMAT SIANG, SABAIDEE, MINGALABAR

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. To our new students, families and to our returning students and families welcome to the 2025 school year.

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is 'up and racing' with our teaching and learning. It is Week 2 in our BMIS school calendar and BMIS has been open for instruction for 5 days. In that time BMIS has welcomed our new students and staff with a Whakatau, commenced PROBE, reading support programmes and assessments, held Whānau & class hui, underway with our class attendance competition, booked school athletics day, served many meals from PitStop, and held assemblies, to name a few. So you can see we have our foot firmly on the accelerator. New staff are: Mrs Amanda Whitehead and Ms Timena Muna.

Our new students have integrated well into the McLAREN Way and are making new friends from many other contributing schools. Year 8 students know the expectations and are showing leadership to our newcomers - a great example of whānaungatanga.

With the sun out, we have all been able to breathe a sigh of relief and get out onto the huge field to play, trial for sports teams, enjoy our PE lessons and feel the sun on our backs.

Intermediate schooling is vital. Your child - our student is going through significant development as they grow socially, emotionally, physically and academically.

As a parent (caregiver), please know that your child's teacher is happy to hear from you to answer questions or discuss any issues around learning. You can find email addresses on the school website or contact the school office.

Newsletters are electronic and are posted to Skool Loop, FB, emailed and on the website. The newsletter is generally posted each fortnight on a Wednesday. Intermittent notices will come through the above means of communication. Very little will come to you that is paper based - occasionally some sports and trip permissions.

You will hear you child refer to: 5 Safe Adults; Right place, right time, right thing; DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE; 5Cs; Off at the Gate; "I go through the school gates to learn"; learn having fun; Opportunities Day; Kura Hakinakina; to mention a few. Please get them to explain to you what these mean - they are all part of our ethos at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

General reminders are in the newsletter. Please ensure that you read our information to keep up to date with what the school is doing so your child does not miss out on anything.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your commitment to ensure your child gets to school to gain from the incredible variety of learning opportunities at our school.

Have a wonderful Waitangi Day.

We are OPEN on Friday!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki Principal



Important Dates For Term 1:

Thursday 6th February:

Waitangi Day - No School

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February

Assessment Week

Wednesday 19th February:

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thursday 27th February:

BOT Meeting 5.00pm

Friday 11th April:

Last day of term

2025 CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Manawanui

R4 Miss de Coning

R5 Ms Muna

R6 Miss Francis

Manaaki

R8 Mrs Anand

R9 Ms Whitehead

R10 Miss Noffke

Atawhai

R11 Miss Southgate

R12 Miss Magasiva

R13 Mr Shankar

Atamai Specialist Teachers:

Mr Emmitt, Mr Horgan, Ms Warden, Matua Pete & Ms Ah Chong

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 and 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.

**ATTENDANCE...
WHO WILL WIN
MR WHIPPY?**

