



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

Here we are: the last week of Term 1, 2025. So much has taken place at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School over the last few weeks. I know that you will have kept abreast of these events and activities through all our media outlets (FB, SkoolLoop, website, emails, and notifications).

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers/whānau who attended the On Track Check Ins. It is always appreciated when families make the time to meet with us. We also understand how busy life is, making it difficult to check in. Please make contact with your child's teacher to stay current with your child's learning journey. Also, check out your child's SeeSaw – real time learning platform. Other areas of learning you can access through your child are: EduPerfect and MathBuddy.

We know that 'HOME' is the FIRST TEACHER. Your child has been on the planet for 10-12 years by the time they arrive at intermediate school – and by this time they know right from wrong, how to speak to and respect themselves, others and property. Our 5Cs, 3Rs and high expectations for social, emotional, physical, academic growth continue to progress the positive input your child has had to this date.

A huge 'thank you' to our parents/whānau who have supported the many outings this term eg Art Gallery trips, Beach Ed to Piha North, Museum outings, sporting fixtures... Without your support, outings are not possible. Thank you!

BMIS has gathered 'student voice' for our PitStop. It is interesting to note that our ākonga LOVE PitStop. And it is with much gratitude that we thank Fonterra, KickStart Breakfast, KidsCan, Fruit & Vege in Schools and our fresh bread delivery. Our PitStop Crew are very ingenious with their culinary creations to provide delicious dining. Karakia kai is always said before every meal, and it is the expectation that our students sit to eat and show gratitude with their manners. Anyone at school is welcome to dine in PitStop. A part of our BMIS kaupapa is to feed the mind and body – there is always food available.

You will have heard of our '5 Safe Adults'. Please ask your child who their 5 Safe Adults are at BMIS (these are not friends!). These are the adults they can check in with, whenever they feel unsure or need to know about something outside of their learning times. Also, it is important that our learners use their voices – if in doubt, check it out, ask. There is never a silly question when trying to improve your learning.

With Auckland weather in full swing, and the changing of the seasons (along with Daylight Savings), please ensure that your child has a raincoat and school hat! For some reason it generally rains at lunchtimes and at 3pm, so we want our ākonga to be dry coming to and going from school – keeping them well and warm.

Ākonga who registered to take organic produce home from the school garden have been incredibly grateful and commented on how 'fresh' it was. It is a pleasure to be able to provide this produce when it comes time to harvest.

School Docs is where all school policies are housed, should you ever wish to refer to these. This is found on our school website: www.brucemclaren.school.nz

Triannual Board Elections are taking place in September. Are you wanting to share your skill set with a team of upbeat and informed parents? Information regarding the process, in many languages, is available from the school office or on the NZSBA website: <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>

BMIS will be hosting a 'Target Student' hui early Term 2. This will be for parents/whānau who have a child/ren learning just below BMIS expectation – below where they should be at. Information will be out soon.

BMIS will be hosting a Māori & Pasifika hui early Term 2 also. More information to be provided soon.

Dates to note:

Last day of Term 1, Week 11: Friday, 11 April (3pm close)

MOE Staff Only Day: Monday, 28 April – school closed

First day of Term 2, Week 1: Tuesday, 29 April (8:30am start in class)

Term 2 is only 9 weeks long. The time will whiz by. Term 2 also houses King's Birthday, 2 June and Matariki, 20 June so BMIS will hit the track at speed. Please ensure that your child has a rest over the term break and is fuelled and ready for Tuesday, 29th April.

Thank you again for a positive Term 1.

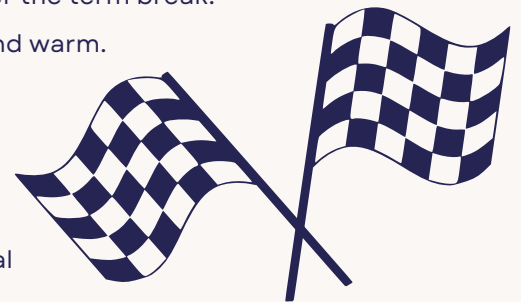
Staff will be reflecting on Term 1 and perfecting our Term 2 plans over the term break.

Stay safe, well and warm.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Tumuaki Principal



Guess who I caught up with?

Yes, a Bruce McLaren Intermediate 'old boy'!

Former NRL and Kiwi Rugby League player Sione Faumuina

A letter to the Principal - From Hub West

We just wanted to inform you about what your amazing students and their accomplishments in the past few months as youth leaders in our Studio. Amber, Albin and most recently, Carlton have completed several creative projects that benefits our community and beyond.

- 1: Participate in making an informative video about recycling for Auckland Council.
- 2: Paint a fence design for a new Recycling facility in West Auckland soon to open in May 2025.
- 3: Volunteer in running our local MPHS Community Festival attended by approximately 5000 people. They helped in setting up, operating several stalls and packing down after the event.

All these events have been noticed and celebrated by local councillors and leaders who have responded with many positive encouragements towards your students. Most observations and comments have been about their leadership skills and ability to work with others.

Currently they are part of the team running the World of Cultures Festival from our facility. The festival is a two week initiative by Auckland Council aimed at celebrating cultural diversity in our city. What makes our event different from the many other providers is ours was planned and is being ran by youth – specifically students from your school. They have been amazing and without their effort, none of the projects mentioned would have had the overwhelming success that they have had. I just thought you should know about the remarkable work your students have been up to and the lasting impression they are having in our community.



Principal's Awards Week 9, Term 1

Gian, Kayla, Sianna R4
 Ryder, Tyrell, Leonne R6
 Albin, Rilee, Aliyah R8
 Milly, Max, Mohammad, Sophie R9
 Damien, Eva, Darby, Cherry R10
 Ethan, Simon, Ethan, R11
 Osana, David, Jenny, Rodrick
 Ola Finafinau
 Courage R13
 Megan (STEM)
 Yanna, Connor, India (VA)
 Jenny, Mobashir, Paris, Leonale, Ariya,
 Nezorai (HPE)

Word of the Week

W9: Xander 8 & Albin Room 8



Highlight from Room 5



Supercars at BMIS today

Today BMIS was visited by Andre Heimgartner (2024 winner), Macauley Jones, Bryce Fullwood and Jaxon Evans. These SuperCar race drivers gave freely of their time and answered questions asked by our student panel. Included in their visit were two videos, which highlighted how important Bruce McLaren was in developing the racing car sport in New Zealand and around the world. The drivers also related to our school motto (pou) of DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE and how they used this in everything they do. Thank you to Mitch, Paul and the team for coming to our school. Best wishes for the ITM Taupō Super 440 this weekend. Drive with pride and have your eyes on the podium!



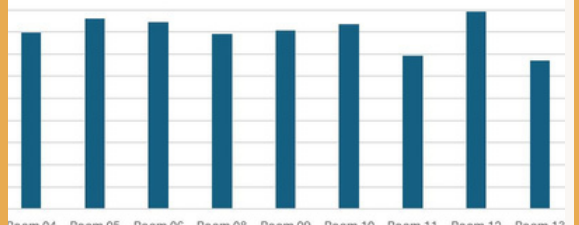
 SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

ATTENDANCE...
WHO WILL WIN
MR WHIPPY?



Week 10 31/03/2025 - 4/04/2025

Attendance by Percentage



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