

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 3 February 2022

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

BMIS is up and racing!

This contact is just to let you know that we have had a superb two days with our Year 7s on Wednesday and Year 7s and Year 8s today.

Please be reassured that the wearing of face masks and the following of the BMIS safety measures we have in place, have been followed. Please make sure your child is sent to school with a mask.

Due to being in RED: Our welcoming whakatau, along with our meet, greet and eat with the staff are unable to proceed. Teachers will be in contact soon.

Can you please ensure that your child knows how they are getting home from school or where you are picking them up from - there were a few confused students yesterday. School finishes at 3:00pm with a controlled exit through the school gate. Please note that the bus bay is for buses only. If you are collecting your child from school, please arrange a meeting place away from the school – there are many side streets close to the school.

Uniform sales have been incredibly successful. Thank you to our parents and whanau for having your child ready for schooling - this makes such a difference AND the students look amazing.

We endeavour to keep our class numbers low, but with an additional 50 enrolments over the last two weeks, it is challenging. It is obvious that our best kept secret is getting out there in the community - BMIS is the place to be. Much consideration is given to placements of students; much of the summer break was spent trying to create the best possible match for each and every student who enrolled before mid January. It does become a game of numbers with late enrolments. Thank you for the emails and comments already, about how your child is settling into our BMIS whanau and the whanaungatanga they are feeling.

The first newsletter for 2022 will be to you next week, with a variety of school information. However, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you are your child's parent and you make the choices for them around vaccination. Should the MOE use the BMIS site for vaccinations, it is always your choice whether your child is vaccinated - never will the school make that choice for you. Whenever your child has been vaccinated, you have always had to give permission. Nothing has changed from BMIS's position on this.

Please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher, Assistant Principals or me - emails are on the school website. Emails are the best form of communication as teachers are always on the go and are very rarely by the school phone.

As we celebrate Waitangi weekend this weekend, please be reminded that there is no school on Monday. We look forward to having our students on site on Tuesday, 8 February.

Thank you for having such wonderful children of which you can be proud.

Kia pai tō wiki - have a great week.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal