

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 7 September 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Malo e lelei. Kia ora koutou katoa.

Welcome to Tongan Language Week. Fakakoloa 'o aotearoa 'aki 'a e Ako Lelei – Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand with education.

I hope that this BMIS Community Update finds you, your whanau and loved ones safe and well in your respective bubbles.

It is with regret that I acknowledge the tragic event that occurred on Friday, 3rd September at the New Lynn Countdown. Our thoughts and aroha are with the victims and their families at this time, as well as with all those who were present and assisted. The impact of this event will be far reaching. Let's look out for and look after one another.

Under the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in – COVID-19 Alert Level 4 Lockdown, BMIS students and staff continue to achieve high levels of teaching and learning with soaring student engagement. This is incredibly reassuring knowing that we have students who are immersed in their individual learning journeys, and they are demonstrating continued progress. Please take the time to review your child's Personal Best Learner Profile (found on SeeSaw) and set a goal for the next stage of their learning journey.

We are hoping to hear from the Prime Minister on Monday, 13th September as to what Alert Level Auckland will be in. Regardless of any announcement, planning is taking shape for Alert Level 3 at BMIS. In Alert Level 3 it is imperative that we have exact numbers of students who will **NEED** to attend school to ensure that 'best practice' guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education are followed.

At school in Alert Level 3:

- No school bus service is operating
- A student **MUST** be registered with the school office to attend
- Skeleton staff operate - teachers and staff are at home with their families, working
- School is only a venue for a student to work in
- Learning online or from hardpack continues
- No food is provided – No Pit Stop
- Specific toilets are allocated
- PPE must be worn (clarity around masks for 12+year olds is being sought from the MOH)
- Drop off and pick up are strictly controlled.

I do apologize if this seems very bureaucratic. However, the SAFETY OF EVERYONE IS A PRIORITY. A flowchart is attached to help determine whether your child NEEDS to come to school in Alert Level 3. More information will be available as the time draws nearer to Alert Level 3. Who knows, Auckland may go straight to Alert Level 2. Fingers crossed!

Should you know of anyone in need, please reach out to us. There is also a list of agencies offering a variety of support across many sectors. Feel free to share this list – it has been posted a few times with previous BMIS Community Updates.

A big shout out to everyone who has had a birthday in Alert Level 4 thus far. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to our Paralympians for their grit and determination at The Games. Congratulations to the All Blacks and McLaren F1 placed midfield.

Keep doing what we are doing – staying safe, well and at home in our bubble.

*He oranga ngākau, he pikinga waiora
Positive feelings within you enhances wellbeing*

(I love this whakatauki).

We've got this BMIS whanau! We're on track! We're up and racing!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal