

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 10 September 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa. Male e lelei.

I hope that this Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Community Update finds you safe and well in your respective bubbles.

Here we are concluding Week 7, Term 3 (Day 24 of Alert Level 4 Lockdown). Today was to be our Staff Only Day in final preparation for our Week 8 Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Offsite Experience and Malaga. It is unfortunate that we are unable to experience these activities at this time, but it is more important that we are all doing our bit to ensure that we stay safe and well as a nation. This is bigger than just us and we can make it better by playing our part – stay home.

Our ākonga are engaged in their distance learning from home, through the teaching and learning of our amazing teachers and staff being available to them, while the staff have been juggling their bubbles as well. Celebrations took place for Tongan Language Week this week through a variety of tasks, events and activities. As they did also for Conservation Week. I hope these have been shared with you and your bubble.

It has been uplifting to see students sharing, caring and happy with their learning. There is a great deal of innovation, creativity and critical thinking being employed. What an incredible team we make – students, staff and our school families. We rock!

BMIS is collating a COVID COUNTDOWN COOKBOOK and we are asking for favourite family recipes, childhood favourite recipes, cultural recipes, creative recipes, a recipe with a story, a recipe with history, along with a picture/photo if you have one for your recipe. Your child knows where to post these recipes. We look forward to having a culinary cookbook created in this crazy COVID time.

Week 8 celebrates Maori Language Week. Your child/ren will be immersed in many learning activities to celebrate this wonderful week e.g., mihi, pepeha, whaikōrero, whakataukī, waiata, kanikani, competitions, websites, Youtube, links. There is also learning to be undertaken by watching Mākakitaki: Maori Television. Watching Māori Television is a good way of enhancing vocabulary and pronunciation. I mōhio ranei koe...? Did you know...? Kua tekau mā whā tau te pakeke o Whakaata Māori. Maori TV is 17years old (launched in 2004). Inā te nui o ngā kai o roto. There is so much rich language content to be found there. There are also the Taringa bilingual podcasts about all things Māori. Ask your tama/tamahine what they are learning during Week 8.

Like you, I am hoping to hear on Monday of the possible change in our Auckland Alert Level. With this in mind, planning for Alert Level 3 is well underway. [Please click HERE to view the flowchart](#) and let your child's teacher know that your child is safe at home in Alert Level 3 or that they NEED to come to school as there will be NO adult at home in Alert Level 3 to supervise them.

A huge shout out to our Essential Workers who, for the past 24 days in Alert Level 4, have kept Auckland functioning. This heart is for you.



IT'S ALL RIGHT TO BE RIDING THE
EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER RIGHT NOW



Please stay safe, well and at home in your bubble. Look out for each other. Look after each other. We on all somewhere on the rollercoaster ride.

We've got this. We're up and racing.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal