

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

By now you will be in the routine of what COVID-19 Alert Level 4 is for you and your bubble. At Day 28 many of us are asking “what hoodie and legging combo am I going to wow the world with today?” I think this whakatauki certainly conveys where we are at: He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka – A choppy sea can be navigated. And with the effort and energy we put into making our nation safe now, staying at home in our bubble, will certainly benefit us all and provide us with calmer waters soon.

Welcome to Year 7 Camp; Year 8 Off Site & Malaga week. However, even with much sadness that these events are cancelled we still have much to celebrate. Welcome to Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Our BMIS distance/home learning is full of karakia, waiata, whakatauki, competitions, Kapa Haka initiatives, pepeha, whakapapa, wāhi, te wā, mahi ngahau, he tikanga marae, tangata rongonui and Zui to name a few of the activities and learning. This is supplemented with Maori TV and Taringa podcasts. There is something for everyone, no matter where you are on your learning journey of Te Reo and Tikanga.

Student distance/home learning is still reaching new heights. Thank you for ensuring your child is engaged with their learning (of which comes in all shapes and sizes in these times). BMIS is trying to keep a routine where students are to register between 8:30am – 9:00am, ready for the day's learning. Our staff are committed to ensuring our students are having the best teaching and learning experiences in this time of uncertainty. Keep checking on your child's progress. Keep asking them what they have learnt for the day.

Keep the recipes rolling into Mrs Pye – our BMIS COVID CULINARY COOKBOOK will be fantastic.

Enrolments of Year 6 students for 2022 at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School are drawing to a close. If you know of someone who is enrolling their child at BMIS, and still needs to do so – please, please hurry them along. I would hate for anyone to miss out especially as we work so hard at keeping student numbers low in classes to gain maximum benefit for our learners and this takes much planning with projected staffing.

Day 28. Other parts of the globe certainly have it much harder than we do, with students being in learning lockdown for up to 183 days and counting.

Like you, I wait for the Prime Minister to give her Monday announcement and see if there is a change in Alert Level for Auckland. Remember to check the [Alert Level 3 flowchart](#) to see whether your child is to STAY at home safe and sound or NEEDS to join the bubble at school in Alert Level 3.

Thank you for the many kind words about how amazing our BMIS staff have been, entering your home, teaching your child while they juggle their own family and their own bubble in this time. It is very much appreciated.

Stay well, stay safe and stay at home.

Sanitise, sanitise, sanitise.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal