

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 19 August 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora parents/whanau of BMIS ākongā.

I hope that you are safe and well.

JUST CHECKING IN.

I have no new information to hand. All news is via TVNZ, RadioNZ, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Health and on the MOH website.

By now our BMIS staff will have been checking in with your child/ren - our learners.

Thank you for your support with ensuring that your child/ren's learning journey continues at this time in COVID-19 Alert Level 4, with or without a device.

At Level 4, NO staff are allowed on the school site as directed by MOH & MOE, so there is NO access to school devices at this time. BMIS has hardcopy booklets ready for students and a process to issue BMIS chromebooks to students who need them, if/when we move to Alert Level 3.

If you have not heard from your child's teacher or a staff member to date, please email the teacher or contact me. Staff are situated in their homes and are available from 9:00am – 1:00pm (they also need a wee break for morning tea and to manage their families). Student attendance is taken during all Lockdowns.

As I have mentioned to the incredible staff of our McLaren Team, we can only control the controllable. So let's do what we can do and enjoy what we need to do. Have some fun. We've got this! BMIS has a race plan and we're up, racing and accelerating.

Below is a list from the MOE of agencies that may be of assistance for someone you may know.

May the sunshine for us all.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Stay safe, stay well, stay at home. WE'VE GOT THIS!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

Agencies you can contact for assistance:

For people with disabilities or autism and their support people, the Explore 0800 000421 phone service available to provide advice or support. This includes advice or support around challenging behaviours. To access this service, you don't need a referral and it doesn't matter whether you're new to Explore, currently on their waitlist or you've worked with them previously. The service is available Monday to Friday 9.00am–5.00pm. When you phone the 0800 number you will be connected with an administrator who will then book you an appointment with one of the specialists.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support over this time here are some further options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

• Women's Refuge	0800REFUGE or 0800 733 843
• Shine	0508 744 633
• Alcohol and Drug Helpline	0800 787 797
• Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508FAMILY
• CADS	0800 367 222
• Narcotics Anonymous	0800 628 632
• Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 229 6757
• Lifeline	0800 543 354 or free text 4357
• Youthline	0800 376 633 or free text 234
• Samaritans	0800 726 666
• Outline (LGBT)	0800 688 5463
• Depression Helpline	0800 111 757
• Suicide Prevention Helpline	0508 828 865
• The Fono West (Social Services)	09 837 1780
• Counselling	Free Call or Text 1737
• Healthline for COVID-19 health advice	0800 358 5453

Work and Income services centres are closed. However, you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help. Call first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:

• Auckland City Mission (City)	09 303 9200
• Salvation Army (Henderson)	09 837 4471
• Vinnies Auckland (Newton)	09 815 6122 or 0800 6800
• Hope Centre (New Lynn)	02108048436
• Vision West (Glen Eden)	09 818 0716 – Mon, Wed, Fri only

For Auckland, the Auckland Emergency Management website may be useful.

If you know someone who needs financial assistance, please tell him/her to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, seven days a week).

If you know someone is feeling anxious, frustrated or needs a listening ear, they can call or text 1737 to talk with a trained counsellor. It is free 24 hours a day, seven days a week.