

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 21 September 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

It is fabulous to know that Auckland now is moving to Alert Level 3 from Day 35 in Alert Level 4 at 11:59pm on Tuesday – today. However, the heavy lifting by all Aucklanders to get us from the change of level, Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2, is not finished. We have a way to go yet.

You will be aware that SCHOOLS in ALERT LEVEL 3 are “broadly speaking” CLOSED.

At Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, as of Wednesday, 22nd September, a skeleton staff will be in operation to oversee the very few (less than six) students who have been registered with the school by an adult in your bubble. This is because there is NO ADULT, AT ALL, IN THE HOME in Alert Level 3 between 9:00am – 3:00pm.

I can't stress this enough – ***if there is a carer in the home (even if the adult is working from home) then children must stay home.*** This is a Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education directive.

Our community's safety is paramount and this includes our staff and their home bubbles too. Our staff continue trying to work from home, continuing to provide the best teaching and learning experiences on offer, while juggling their own home bubbles, just like that of many of our school community families. In Alert Level 3, school is not as we know it. Click [here to see the BMIS Alert Level 3 Plan](#) and here to see the [flowchart for school attendance in Alert Level 3](#).

As the sun shines upon us, it is important to note that it is Mental Health Awareness Week. For some fun activities to do in your bubble, supports and strategies along with general information head to: <https://www.mhaw.nz/>

Also, you know we are heading towards Summer when Daylight Saving is upon us – yes! Don't forget to change your clocks and devices. Daylight Saving starts each year at 2:00am on the last Sunday in September, (Sunday, 26th) and ends at 3:00am on the first Sunday in April. Clocks are put forward one hour.

BMIS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: Get your bubble grooving, moving and shaking with our BMIS Community Challenge. Your children will know what is involved. We need you, you, you. We need you, you, you to enter this challenge!

Keep those family favourite recipes coming in. Mrs Pye is rapt to receive these for our Culinary Cookbook.

Distance/home learning continues to accelerate. Well done to the many students who are really applying themselves to engaging with their personal learning journeys – regardless of how this may look.

Remember to stay safe, stay well and stay at home.

I thought that this whakatauki was pertinent at this time – we each need the other to do their bit for the greater good of the community.

Ka ora pea au i a koe
Ka ora i a au
*Perhaps I survive because of you
And you survive because of me.*

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal