

# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

## Principal's Update: 24 August 2021

### For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

I do hope that you are well and at home.

As you will appreciate, there are now many areas of interest in and around Auckland, and many of us will know of someone who is deemed 'a close contact' who is having to isolate for 14 days.

As the Delta variant of COVID-19 is indiscriminate and more and more schools are being identified as areas of interest, it is important to know that if Bruce McLaren Intermediate School is impacted, the Ministry Of Health & Ministry Of Education will make direct contact with me and have strict guidelines for me to follow. Included in the guidelines is how I am to inform our school community.

It is important that in these times we stick to learning the facts and don't get our information or updates from social media - stick to known news sites e.g., TVNZ, MOH website, TV3. And a huge THANK YOU to the Essential Workers who are keeping our country functioning.

To date, there have been 75 chromebooks distributed for our ākonga to continue with their learning journeys, online. It is imperative that these devices are treasured and treated with the utmost care as repairs/replacements will not take place in Alert Level 4 (or Alert Level 3). We know that the students who received these chromebooks will be able to connect with their teachers, peers in class and engage with our platforms of learning, just as their classmates have been doing since last Wednesday.

Please be aware that **the school and school grounds are closed** - to everyone until further notice.

Our amazing staff is committed to ensuring our BMIS students have the best possible learning experience of any student in our country (not just at our school!) and this means online learning also. Students engaged in online/hardcopy learning are registered as 'present' - your child's teacher (or in some cases - teacher aide) will know.

Should you have any questions with learning, please contact your child's teacher directly. We are all here to help.

Importantly, the wellbeing of your family is the priority. Health and safety comes first, before any school learning at home.

There are many agencies ready to support families in a variety of ways i.e., food parcels, counselling,: please refer to earlier communication for the contact numbers.

BMIS has been here before. BMIS has got a race plan. BMIS is up, racing and accelerating.

STAY WELL. ENJOY THE FINE WEATHER. STAY AT HOME.

Kia kaha. Kia maia. Kia manawanui.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal