

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 24 September 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope all is well with you and your family inside your bubble at Alert Level 3. This has been a welcomed progression by most. Auckland still has much mahi ahead.

It has been positive to see the continuation of high levels of student engagement, with students actively immersing themselves into the distance/home learning tasks. This will stand them in great stead for their return to school in Term 4. Should your child be working on a device, concentrated school time is from 8:30am – 1:00pm.

Acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Week, staff have had an abundance of fun putting together a crazy KAHOOT of themselves in their younger days. Our students and staff have been TRYING to guess who's who. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to have a go also.

BMIS is still on the hunt for your family favourite recipes. Keep sending these through.

The BMIS Community Challenge has gone live. Check out the information in this Community Update. Bring it on whanau. Move and groove. NEON is here. [Click here to watch the video!](#)

Keep Year 6 enrolments coming in. It is important to have enrolments in for 2022 so that we can future proof low class sizes to gain the maximum benefit for our learners. Our learners are at the core of our planning and our Strategic Plan is about students first.

Year 8 students are to be enrolled at a secondary school by now.

Thank you to all our ESSENTIAL WORKERS for providing Aucklanders with the essentials to keep us and our city functioning – you are our heroes.

School devices: should your child be working on a loaned school chromebook, note that for the safety of your child, your family, students and staff - the BMIS chromebooks will be deactivated during the term break. As always, safety is paramount. More information will come next week with a time of the deactivation.

So, here we are. Day 38. Day 3 of Alert Level 3. Week 9 of Term 4.

I am so proud of our BMIS students, teachers, staff, parents & whanau and wider community. We have pulled together, supported one another, laughed, sighed, smiled and embarked on a COVID distance/home learning time with positivity; drawing on our 5Cs, our McLAREN Way; and keeping our vision at the forefront. DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

WE'VE GOT THIS! We're up and racing.

I am hopeful that the All Blacks and F1 Team McLaren are also up and racing this weekend...

Let's keep doing what we need to do whanau.

Stay safe, stay well and stay at home.

Looking forward to seeing you in action – with the NEON CHALLENGE.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal