

# **Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**

## **Principal's Update: 27 August 2021**

### **For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers**

Kia ora koutou katoa

May you be safe and well in your bubble.

It is now 10 days since our COVID-19 Alert Level 4 Lockdown was imposed across our nation. Having heard from the Prime Minister at 3pm, Northland and Auckland could be in Alert Level 4 for another fortnight. Confirmation is yet to come next week.

THANK YOU to our students' first teachers - our parents, caregivers, whanau. Juggling running the home, continuing with employment requirements and engaging children with their learning is not easy! And that's not even the half of it! THANK YOU.

During this time, it has been absolutely brilliant to see our BMIS ākonga in action with their critical learning, innovation and their determination to stay focused with their home learning either on devices or in hard-packs. Students who are engaged in their learning are not only strengthening their learning journey but are also benefiting from connecting with their peers and our staff. I would love to receive pictures of our students in action with their learning and of their time in Lockdown. Our approach to learning at BMIS is holistic and through fun. Social, emotional, academic and physical wellbeing are intertwined and require nourishing - healthy bodies = healthy minds.

I have attached information that may be of support to families or someone you know.

No decisions have been made regarding Year 7 Camp, Year 8 OE or Malaga. Our fingers are crossed that these proceed (I am hanging onto a glimmer of hope!). The Prime Minister's announcements will keep us updated. We wait for Monday.

There are numerous places of interest, many cases of Delta and no doubt, many of us will know of folk who are 'in isolation' as a close contact or a case. Thank you to everyone for doing what is required at this time - stay home.

To the Essential Workers, THANK YOU for your mahi to keep our country functioning.

To our studious students, our patient parents, our committed caregivers, our wonderful whanau - please make sure that you and your family's wellbeing and bubble remain the priority.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe. Stay well. Stay in and around home.

Kia kaha. Kia maia. Kia manawanui.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

# COVID-19 Information

## **ACCESS TO FOOD:**

I encourage you to let our communities know they don't need to go without.

Here's a fact sheet with information about the many ways of getting food and other essential items.

It covers:

- food delivery
- what to do if you can't get food delivered
- staying safe when getting food delivered
- financial help to buy food
- foodbanks.

Please note, some foodbanks have been experiencing high demand. If there is a need for financial help to buy food, Work and Income may be able to help.

**Other documentation has been sent out prior – please check SkoolLoop/BMIS website/emails for more information.**

## **LIVE AND ON-DEMAND TELEVISION CONTENT:**

### ***Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora***

- In partnership with Māori Television, the MOE has now launched the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 series to ensure Māori language learning can continue anywhere, anytime for tamariki during and after Alert Level 4.
- The channel is full of new and engaging content, while also taking the chance to revisit some of the more popular lessons of the show enjoyed by tamariki in the comfort and safety of their bubbles.
- Every episode is presented by Māori language teachers and exponents with support from expert educationalists. Tamariki are encouraged through play, art, song and imagination to continue learning whether they are in a classroom, at home or in isolation.
- Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 screens on Te Reo channel every weekday from 9am to 12pm beginning today. Programmes will also be available online on the Māori TV website and on the Māori+ app.
- The lesson schedule for the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga series can be found in the above link.

### ***Home Learning | Papa Kainga TV***

- Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV is back online and on television weekdays between 9am–1pm.
- Home Learning | Papa Kainga TV is primarily for learners without internet connectivity. It can be accessed on Duke+1 (Freeview channel 18). Those households who have Sky can also access Duke +1 on channel 504.
- For households who have internet connectivity they can access the lessons through TVNZ On Demand.
- Schedules are published on Learning from Home.
- Households may also need a reminder of how to enable captions – information can be found here.

### ***Kia Manawaroa: Information hub for whānau Māori***

- Kia Manawaroa is our dedicated channel for whānau Māori with tamariki and rangatahi in the education system.

- This pānui includes updates about changes and opportunities in the education system, positive stories of Māori achieving success as Māori, and advice for whānau supporting their tamariki and rangatahi through their unique learning journeys.
- In times of COVID-related change, Kia Manawaroa focuses on providing practical information to help whānau and is sent out as and when significant changes or announcements are made.
- [Read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa here](#)

**Vaccine FAQs (including information for 12 to 15-year-olds):**

The vaccine FAQ link **has been restored** and here is the attached document. This information has been provided by the Government to support any questions you might be getting about vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds.