

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 28 September 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

WOW! Here we are in Week 10, Term 3. The last week of the term. It is incredible to think that your child, our student has been completing tasks over the last 42 days of Lockdown from home. Your child's teacher has endeavoured to engage your child with cutting edge tasks, amazing learning activities, be motivational, inspirational and consistent with your child's learning journey. Your child's level of engagement over this time will definitely be reflected in their ongoing learning journey progress. Learning has been based around our concept of GLOBALIZATION. COVID-19 is certainly global!

There are so many individual, group, class, whanau wins, initiatives and programmes, cultural language weeks, competitions, challenges and weeks to acknowledge over the Lockdown learning time, that to name a few would not give justice to them all. BMIS knows that your child will have had fun with their learning and, yes, there would have been times of pressure also. 'Struggle time' is when we learn best.

ALL DISTANCE/ONLINE/HOME LEARNING WILL STOP AT 12:00pm FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

SCHOOL DEVICES:

On Friday, 1st October at 12:00pm, BMIS chromebooks will be deactivated. The chromebook will not be functional.

Chromebooks can be returned to BMIS on Friday, 1st October from 12:00pm – 2:30pm.

This will be contactless.

- STAY IN VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES. WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.
- Drive in office gate.
- Sanitise.
- Drop off chromebook at desk provided.
- Sanitise.
- Drive out office gate. Done.

This provides families the opportunity to remove any possibility of the chromebook being broken or damaged during the term break and having to pay for these repairs that are required.

If you are not able to return the chromebook, please store it safely over the term break. BMIS has a record of who has what and tracked to where it is.

This week we celebrate **Tuvalu and Chinese Language Weeks**. We also celebrate **Mental Health Awareness Week**. There are so many amazing activities to do in your bubble at <https://www.mhaw.nz> and with the weather becoming brighter and Daylight Saving providing more light in the evenings, it's a great time to give some of these a go. MHAW website also has a list of supporting agencies and community organizations that are ready and willing to support anyone in any way.

On Friday, I challenge our community to wear green. Green is the colour for MHAW. Take pictures of you and your bubbles in green and send them through to me by 12pm for our website principal@bruceclaren.school.nz GO GREEN!

BMIS Community Challenge continues – we have some AWESOME entries and want more. Keep them rolling in parents/whanau/students. Keep grooving!

BMIS COVID Culinary Cookbook is building. Keep your family favourites coming in.

Thank you to ESSENTIAL WORKERS. We rock! Thank you for keeping our city functioning in this uncertain time. To everyone who is doing the mahi, playing your part to keep everyone safe – you are our heroes.

Continue to look out for and look after for yourself and your bubble. Our work is NOT done yet Auckland.



No doubt, like me, you are waiting to hear how Auckland will fare on Monday, 4th October. We wait for the PM's announcement at 4:00pm with our fingers crossed. Until then, follow the guidelines and make the most of the time – at home.

NB: Return chromebook on Friday, 1st October at BMIS, from 12:00pm – 2:30pm.

Black Ferns, we look ahead to the next encounter with the English Roses for redemption.

Team McLaren F1 – not a bad finish. Daniel = P4. Lando gaining in experience and having learnt the hard way – stay in your lane and take direction when advised = P7.

All Blacks, thank you for the win. Oh my gosh – that was not what I thought the score would be.

Stay safe. Stay well. Stay at home.

Tōfa. Zaijian.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal