



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 1

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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni hao, Buenos dias, Ciao, Malo no habari, Dobar dan, Bula vinaka, Anyeonghaseyo, Nameste, Sawatdi

From The Principal's Desk:

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to the 2019 school year at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

UNIFORM:

The Uniform Shop has accommodated our school whanau by holding four open mornings at our school to ensure that our students look fantastic to commence the year.

ENROLMENTS:

It has been an incredible start to the year with 30+ students enrolling within the last four weeks. As you can imagine, a lot of time and hard work goes into class placements. Students learning, social, emotional and health needs are all taken into consideration. Sometimes students may not be placed with their friends, and may have been placed with a teacher that is better suited to their needs. As our classes are all full, it is extremely difficult to move students. We encourage students to allow relationships with their teacher and fellow students to settle. However, if you have any concerns, please contact the classroom teacher.

WELCOME:

On Friday our Year 8 students, staff and whanau welcomed our new students, staff and whanau to BMIS. From manuhiri to tangata whenua of BMIS – a special time for all.

COMMUNICATION:

For general school information we have many ways of informing our school community.

- We ask:
 - parents/whanau to have the SkoolLoop app downloaded onto your device,
 - check in with the school website,
 - check the school parent FaceBook page - which is monitored

- read the fortnightly newsletter (usually out on a Wednesday) and attached to the website
- electronic sign at school gate
- email list (newsletter subscription found on website)

Should you wish to make contact with the school, your child's class teacher is the first point of contact. For 2019 your child will be in one of the three learning whanau: Whanau Kotahi, Whanau Toa, Whanau Whetu.

SUN SAFE:

With our Summer finally upon us it is important that our students utilise our 4 steps to ensure that we are a Sun Safe School.

1. Sun block is available in classrooms
2. Ample provision of shade structures and leafy trees under which students may seek protection
3. Education – the students are consistently reminded, and in assemblies, about the dangers of the sun and to take precautions
4. A school hat is part of the Bruce McLaren Intermediate School uniform

OFF AT THE GATE:

Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride.

MEET THE TEACHER:

On Wednesday, 13th February from 6pm – 7pm, BMIS will be holding a time for parents/whanau to Meet the Teacher. Meet the Teacher will commence in the hall and then break off to your child's classroom where you will get a chance to

hear from the teacher. The purpose of this time is to put faces to names and meet parents/whanau of students in your child's class. Snack on a sausage which will be available at our sausage sizzle.

The first formal reporting process commences Week 6 with a scheduled time for parents and student to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's Effort Report. This is an indicator of how your child is settling in to intermediate life and applying him/herself to tasks. At this time, a 2019 goal will be created.

Should you wish to have a sit down meeting with the teacher before Meet the Teacher and the Effort Report evenings, a separate time will need to be arranged through email with the class teacher.

We look forward to an amazing school year with a plethora of events, activities and learning for our students, staff, parents/whanau and wider school community - as we are all life long learners.

Our school motto embodies all that we do at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School - so we commence 2019 knowing that we will DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

WAITANGI DAY - NO SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that there is no school on Wednesday, 6 February, as this is a public holiday.

STATIONERY FOR 2019:

Stationery packs will be available for purchase from the Henderson Warehouse Stationery, Cnr Pioneer & Catherine Streets, Henderson (09) 836-3893 from 1 January 2019.

All students should have their stationery packs by Monday, 11th February.

UNIFORM SALES 2019:

Uniform can be purchase either online: <http://www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz> or from the School Uniform Centre showroom, 553 Remuera Rd, Remuera. They are open Monday - Friday from 8.30am - 5.00pm and Saturday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

All students must be in full and correct uniform, including PE gear and correct school shoes, by Monday, 11 February.

SCHOOL FEES 2019:

Below is a list of costs that will need to be paid throughout the year. These costs can be paid in full, paid weekly, fortnightly, term by term - however is easiest for you! Additional events and activities will come up through the year specific to our learning programmes. Information regarding any events will be available in newsletters, on the website and from your child before the event.

Our bank account details are: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, **12-3051-0471762-00** if you would like to start making payments towards any of these costs. Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

Specialist Subject Fees: This covers materials used in specialist subjects, like Food Tech, Soft Materials.	\$80
Beach Ed (Year 8 only): This is taking place in Week 5 and will need to be paid for by 2 March. Information and permission slip will be sent home shortly.	\$30
Spelling Book: This is a resource for a schoolwide spelling programme, and is not part of the stationery box	\$11
Maths Buddy: This is an individualised online maths resource integrated into our Maths programme	\$15
Year 7 Camp: This will take place 10 - 13 September. We are still finalising the costs of buses, etc, but we estimate the cost to be around \$290 (approximately) per student. This amount can be paid off during the year but will need to be paid in full by Friday, 30th August.	\$290 approx
Year 8 EOTC: This will take place 10 - 13 September. We are still finalising the costs of buses, etc, but we estimate the cost to be around \$260 (approximately) per student. This amount can be paid off during the year but will need to be paid in full by Friday, 30th August.	\$260 approx
Donation (optional): This is voluntary but we would really appreciate it if this can be paid, as we are not funded adequately by the Government to provide the rich education we deliver to your child.	\$100

MEET TEAM McLAREN!

Whanau 1:

Room 8	Mr McKenzie
Room 2	Mr Ganda (temporary)
Room 3	Mr Lloyd

Whanau 2:

Room 5	Ms Clydesdale
Room 6	Mrs Sluiter
Room 7	Mrs Earnshaw

Whanau 3:

Room 9	Mr Emerson
Room 4	Ms Kempster
Room 1	Miss Asafo

Whanau 4:

ASLT	Mr Ganda
Food Tech	Mrs Woof
Soft Materials	Mrs Mills
Visual Arts	Mrs Lander
STEM	Mr Emmitt

ATTENDANCE:

As part of our reporting to the Board of Trustees, we report against attendance. This is also shown on your child's school report.

The Ministry of Education outlines attendance rates as follows:

Absence Rates Across the Year			
Acceptable	96%	=	10 days (2 weeks of school missed across the school year)
A concern	90%	=	20 days (4 weeks of missed school, one month)
Critical concern	85%	=	30 days (6 weeks of missed school, over half a term)
Very serious	80%	=	40 days (8 weeks of missed school, nearly one term)

Another interesting, but scary fact - if your child misses one day a fortnight for various reasons, by the time they reach Year 10, they will have missed a whole year of schooling. Absences have a significant impact on a child's learning, please be mindful of this.

School starts at 8.30am each morning, and finishes at 3.00pm. Please make sure your child is on time.

OFFICE HOURS:

The school office is open from 8.00am - 4.00pm every day except Thursdays, when it will close at the earlier time of 3.00pm.

HEAD PHONES:

We have ear-bud headphones available for purchase from the school office. They are \$8 each.

PIT STOP:

At BMIS we have Pit Stop. This is a refuelling station for our emerging adolescents. Students are able to access Pit Stop - this is FREE. Students and volunteers run Pit Stop - for students by students. Food that is accessible at intervals: fruit, weetbix, snackbars, scroggin, smoothies, cold milk and chilled water, bread & spreads with a focus on healthy eating.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays = 1st interval (10:05 - 10:20) & hot lunches (1 - 1:20pm)

Tuesdays, Thursdays = 2nd intervals (11:30 - 11:50pm)

We do not have a school tuckshop.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP:

Thank you to parents/whanau for ensuring your child/ren are collected/depart from school at 3pm. If your child is to wait for you, they are to do this at school under the hall awning for safety. Please do NOT ask them to wait for you at the shops - they are unattended in a heavy traffic area.

Should you need to collect your child/ren from school, there are two small carparks that can be accessed to park in at school. It is easier to park off Heremai Street rather than at the shopping precinct carparks (these carparks are for their customers) or clogging the bus bay. THE BUS BAY IS NOT A CAR PARK - you will be asked to move off from here.

There are free school buses that can also be accessed.

BMIS is a GOLD TravelWise School.

This has come about by students walking, cycling scooting, busing, training to school rather than being dropped off and picked up by private vehicles. Students MUST have a helmet if they are on wheels - this is BOT policy.

2019 TERM DATES:

TERM 1, 2019:

Year 7: Wednesday, 30 January - Friday, 12 April

Year 8: Thursday, 31 January - Friday, 12 April

TERM 2, 2019:

Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

TERM 3, 2019:

Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

TERM 4, 2019:

Monday, 14 October - Friday, 13 December



CHINESE NEW YEAR THE YEAR OF THE PIG:

Gong hei fat choy” is the most common Chinese New Year greeting in Cantonese, which is spoken in parts of southern China and Hong Kong. It directly translates to “wishing you great happiness and prosperity.” In Mandarin, the same greeting is “gong xi fa cai” (pronounced gong she fa tsai).

It is commonly called “Lunar New Year”, because it is based on the lunisolar Chinese calendar. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month (Chinese: 正月; pinyin: zhēng yuè) in the Chinese calendar and ends with Lantern Festival which is on the 15th day.

The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

The Pig is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支—dì zhī) hài (亥), and the hours 9–11 in the night. In terms of yin and yang (阴阳—yīn yáng), the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth.

Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.

MEET THE TEACHER

**WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY
6.00PM - 7.00PM**

Meet the Teacher is a time to come along and put a face to the name of your child’s teacher, meet other parents/whanau of students in your child’s class and get to hear about how your child’s class operates.

There are many opportunities to get involved with, to support your child’s learning at our school.

**Meet the Teacher evening is on:
Wednesday, 13 February 2019
6.00pm - 7.00pm**

We will all meet in the hall to begin with and then move to classrooms.

Your child is encouraged to show you their Specialist Classrooms also. Everyone is invited to come along.

There will also be a sausage sizzle
- first in, first served.

Hope to see you all here!