



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 10

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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

WOW! Week 7 zoomed past and Week 8 is upon us.

BMIS is absolutely committed to providing students with the best opportunities for life long learning as we can.

Every class has now completed the Cycle Safety and Road Safety programme with many students learning how to ride a bike. For the staff, not knowing how to ride a bicycle was a foreign concept as we all grew up riding bikes. We now know that all our students can ride a bicycle and know how to be safe on the road as a cyclist and a motorist with an awareness of cyclists.

On Wednesday, 13th June, 40 students experienced a powhiri and sleepover at Hoani Waititi marae. Sir Pita Sharples welcomed our group onto Hoani Waititi and was impressed by our willingness to learn and experience Maori culture. The afternoon and evening was incredible with us being invited to view the Kura's Kapa Haka championship performance of which was performed on Friday night at Aotea Centre. Our students worked with a tutor on Kapa Haka, shared stories, learnt about the positioning of Hoani Waititi within an inclusive iwi nation, and the purpose of a community marae. Students connected with carvings, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai. Students also had fun eating, chipping in with responsibilities and working in the wharekai. An experience that will be treasured by all who attended, forever!

On Thursday, 14th June, four Warriors (yes, real Warriors players) ran a skills session with our rugby and rugby league students. This proved very popular with the students receiving prizes from the Warriors of which were gratefully received. The session was such a success that the Warriors are keen to return to our school and continue to work with our students. We look forward to this.

Reports will be hand delivered home by your child on Friday 29th June, in a sealed envelope. These reports are very important, as is every report. Please make a time to come and discuss your child's progress with your child's teacher on Tuesday 3rd July or Wednesday 4th July at our 3 Way Learning Conversations. The class with the most parent/caregiver attendance over these two days is winning a yummy hot lunch!

Hosting our visiting international students all the way from China in T3, is a great opportunity to show what true Kiwi hospitality is all about. Hosting one student is \$250 for 7 days and hosting 2 students is \$450 for 7 days. Should this be of interest to you, please contact the school office for more details.

Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Others think that Matariki are the 'eyes of the god'. When Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children the god of wind, Tāwhirimātea, became angry, tearing out his eyes and hurling them into the heavens. Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be. Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God. Matariki was officially celebrated on June 15th for 2018.

FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE – NZEI union members will be attending a paid union meeting from 1pm. Students who have returned their permission slips to be dismissed at 1pm, will be dismissed. Students who have NOT returned a permission slip to be dismissed at 1pm will be held at school by non-NZEI union members until the bell at 3pm. Buses are running at normal times – after 3pm.

Financial literacy is an important aspect of our Maths

learning at BMIS. Financial literacy permeates to all areas of our lives. Our students have been learning, under the tutelage of Rebecca Greenwood from Community Budgeting Services Inc., how we feel, think and act with money. Problem solving and using our inquiry process to delve into the use of money has certainly provoked a great deal of thought from our students.

Thank you to parents and whanau who have supported us over the last 19 weeks of our school year. Your input, energy and effort are gratefully appreciated.

We look forward to continued support from our community with our many upcoming events.

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood*  
Principal

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## **HOMESTAYS URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

From 26 July until 14 August (Term 3), we will have 15 students from China visiting our country and our school.

Students range in age from 10 years to 13 years, and as they are far from home and their parents they need to be in homestays, preferably with families whose children also attend Bruce McLaren.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to interact with and learn about another culture – sharing languages and experiences together while they are visiting here. These experiences often end in great friendships being made and truly enrich everyone who takes part in them.

There is a financial reward of \$250 per week for one child and \$450 per week for two children, for any family who very kindly offers to homestay one or two of our visiting Chinese students.

If you can, and would like to be a homestay host family, please contact Christine Earnshaw at school by phone: (09) 836 3175 or email: [christineearnshaw@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:christineearnshaw@brucemclaren.school.nz)

## **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to Warren, who has very generously donated seeds for our Enviro Group to plant in our school garden. It is very much appreciated!

## **MID YEAR REPORTS**

Teachers are currently working hard on reports! These will come home, in a sealed envelope, with your child on Friday, 29 June. Look out for them in their school bag!

## **WESTERN ZONE X COUNTRY**

Our team participated in the Western Zone Cross Country event which was held at Crum Park, Green Bay. We entered teams in all Year Groups-Boys and Girls Year 7, Boys and Girls Year 8. Our students gave an excellent account of themselves on a cold, wet, wintry day. Our outstanding runner was Nash Philips (R5) who came 9th out of a possible 40 participants in his year group. A superb effort! Well done to all members of the team and thank you to all parents who attended this event. Your presence did motivate the runners on the day.

Deena Naidu - Teacher in Charge

## **Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC WEEK 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2018**

This is an amazing week for our students!

Year 7 students will attend camp at Finlay Park Adventure Camp. You can check them out on their website and see what fun activities the students will take part in: <http://www.finlaypark.co.nz>

The cost of the Year 7 camp is \$270 per student.

The Year 8 students have a week of EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom). This is an action packed week of visits to Snowplanet, Auckland Zoo, Goat Island Dive and Snorkel and Marine Discovery Centre, Tree Adventures and Woohill Bike Park.

The cost of the Year 8 EOTC week is \$240.

Payment for Camp and EOTC (Part 2) need to be paid in full as soon as possible.

You can pay online (12-3051-0471762-00 and use your child's name and 'Y7 CAMP' or 'Y8 EOTC' as references), come into the front office between 8.00am – 4.00pm or send the money in with your child. A receipt is always issued upon payment. Why not set up a weekly automatic payment now? A big thank you to those families that have paid already.

More information, permission slips, medical forms, parent helper forms, etc to be sent home shortly ...

# Have you booked yours yet?

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## **Mid Year Three Way Learning Conversations**

Tuesday, 3 July	3:15 PM to 8:15 PM
Wednesday, 4 July	1:15 PM to 5:45 PM

Each 3 Way Learning Conversation is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time.

### **Booking your 3 Way Learning Conversation**

The booking website will open Wednesday, 6 June at 3:00 PM, and will close Wednesday, 4 July at 12:45 PM.

1. Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **RYFUQ6JQ** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

All class teachers and specialist subject teachers are available for you to talk with.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your 3 Way Learning Conversation.

Before your 3 Way Learning Conversation, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any bookings, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

**Please Note:** School will be closing at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 4 July 2018 to allow for the interviews. School will finish at normal time (3.00pm) on Tuesday, 3 July 2018.



**Breakfast - 8am – 8.20am Monday – Friday**

Weetbix: milk and sugar

Toast and Spreads: peanut butter, marmite and jam

Snacks: Fruit bars and scroggin

Fresh Fruit

**2<sup>nd</sup> Break – 11.30am – 11.45am**

Snacks: Fruit bars and scroggin

Fresh Fruit

**Lunch – 1pm – 1.15pm**

**Monday and Friday**

Weetbix: milk and sugar

Bread and Spreads: peanut butter, marmite and jam

Fresh Fruit

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

Hot Lunch: baked beans, beef stroganoff or butter chicken

Buttered Bread

Fresh Fruit

**Note:**

Jugs of cold water are always available to our students.

The fresh fruit is often turned into fruit salad as an addition to 2<sup>nd</sup> Break and Lunch.

On occasion we will use the milk to make milo or hot chocolate.

Fruit and snacks are available at breakfast for students to take for their 1<sup>st</sup> break.

Students are welcome to ask for a bag of fruit to take home.

Thanks to our generous suppliers: Kickstart Breakfast, KidsCan and Fruit In Schools.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES:

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**OPEN NIGHT**  
THURSDAY 26 JULY 6:30 PM

Discover what we can do for your child

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[www.WhyWaitakere.co.nz](http://www.WhyWaitakere.co.nz)

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HIGH SCHOOL

**OPEN DAY**

**THURSDAY 26 JULY**

**4pm - 7pm**

*Bring your high expectations!*

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## MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

### ENROLMENT EVENINGS

Every Wednesday until the end of Term 2:

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Phone: 831 0500

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