



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 11

## 7 August 2019

*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

As we race into Week 3 of Term 3 we are well on our way with our learning programmes for this semester and looking ahead to our School Cross Country on Friday, lots of personalised learning time with Opportunities Days, cultural and arts activities and events, school and WZ sports, and extra-curricular extension learning not to mention Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC.

#### **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – THIS FRIDAY:**

It is important that your child brings PE gear, a spare change of socks, a towel and water bottle for Friday. School Cross Country is one of our three Corporate School Events and will go ahead rain, hail or shine. We are hoping for the latter. Our students are resilient and unlike Aspirin, will not dissolve in water. Please feel free to come along and support our Cross Country. If you have any queries, please contact Matua Rob at emerson@bruceclaren.school.nz

#### **YEAR 7 CAMP & YEAR 8 EOTC:**

Camp and EOTC are ramping up. Teachers and staff at BMIS know the value of such experiences for students and commit to ensuring they provide such experiences. This is not part of any teacher's job description, it is over and above any expectation of delivering a great programme of learning. It is also over and above for teachers and staff to be away from their families for four days and three nights to ensure our students – your children, get the most out of their schooling.

In recognition of this, the Board of Trustees have agreed to a **Teacher Only Day for BMIS staff on Friday 6th September** which will be a day when staff focus on and finalise any Camp & EOTC planning, implementation and organization that requires addressing. The school will be closed to students at this time.

See Page 3 of this newsletter for the great benefits for students attending camp.

**All permission slips for Camp and EOTC are due back by Monday, 12 August.**

#### **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:**

The School Councillors have been working behind the scenes to bring more learning fun to our school environment. On Wednesday, 21st August, with the assistance of Auckland Transport, the Councillors will be holding a Wheel Wednesday lunchtime where any student with wheels (bike, scooter, skates, skateboards with correct safety equipment) will be set for prizes, games, competitions and heaps of fun.

On Wednesday, 28th August a 'non-uniform day' will be held. The theme is Book Character or Movie Idol. Prizes for the best dressed.

On the commencement of the Rugby World Cup, the Councillors will hold a 'Black Out' day where everyone will be invited to wear black to show our support for the All Blacks. A class competition will be held for the Rugby World Cup.

Each classroom is being provided with a 'recycle box' for paper that can be reused as draft paper. We are endeavouring to cut our paper usage and wastage.

A weekly general knowledge quiz is being run with prizes for the weekly winner. This is located in the Library and open to everyone.

A 6 aside basketball competition is about to get underway – these teams can be mixed, be different year levels, or just a group of friends.

So as you can see, the Councillors are busy at work for our students.

#### **WELL DONE RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS!**

Congratulations to our Rugby League boys who represented our school with such pride and passion. It was a successful day out for the team, playing with heart and upholding our school values. Well done.

Fingers crossed for great weather on Friday! Have a great fortnight.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

## BEST ATTENDANCE:

Well done to Room 9, who had the best attendance for Week 2 - well done!

## NETBALL RESULTS:

24 July:

BMIS 7A vs Glen Eden Int.  
7 - 26

BMIS 7B vs Te Atatu Int. 13 - 8

BMIS 8A vs Glen Eden Int. 32 - 22

BMIS 8B vs Te Atatu Int. 14 - 29

31 July:

BMIS 7A Defaulted

BMIS 7B Bye

BMIS 8A vs Henderson Int. 35 - 14

BMIS 8B vs Kelston Int. 21 - 28

Great playing teams - well done!

## WZ HOCKEY:

On 24 July, 13 students represented Bruce McLaren Intermediate at the Western Zone Hockey, where we placed 5th equal with Rangeview Intermediate. We displayed brilliant behaviour and excellent sportsmanship. We didn't have a goalie, so our tactic was to keep three defence players and keep the ball in the middle of play. When we played against Avondale Intermediate, the score was 2-1 to Avondale. Within the last three minutes, Brandon hit the ball from halfway and it ricocheted off Charlie's stick and slammed in to the goal. However, they called no goal and Avondale went on to place first in the tournament. Thank you to our whanau for supporting the team.

## IMPORTANT INFO CAMP & EOTC:

**Only 4 weeks to go!**

**PAYMENT:** Just a reminder that Camp/EOTC needs to be paid for in full by Friday, 30th August. Payments can be made at the school office (cash or EFTPOS) or via online banking: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School: **12-3051-0471762-00** (please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references).

**ATTENDANCE:** It is expected that all students attend, unless there is a medical

reason, in which case we require a doctors certificate.

**PARENT HELPERS:** A letter was sent home yesterday regarding parent helpers for Camp and EOTC. WE NEED YOU! Please complete the form and return to school by this Friday if you are able to help.

**PERMISSION SLIPS:** Please complete and return to the school office no later than Monday, 12 August 2019.

## TERM 3 DATES:

9 August	School X-Country @ 12pm
12 August	Camp/EOTC Permission Slips are due back to school
13 August	WZ X-Country @ Crum Park
28 August	Non-Uniform Day
29 August	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
30 August	Payment for Camp/EOTC must be made in full by today
10 - 13 September	Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC
24 September	WZ Basketball
27 September	Term 3 Ends

## ABSENCES - IT ALL ADDS UP!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

# Some Benefits Of School Camps

## Social

Improved social skills is one of the bonuses of attending a well run School Camp. Students need to interact with each other in different settings and different environments to help improve their social skills. Spending 8 hours a day at school is one thing but eating meals together, traveling together and sharing accommodation together teaches students the worth of working together and treating others with respect.

One of the most important life lessons is the ability to interact with others well. In a family this can be taught to a degree but experiences in big groups for extended periods of time is a great way to learn and practice these skills.

## Away from Family

A family normally has a set way to do things – dinner time, social interaction, bed times etc. Breaking out of that family environment for a short period of time teaches our students about the diversity of others and gives them insights into how to do some things differently.

Someone once said that the main purpose of a parent is to equip our children to leave home. Who knows, having to fend for themselves in a safe, organised environment for a couple of days may also give a child a much better appreciation for their home and family.

## New

It is always good to have new, positive experiences. School Camps offer this in spades! It is important for everyone to do new things and learn new skills – it's all about growing up. New environment, new foods, new friends, new teachers, new activities ...

## Educational

**No longer bound by the classroom, teachers can now teach in new and innovative ways at a school camp. School camps may sound like a good way for the teachers and students to have a break but the reality is there is a lot more educational time spent on camps.**

## Independence

It is important for your child to occasionally break the bonds of a family group to build their independence and ability to operate on their own or with different people. A school camp, whilst not exactly offering independence, places your child in a position where they have to have a greater degree of how their days unfolds. For example, what shall I wear, how much can I eat, when should I brush my teeth are decisions some children have never made on their own. A school camp will look after your child but also allow them a slightly greater independence that they may be used to. This is a great learning experience.

## Opportunity! A 'once in a lifetime' opportunity

Finlay Park is one of the best school camps available to schools. That is why Bruce McLaren Intermediate School goes to Finlay Park!

The school has heavily subsidized Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC (Part A - Beach Ed; Part B - EOTC Week) to ensure every student is able to attend.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **NZ POLICE: 105 NON EMERGENCY NUMBER**

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](http://105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

## **NATHAN WALLIS: TEEN BRAIN**

**Thursday, 29 August 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm**

**Waitakere College, Rathgar Road, Henderson**

Waitakere College are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TVSeries "The Secret Life of Girls", NathanWallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - TeenBrain.

There are 6000-year-old hieroglyphics carved into the pyramids depicting the teenagers of the time as being self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated - that's sounding pretty familiar don't you think?

During adolescence (which is a lot longer than you think by the way!) part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well - being of others. So, whilst you can't expect lots of those behaviours during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years.

Join Nathan for an in-depth look into the teen brain and get a summary of the latest research and everything a parent, grandparent or whānau needs to know.

Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz) Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

## **HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Enrolment Opportunities:**

Every Thursday in August from 10am till 6pm.

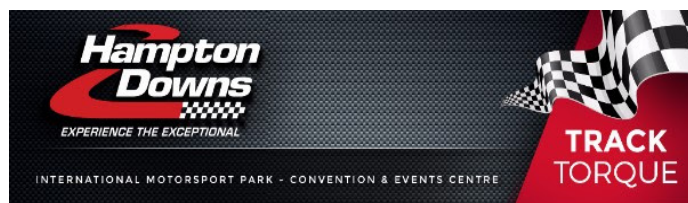
Please call on 838-9085 to book a time, or drop in.

## **MADDI'S MARKET FOR JAYDEN:**

A community fundraising event for Jayden,

Saturday, 17 August from 10am - 2pm @ Kaurilands Primary School, 109 Atkinson Road, Titirangi.

Sausage sizzle and raffles for Jayden; Food; Coffee; Craft; Stalls; Amusement fun rides. Come and join the fun!



## **Hayden Paddon Book Launch at Hampton Downs**

This is your chance to hear first hand about the explosive autobiography from New Zealand's most successful rally driver, Hayden Paddon. The book covers Paddon's commitment to racing from a very young age, his many highs and lows on the local and international circuits, and his latest Paddon Rallysport initiative out of its base at Highlands Motorsport Park in Cromwell.

You can get up close and personal with Hayden on 31 August right here at Hampton Downs. Enjoy a few beers and a yarn with Hayden and get your book signed personally by the man himself.

Tickets are \$50 and are limited (Includes light meal and copy of Hayden's book). Visit the website for more info and to buy your ticket (<https://www.hamptondowns.com>)

## **24hr Lemons: September Showdown - September 6-8**

24 Hours of Lemons presents New Zealand endurance racing for crappy cars. It's a breeding ground for inflated egos and God like statuses. It's where Mercedes and Mazda, Toyota and Hyundai do battle for the glory of gloating rights of Lemons, all are winners if they make it to the end! The very point of Lemons... TO FINISH!

Themed teams of 5 (or more) drivers plus crew, attempt to coax their crappers across the finish line after a weekend of hilarity and mayhem.

If you want to be a part of the action and to find out more visit the LeMons website (<https://www.24lemons.co.nz/>).

## **Caffeine & Gasoline**

Our Caffeine and Gasoline keeps growing, last month we saw over 300 cars in the top car park at Hampton Downs with many participating in the Skid Pan activities and the cruise sessions throughout the day. There is so much going on at our Caffeine and Gasoline events each month and they are only getting bigger. Make sure you lock Sunday the 25th of August in your diary for the next installment of Caffeine and Gasoline. Better yet, book in for our track cruises and Skid Pan sessions online (<https://www.hamptondowns.com>).



## **NEWSLETTER #11, 2019**

*Please complete & return slip to the office.*

I have read the newsletter and discussed it with my child.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_