



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #11

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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. Nihao ma.

Welcome to COVID-19 Alert Level 2.

This means that our Term 3 will finish in this Alert Level. BMIS continues to be agile, adhering to MOH & MOE guidelines and getting our students to SANITISE SANITISE SANITISE.

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI:

What an amazing Te Wiki o te Reo Maori we have had at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School!

With activities, learning, dance, song, haka, quizzes, Virtual Reality, poi making, kowhaiwhai, tukutuku and harekeke weaving, pepeha, food packs, EduPerfect, Language Nut with Elijah Ivale and Divyesh Singh winning a \$50 Dominos voucher each and so much more – we have been extremely busy.

SIGN LANGUAGE, MENTAL HEALTH & CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK:

This week it is Sign Language Week, Mental Health Week and Chinese Language Week which will complete our Term 3. We are engaged in our learning with our Chinese students and look forward to practicing what we are learning. "Most schools don't usually celebrate this special week but it's nice to finally be able to share the amazing culture with other people" (- *BMIS Chinese student*).

WHAT A TERM!

What a term we have had. Chopping in and out of learning on site at school to learning at home and back again – it's been a bit of 'rinse and repeat'. However, BMIS can pride itself on having almost all students back on site since Round#2, Alert Level 2/2.5. Our practices, our way of being, our acceptance of things different are taken in our stride. Our BMIS resilience has certainly stood us in great stead to embrace the challenges and changes we all face.

However, there have been a couple of students who insist on using social media inappropriately – at home, as they cannot use social media at school unless they deliberately set out to break the school rules.

Instagram is the main issue whereby these couple of students have set up accounts using the school name (letters, 'shipping', underscores, stops, hyphens...), school images and are encouraging false information, bullying and harassment. The Police have been notified and Instagram has been informed. If you see such an account, please report it to Instagram/Facebook. Please keep your child safe and KNOW what they are doing online – out of school time.

With that said, there is so much to celebrate. 99.99% of our students have been incredible, embracing their learning and striving to constantly better themselves. Our students have achieved many accolades. These come in the form of placing in global competitions for Languages, Science, Cross Curricular, English, Maths; achieving badges for BMIS programmes – which is no mean feat; competing in sport; competing in school wide competitions – academic, sport, cultural, whanau.

Friday is the last day of Term 3 and I hope that our students, staff and families have an opportunity to rest, relax, recharge, re-energise over the term break.

We wish Mr McKenzie all the best for his knee surgery during the term break and recuperation over Term 4. We welcome Mrs Eseta Aoese-Taiatu into Room 8 and Whanau Manawanui for Term 4.

Term 4 is filled with so many activities, events and learning that we need to be ready to hit the track at speed.

Please ensure that you have SKOOLLOOP as an app on your primary device as this is our main method of communication – this will have you staying up to date with all the fun at BMIS.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our small school with a huge heart!

Be safe, stay well. See you for Term 4.

Noho ora mai.

Liz Wood – Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a Principal's Award at assembly:

**Daeton (R1); Rihanna (R1); Bezalel (R2);
Montana (R2); Lei (R3); Petilisa (R5); Howard (R5);
Longo (R6); Tai (R6); Lagi (R6); Emma (R7);
Franxis (R7); Haimona (R8); Taine (R8); Stevie (R8);
Beyonce (R8); Alyssa (R9); Noah (R9); Yadan (R11);
Rahel (R12); Saqqara (R12); Fred (R13); Jake (R13);
Elijah (R1); Revelation (R1); Nevada (R2); Brody (R2);
Timaima (R3); Ywa Blu Moo (R5); Armritendu (R5);
Glaeiz (R6); Phaye-Skye (R6); Divyesh (R7);
Rylee (R7); Allyza (R8); Blake (R8); Marina (R8);
Devince (R8); Osyris (R9); Marie (R9); Niko (R11);
Neta (R12); Shayden (R12); Tyler (R13); Maiya (R13)**

McLAREN AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a McLaren Award at assembly:

**Paenunu (R2); Ezekiel (R7); Maya (R3); Thomas (R5);
Tui (R8); Ardan (R2); Joeli (R3); Tyler (R13)**

eBULLY

ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

E = ELIMINATE and ELECTRONIC

As you know Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address. Students and parents are able to access this by going on to the knowledge net or simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Mrs Wood. She will action any ebully emails as soon as she receives them. Contact will also be made with the sender of the email.

Often issues concerning bullying are discussed within the family home and out of school hours so this gives parents and students alike, an opportunity to deal with bullying immediately.

Students and parents have taken advantage of this and have been grateful for the swift response.



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ATHLETICS DAY

On Friday, 30 October, Bruce McLaren Intermediate School will be relocating to Douglas Track and Field Centre/Trust Stadium for our annual Athletics Day.

We are looking forward to another Athletics Day with 100% participation.

Students will need to bring:

- Morning tea
- Lunch
- Juice / water bottle (bring lots) No fizzy drinks allowed.
- Snacks - chocolate, bars, ...
- Track shoes, trainers ... all students will participate in at least one track event so MUST have shoes to run in)
- School hat
- School jacket / raincoat
- Plastic/carry bag
- Towel
- Any meds - inhaler/s, ...
- Sunblock - and apply it
- PE uniform

Students will be transported to and from Douglas Track and Field Centre by bus, at a cost of \$8 per student. This covers transportation, venue hire and equipment hire. Buses will leave at 9:00 and return from the park at 2:30 pm.

The Bruce McLaren Intermediate Athletics Day commences with the first event at 9:00am and finishes at 2:15pm.

You are more than welcome to come to our Athletics Day and cheer our students on.

Should you wish to assist on the day your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Students unable to compete for medical reasons (plaster-casts...) will be of assistance on the day.

Please send \$8 to the school office with your student, or pay online.

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ASB Bank - 12 3051 0471762 00

If you are able to help with activities on the day, please email admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

Ebully Poster Competition

1st prize \$30

2nd prize \$20

3rd prize \$10

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The Poster Competition:

The poster is on A4 paper and **MUST** have the following on it:

Ebully email ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

School website: <http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz/>

The following words: Eliminate Bullying

Colour

Your name & room number on the back.

Entries close: Friday 16th October at 1:30pm.

Good Luck.