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NEWSLETTER # 12

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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 back to school and welcome to a busy term – as they all are!

It is great to hear of what our community and communities further afield are seeing, hearing and learning about our school. The feedback is exceptionally positive and I would like to thank our parents/caregivers, community champions and general public for the support you are providing for our students and staff.

We have the equivalent of 11.6% of our 2018 school roll already enrolled and registered with us as new Year 7s for 2019. And it is still July! As one prospective parent relayed to me “The word is out, Bruce McLaren is the place to be.” For those of us already here – we know that! And we love being here!

What makes up part of the fun at BMIS?

Cook Island Language Week

We are celebrating Cook Island Language Week this week with students, Naquita, Mason, Te Ama and Boston-Leigh, going into classrooms to give a short presentation about the language and culture. There will also be a performance during next Friday lunchtime by the Cook Island group for students to watch and food for students to purchase. This is run by students for students – student leadership is powerful at BMIS!

Maritime Museum Visit

Well, we have our Maritime Museum trip coming up and we would love more parent/caregiver support. Please contact Mr Deena Naidu at 836 3175. This is an incredible opportunity for our students – cruising the Waitemata Harbour, learning at the Maritime Museum, checking out a state of the art ASB HQ building with their baby robots, interfacing with financial leaders and experiencing a career opportunity.

Year 7 Camp & Year 8 EOTC Week

Yr7 CAMP & Yr8 EOTC planning is well underway. This is a week of incredible learning for every student. This is about pushing students out of their day to day comfort zone and really experiencing something unique. Every student is expected to participate so please ensure you have the necessary documentation and payment in. Any issues, please contact Ms Atua Asafo at 836 3175.

Teacher Only Day

To ensure that our students have the best care at Camp and EOTC, every teacher, teacher aide and school staff member will be involved in a **Teacher Only Day on Friday, 17th August** to attain a medical First Aid Certificate. You can't get better than that to safeguard our students at school or away from school. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO STUDENTS.**

Opportunities at BMIS

Opportunities Day for Semester 2 is underway. Every student has had the opportunity to join at least one opportunity for Opportunities Day. We have new groups underway with Boys Leadership, Repair to Wear, Games, Origami and Yr7 Girls Leadership taking the number of opportunities to 19!!

Students in FIA FIA night performing groups remain in their current opportunities until our FIA FIA Night, of which we are transferring from Term 3 to Term 4.

Financial Literacy continues with budgeting and planning, sports continue, Netball at Te Pai forges ahead, as do all of the core programmes.

Our concept for Semester 2 is COMMUNICATION. Please ask your child/ren what, how, and why they are learning about COMMUNICATION. Keep in contact with your child's teacher and always feel welcome to ask HOW DO I KNOW

MY CHILD IS ACHIEVING?

There will be a 'no uniform' day this term which will be run by the School Councillors – so watch this space.

International Visitors

We will be welcoming two groups of Chinese visitors and one group of Japanese visitors over the course of the next 2-3 weeks.

So, the above are a few things that make up part of the fun we have at BMIS.

Amended Health & Safety Policy

At our last Board of Trustees meeting it was written into our Health and Safety Policy that any wheeled transportation that students use (are in charge of) to get to school MUST be accompanied with the rider wearing a helmet. For example, bicycle, unicycle, hoverboard, scooter, skates... Please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet when riding to and from school. The transportation will be held at school if found to be brought to school without a helmet, until such time as a helmet comes to school or a parent/caregiver collects. The wellbeing of our students is paramount.

NZEI Update

Again I bring to your attention progress to date of NZEI.

The key thing we, members of NZEI, want to communicate is why we need to take industrial action. It's about our kids' futures. As a mother I often hear my child say "...we had a reliever again today. Don't know who will be there tomorrow". This is not good enough for my child. This is not good enough for anyone's child. NZEI's action is about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive. At BMIS we are in a fortunate position with having great teachers. However, time to teach can often be swallowed up by the overwhelming Ministry of Education paperwork and unnecessary processes imposed upon teaching. We are extremely grateful to our parents/caregivers for supporting us in ensuring we stand strong, fighting for the best outcomes we can for your children, for our students. I will keep you informed of the outcome of any negotiations in the foreseeable future.

Nga mihi
Liz Wood - Principal

Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC: WEEK 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC forms were due back at the end of last term. If you haven't done so already, please complete the permission form and return to school by Thursday, 2 August.

So much planning goes into this week, and we need all permission slips back so we can start working on groups etc.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



Open morning: 30th July 9:00am - 12:30pm
Enrolment week: August 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th 9:00am - 3:00pm
Late Nights: Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th 3:00pm - 6:00pm

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