



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER #12

## 21 October 2020

*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:

Fakalofa Atu.

Welcome back to fortnightly newsletters. Welcome to Niuean Language Week. Let's reflect before we move forward.

#### **PROPERTY PROJECTS:**

Over the term break BMIS has had many property projects underway. Gosh, you only have to see the school site to see how it has been transformed – gardens, entrances, electric gates, painting, aluminium doors, electrics in buildings, concreting, play areas, lighting, furniture in classrooms. However, even with all of this there is more to achieve!

#### **PARKING:**

Please be aware that staff parking is for the staff. There are pedestrian gates situated to make obvious entrances to the front office for visitors.

Parking in the bus bay, stopping behind buses in the bus bay, parking over yellow lines are offences and parking on the grass is not ideal.

We have developed the back access for students to enter and exit the school onto Silverstone Place. This is a handy shortcut and a great place to pick up and drop off. The safety of our students is paramount and any inappropriate driving behaviours can jeopardise our students' safety. The school access to Silverstone Place is also to remove students from waiting at the shops which is not an ideal spot for our students to be – so many vehicles in one space is dangerous.

In addition to these safety measures to support safety at the school gate, the School Council will also be conducting a test with handheld cameras one morning next week to gauge the speed of vehicles outside our school. We look forward to analysing this data.

#### **HAKINAKINA HAKA COMPETITION:**

The Hakinakina Haka inter-whanau competition was held last Friday and was simply "awesome"! Our students are building cultural capital and our staff are facilitating this learning with pride. Congratulations to Manawanui for their win. Congratulations to everyone

for rising to the challenge – while having loads of fun and learning! Thank you to our judges: BOT Chair, Nicholas Powell and Deputy Principal of HSPS, Jo Rangi for taking the time out of your busy schedules to support BMIS.

#### **PINK SHIRT DAY:**

Pink Shirt Day was also on Friday and was supported by many of our students. There were many pink outfits filling our school grounds from wings, to onzies, to homemade creations. This was a fabulous cause to support as the NZ Anti-bullying Campaign has synergy with our school Strategic Plan, our ethos and our way of being at BMIS.

Our BMIS ebully poster competition, run by the School Council, is in the process of being judged – well done to the many entrants. Along with this, three students showed great initiative to plan, bake and sell pink cup cakes on the day. Just another phenomenal day at BMIS!

#### **ELECTIONS & ALL BLACKS:**

Saturday saw the Election Day set the government for the next three years. Sunday saw a Kiwi claim Bathurst and the All Blacks win! I have secretly claimed Caleb Clarke as one of our own at BMIS as his father, Eroni Clarke, is a former Bruce McLaren Intermediate School student!!

#### **WEEK 2:**

Week 2 of Term 4 is full of events and activities just as the previous week was also. It is a great week as we are almost at 80% of the way through this incredible year.

On Monday we had two teams head to WZ Volleyball sports competition. Our boys placed 5th overall and our girls placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to these students who were great ambassadors and played with such sportsmanship.

ICAS competition was held on Tuesday with our numbers climbing to participate in this academic activity.

Wednesday will see BMIS have two teams at WZ Basketball sports competition and we wish these teams well.

### WEEK 3:

Next week is Tokelauan Language Week. Monday is Labour Day – school is closed! Friday, 30 October is Athletics Day where all students will be relocated to Douglas Track and Field for the day. We are looking forward to 100% participation from our students. Please notify the school (by email or in writing) if your child is unable to attend.

### FIAFIA NIGHT:

Our Fia Fia evening is ever closer – Wk5, Thursday 12th November. This is a presold event and I encourage anyone who wishes to attend to buy your tickets quickly. These will be available as of Tuesday, 27 October through the front office. Information regarding the ticket prices is outlined later in the newsletter. There will be food available to purchase. This evening will proceed – as long as we remain in COVID-19 Alert level 1.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

As we approach the year end, BMIS student uniforms should all be correct. Our students know the process should they not have a correct item.

### HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 8:

Finally, a reminder to all families of Year 8 students – your child MUST be enrolled in a secondary school NOW, if not already.

### YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021:

The BMIS roll for 2021 is also filling fast, so if you have a Year 6 child who has not enrolled with us by now, I request that you do so NOW to avoid disappointment at the beginning of 2021.

Please support our staff by ensuring your child/ren continue to sanitize, sanitize, sanitize and keep us all healthy with these hygiene practices at home as we do at school.

BMIS is a school where effort is expected of everyone, where excellence is strived for. BMIS is a school of quality.

Have a positive Niuean Language Week.

Noho ora mai.

Liz Wood – Principal



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### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

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

**Carlos (R3); Charlotte (R12); Thayd (R12); Rihanna (R1); Daeton (R1); Brody (R2); Ardan (R2); Thomas (R3); Jayden (R5); Kayla (R5); Sarah (R5); Loghan (R6); Kainaat (R6); Emma (R7); McCahon (R7); Lenny (R9); Brooklyn (R11); Gideon (R11)**

### McLAREN AWARDS:

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

**Rasta (R5); Fred (R13); Faamate (R3); Rihanna (R1); Caleb (R5); Emma (R11); Enu (R9); Sheridan (R9); Phaye-Skye (R6); Daniel (R7)**

### CREST CLEAN TIDIEST CLASS:

Congratulations to **Room 9** and **Room 3**  
- winners for Week 1!

### NETBALL RESULTS:

Netball results for Wednesday, 14 October:

7A	WIN	22-10
7B	WIN	11-4
8B (game 1)	WIN	9-2
8b (game 2)	LOSS	18-9

Well done!

### TERM 4 DIARY DATES:

26 October	Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
29 October	BOT Meeting - 6.30pm
30 October	BMIS Athletics Day - whole school at Douglas Track & Field
6 November	Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL
12 November	Fiafia Night
7 December	Reports go home
8 December	Service Prizegiving
9 December	Year 8 Graduation (pm)
11 December	Formal Prizegiving
11 December	Term 4 Ends (12.30pm)

# FIAFIA NIGHT

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Thursday, 12 November 2020 - 6:00pm start**

- Food will be available for sale from 4pm - 6pm
- Hall doors will open at 5.45pm, show starts at 6pm (no food/drink allowed in the hall)
  - Tickets will be on sale from the school office from Tuesday, 27 October 2020
  - There will be NO door sales on the night
- There are limited tickets available - everyone attending must have a ticket (including under 5's)
  - Tickets sold out last year - get in quick!

Under 5	Gold Coin
Child (Primary/Intermediate school age)	\$5
Adults	\$10
Family Pass (2 adults & 2 children)	\$25

# 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. Should your child/ren be sick or away on this day, please email the school by 8.30am.

Students will need to bring:

- Morning tea
- Juice / water bottle (bring lots)  
No fizzy drinks allowed.
- School jacket / raincoat
- Towel
- Sunblock - and apply it
- Track shoes, trainers ... all students will participate in at least one track event so MUST have shoes to run in)
- Lunch
- Snacks - chocolate, bars, ...
- School hat
- Plastic/carry bag
- Any meds - inhaler/s, ...
- 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.  
Bruce McLaren Intermediate School: ASB Bank - 12 3051 0471762 00**

If you are able to help with activities on the day, please email [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz)