



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 13

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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:

Malo le lei.

Welcome to Spring! It has been another fantastic fortnight at BMIS. And this week is Tongan Language Week. We have students leading the teaching and learning of all things Tongan, along with being immersed in our Globalization Inquiry, Adolescent Changing Mind & Body, as well as heading to Week 8 for Camp and EOTC.

POP UP GLOBE:

The actors and actresses from the Pop Up Globe have made visits to us and highlighted and strengthened our knowledge around the need for literacy as well as being involved in performing arts.

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK:

Our Tongan Group were invited to and have performed at Sunnyvale School to commence their Tongan Language Week. Well done to the group for your leadership and mentoring of our Kahui Ako students.

MUFTI DAY:

The Book Character/Movie Idol mufti day was a huge success and I have to say, there were many amazing costumes. Congratulations to all who participated.

DAFFODIL DAY:

Daffodil Day is near and dear to many of us and our aroha goes to all who participated and acknowledged this day.

HEALTH & PE CURRICULUM:

The team at BMIS has been dedicating time to strengthening the Health & PE Curriculum and delivery. Our community voice from the survey will also support and inform our direction. After much discussion, debate and capitalizing on our professional skills, knowledge and understandings, the curriculum statement for Health & PE is:

Health & Physical Education at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School provides opportunities for students to engage in quality learning experienced through:

- Ako and manaakitanga within a responsive and caring environment

- Deep whanaungatanga during high activity sessions that value full involvement
- Taking action to promote critical thinking and social justice that enhances hauora
- So that students have confidence in themselves and an ongoing sense of success to Dream, Believe and Achieve.

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

It is important to remind everyone that **Friday, 6th September is TEACHER ONLY DAY**. School is not open to BMIS students.

YEAR 7 CAMP & YEAR 8 EOTC:

Please take the time to know exactly what your child is up to next week. Year 7s going to Finlay Park need to be packed and ready at school by 8:15am on Tuesday, 10th September – everything named and **NO DEVICE** – or parents will be called to collect their child/ren.

Year 8s need to be dressed accordingly for their exciting activities – again; **NO DEVICE** will be taken on these EOTC outings – or parents will be called to collect their child/ren. We want our students to be 'in the moment' with these experiences, not looking through a screen – missing the learning. Thank you for your support with this.

As you can appreciate, the logistics for these events is massive. Thank you to all who have submitted permission slips and payments by the due date (Friday, 30th August or have made contact with the school prior to this date). Should, for some reason you are not sure if your child is attending or not, please contact the school ASAP.

With the numbers now locked in, we have our fingers crossed for fine weather for next week.

Thank you in advance to the many parents/whanau who are supporting these brilliant activities and events.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Congratulations to **Room 2**, who had the best attendance for Week 6 and to **Room 8** for winning the class attendance for the five week prize!

MERIT AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received Merit Awards at assembly:

Indiana (R3); Faizal (R6); Mustafa (R7); Thisara (R7); Jodeci (R2); Rashard (R4); Daniel (R6); Shannon (R9)

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

Alofa (R1); Naylene (R1); Tyler (R2); Lenny (R7)

NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP:

Well done to the **Maddison Williams** for winning the newsletter return slip prize.

NETBALL RESULTS:

Finals - 28 August 2019:

BMIS 7B vs Blockhouse Bay In.	First Place
BMIS 8A vs Henderson Int.	Third Place
BMIS 8B vs Te Atatu Int.	Second Place

A brilliant season - congratulations to all!

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

A reminder that **school will be closed on Friday, 6th September** for a Teacher Only Day.

WANTED!

Toys, that no longer work or are no longer wanted, that have electric motors. Students in STEM can dismantle them and transform the gears, switches and motors into boats and cars; learning lots of valuable knowledge and skills on the way.

OFF AT THE GATE:

Interestingly enough - many schools have recently adopted this stance of which we have had running for some years.

Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. Devices are stored in a class valuables box until the end of the day. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD EARLY FROM SCHOOL:

Please ring ahead should you need to pick up your child during school time, as this ensures that you will not have to wait for your child to be released from learning without disturbing the learning of others, head back to their homeroom, collect their belongings, organize homework, check out with their class teacher and make their way to the front office.

It is also important to ring ahead if you are needing to collect your child at a break-time as we encourage our students to be active in and on our school grounds. They may be in a team, involved in an activity and/or working with a staff member.

TERM 3 DATES:

6 September	Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL
10 - 13 September	Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC
24 September	WZ Basketball
27 September	Term 3 Ends

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 8 EOTC

- On Thursday, 12 September, Year 8's will be attending activities in South Auckland. All buses will be leaving school at 8.00am - students must be at school by 7.45am otherwise they will miss the bus.
- On Friday, 13 September, all students will be attending car racing at Pukekohe. The bus will return to school at the later time of 4.00pm - 4.30pm (traffic dependent). We will keep you updated via our school Facebook Page and Skool Loop.
- The Gear List has been sent home with each student. Please make sure you have read it, and know what clothing/gear you need for each activity.
- Please note we will not be refunding any money for non-attendance during EOTC week. Numbers for all activities and buses have now been confirmed and paid for.

BOOK CHARACTER / MOVIE IDOL MUFTI DAY



AUCKLAND TRANSPORT - CHILDREN TRAVEL FREE ON WEEKENDS!

Auckland Transport has an exciting opportunity for students!

From Saturday 7 September, children under the age of 16 who have an AT HOP card will be able to travel free on Auckland Transport's weekend services.

Auckland Transport is offering a 100% discount on weekend fares for children 5 to 15 (inclusive) travelling on buses, trains and participating ferries. This comes as part of the \$1.1 million contribution from Auckland Council towards public transport initiatives, announced earlier this year.

The fare free travel is available on buses, trains and participating ferry services on weekends and during public holidays. To qualify for this fare, parents need to load a child concession on to a registered AT HOP card.

To find out more, visit: <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/card-concessions-discount-fares/child-student-discount/free-child-weekend-fares/>



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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: _____



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