



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 14

## 25 September 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

Week 10 of Term 3. The term has raced by!

#### CAMP & EOTC:

Our happy Campers returned from an amazing time at Finlay Park where they were pushed out of the usual learning zone and have so many shared experiences and memories to draw upon.

Our EOTCers were out and about all over Auckland, trying and trialing new activities – risk taking in a controlled environment. The stories and photos are brilliant and some of these of both Camp and EOTC are shared with you in this newsletter.

Thank you to the many parents/whanau/helpers who supported Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC. Without you, these incredible experiences would not have been possible for our students. THANK YOU. And yes, we are all booked again for 2020!

#### FINANCIAL CAPABILITY:

Financial Capability is an extremely important aspect to living. So at BMIS we have made this a focus and have a community budgeting facilitator, Rebecca Green, in to work with our classes to gain the skills and knowledge of budgeting and general finances. Your child/ren may have some questions for you around the household budget.

#### RUGBY WORLD CUP FEVER:

RWC fever is at BMIS. Each class has two teams they are supporting, the staff drew Namibia, and the All Blacks team is EVERYONE'S team. To show our support for our team – we invite all students to wear black on our BLACK OUT DAY on Friday – no cost involved. Ta fia faliealili fua will be holding a Sausage Sizzle - \$2 per sausage.

Also, in the name of sport, the students will be versing the staff at Basketball on Black Out Day. The students are hoping for fine weather – I'm not so sure about me! I feel a Namibia V All Blacks score to the students coming on!

#### YEAR 6 SPEC EXPERIENCE:

As well as these events on Friday – BMIS is hosting Henderson Valley Primary School Yr6 students to a Spec Experience. We look forward to hosting our Kahui Ako students.

#### MEASLES UPDATE:

To date BMIS still remains MEALSLES FREE. There has been NO notified case thus far. Please ensure that you have read the booklet that was sent home some weeks ago – we are prepared!

#### TERM 4:

Next term we hit the track at speed. Globalization continues but with a different focus. Cycle Safety commences, Volleyball is on the 17th October, building developments start, BOT meeting on 17th October, 6:30pm. Athletics Day is at Douglas Track and Field Wk2.

#### BUILDING UPDATES:

To keep you abreast of building developments: Room 2 & Room 3 are relocating for Term 4. The ILE project to open the adjoining rooms with three glass panel doors is underway. This also means that the Library will be closed for Term 4 – all in the name of progress. This process will be repeated with Rooms 6 & 7.

The Ministry of Education have also assured us that two new classes will be on site for 2020 – BMIS is GROWING. We are in exciting times!

With the term break upon us, I wish to thank everyone for your support of your child/ren's learning, the school and our staff.

May we all be safe and able to rest and recharge for an incredibly fast lap of Term 4.

Term 4 commences: Monday, 14th October – 8:30am in class.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

#### BEST ATTENDANCE:

Congratulations to **Room 8**, who had the best attendance for Week 9 - well done!

#### PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

**Timaima Munauke (R6); Leilani Matagi Tomasi (R1); Enzo Totini-Sili (R1)**

#### SPEECH FINALS!

On 18 September, Abigail Whitehouse and Michelle Kenyon competed at the Western Zones Speech finals. The quality and delivery of Michelle's speech earn't her extra acknowledgment and she received a "Highly Commended" certificate. We congratulate both girls for their outstanding speeches and for representing our school so well.



#### CAMP LOST PROPERTY:

There is much lost property from the Year 7 Camp waiting to be collected by students. Please make sure that your child has collected this by the end of this week.

#### OFF AT THE GATE – REMINDER:

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.

#### SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY:

Friday 25th October - all day at Douglas Track and Field Centre (Trust Stadium fields). Cost is \$8.00.

Another great Bruce McLaren Intermediate day is just around the corner. This is a school wide event where 100% participation is the expectation. Parent help is always welcomed at Athletics Day. This is a fabulous day for all who attend so if you are able to support us by assisting with an event or would like to pop in to support your child please feel free to do so.

An ATHLETICS DAY LETTER has been given to your child with all the information outlining the day. An assembly has been



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

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

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

held regarding ATHLETICS DAY so your child will be well informed about the event.

Students are required to compete in at least one track event and three field events to gain a 'participation certificate' and an 'athlete certificate' will be awarded to those who achieve a 1, 2, 3 placing in a final event for at least three events. Trainer/sneaker shoes are to be worn by all students. NO spikes are worn by any student – this is a school day not a national track meet.

Douglas Track and Field Centre (Trust Stadium field) is an all weather venue so we will be going rain, hail or shine. The staff will have a team ready for the relay races (yet to be discussed!) so a parent relay team is always an option – happy training.

#### MEASLES – A DANGEROUS ILLNESS:

**From Roald Dahl:** *Olivia, my eldest daughter, caught measles when she was seven years old. As the illness took its usual course I can remember reading to her often in bed and not feeling particularly alarmed about it. Then one morning, when she was well on the road to recovery, I was sitting on her bed showing her how to fashion little animals out of coloured pipe-cleaners, and when it came to her turn to make one herself, I noticed that her fingers and her mind were not working together and she couldn't do anything.*

*"Are you feeling all right?" I asked her.*

*"I feel all sleepy," she said.*

*In an hour, she was unconscious. In 12 hours she was dead.*

*The measles had turned into a terrible thing called measles encephalitis and there was nothing the doctors could do to save her. That was twenty-four years ago in 1962, but even now, if a child with measles happens to develop the same deadly reaction from measles as Olivia did, there would still be nothing the doctors could do to help her.*

*On the other hand, there is today something that parents can do to make sure that this sort of tragedy does not happen to a child of theirs. They can insist that their child is immunised against measles. I was unable to do that for Olivia in 1962 because in those days a reliable measles vaccine had not been discovered. Today a good and safe vaccine is available to every family and all you have to do is to ask your doctor to administer it.*

*I dedicated two of my books to Olivia, the first was 'James and the Giant Peach'. That was when she was still alive. The second was 'The BFG', dedicated to her memory after she had died from measles. You will see her name at the beginning of each of these books. And I know how happy she would be if only she could know that her death had helped to save a good deal of illness and death among other children.*



**Please complete & return slip to the office.**



# AIMS GAMES

Four of our students represented BMIS at the AIMS Games held in Tauranga recently. Well done to McCahon and Thomas who competed in BMX racing (McCahon placing 21st and Thomas 4th overall); Abi in Cross Country and Isabella for Gymnastics.



Isabella (above with her grandparents who travelled down to support her) had a great time at the AIMS Games on Sunday. No placings but a great experience. She raced back in time for camp. Good luck to Isabella, who has been selected for the New Zealand Champs to represent Auckland this year at Trust Stadium in the school holidays.



## YEAR 7 CAMP



## YEAR 8 EOTC

