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Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #14. 21st September 2022

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

WOW! Week 8 was absolutely amazing! And here we are already in Week 9 of a 10 week term.

Year 7 Camp was something that everyone who attended will remember for a lifetime, with new friendships made and skills learnt. Year 8 Off Site Experience had our students pushing themselves, risk taking in safe environments and having to follow instructions to maintain safety. What a week. A huge thank you goes to BMIS staff who have ensured that such events and activities were implemented for our ākonga, providing opportunities that sit outside the school grounds. It is also with enormous appreciation and gratitude to the parents/whanau members who gave of their time to support Year 7 Camp and Year 8 OE which made these possible.

THANK YOU.

We also had students competing at NZAIMS Games in Tauranga. Congratulations to Ned and Hunter who have represented our school so well. Another amazing opportunity to be part of.

Te Wiki o te reo Māori has also been at the forefront of our mahi Māori Language Week celebrates the presentation of the Māori Language Petition to parliament on the 14th, September 1972. It has been marked every year since 1975.

'Kia kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'.

We often talk about languages as if they are people – especially when we are talking about a language's health, strength and revitalisation. So, when we say 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong.

During the week, a student and I sorted the Lost Property cupboard. It was certainly a Maths lesson. There are currently in the cupboard; 17 school jackets @ \$79.50 = \$1,351.50; 20 hats @ \$12.50 = \$250; 28 Fleecy tops @ \$42 = \$1,176; not to mention the 4 polo shirts, 2 pairs of shorts, 1 pair of culottes, 1 pair of knee socks, 2 bike helmets, numerous water bottles and shoes rounding out at above \$3000. If your child has told you that they have had a piece of uniform "stolen", I suggest that you tell them to check the Lost Property cupboard! Please NAME your child's uniform.

Week 9 is Clean Up NZ week and Wednesday is International Day of Peace. It is also the week that you may receive a survey from BMIS to complete around 'learning'. Thank you in advance for completing the survey. Your voice is important for our continued school development.

On Monday, 26th September, our nation will observe a public Memorial Day for the late Queen Elizabeth II. School is closed to all.

With the end of Term 3 fast approaching – Friday, 30th September, it is important for our Year 8 students to be enrolled in a secondary school and Year 6 students to be enrolled in an intermediate school.

Students have direct access to the school they are In Zone for, but an enrolment MUST be completed ASAP, if not already done so.

By now you will know that BMIS continues to uphold all Ministry of Health directives as we navigate our way through the tail end of COVID-19. It is amazing to see students' and staff faces for the first time since the mask mandate! What a difference it makes to see smiles! Sanitizing and cleaning are part of our ongoing practice at BMIS. Should your child be unwell – please keep them home. However, in saying that, Mr Whippy is still on offer to the first class with over 90% attendance for a week.

It is strongly encouraged that if your child has access to a device that as the parent you know what your child is accessing, online, BMIS students have no access through our systems or processes to access social media at school. Unfortunately staff are being required to deal with issues which are stemming from out of school device use, e.g children accessing chat rooms, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat to name a few. The greatest gift we can give our children is time, time together, away from devices.

Thank you again to our school whanau and community for your continued support of our small, but progressive school. Your comments and compliments are warmly received by our staff.

Have a fabulous fortnight ahead.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki - Principal

• MCLAREN AWARD WINNERS:

Week 6:

Aotearoa R1, Manu R12, Hope R11, Evidence R2, Yinlon

• SCHOOL COUNCIL QUIZ WINNERS:

Lilli R2, Pauly R 2

END OF TERM: 30TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL UNIFORM CENTRE HAS MOVED

• IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 26th September	Memorial Day
Friday 30th September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 17th October	Term 3 Commences
Wednesday 14th Dec	Last day Term 4
Thursday 15th Dec	Staff only day - last day of year

LONG-TERM APPROACH TO COVID 19:

The decision to move away from the traffic lights of the COVID-19 Protection Framework has been made based on public health advice.

The two key changes impacting education providers are:

- The removal of the requirement for household contacts to isolate. Instead, they will be asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.
- Masks are no longer required on public transport or school transport and in line with other mask changes, they are no longer strongly recommended in school settings.

Positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including house hold contacts, should stay home and get tested for COVID-19.

◦ REMINDERS:

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Students only cross the road ONCE to come to school and ONCE going home from school. This is to be at the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING for safety.

PARKING AT SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that there is to be **NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY** - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

EBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS

We have an e-bullying email address (ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz). Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Ms Ah Chong, Assistant Principal. It is important that everyone knows the definition of "bullying". At BMIS students refer to the chart below.

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE: When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they only do it *once* ... that is **NOT NICE**

MEAN: When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it *once* ... that is **MEAN**

BULLYING: When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it, over a period of time*, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ... that is **BULLYING**

OFF AT THE GATE:

Discussion with your child about **OFF AT THE GATE** is imperative. 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. 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. Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

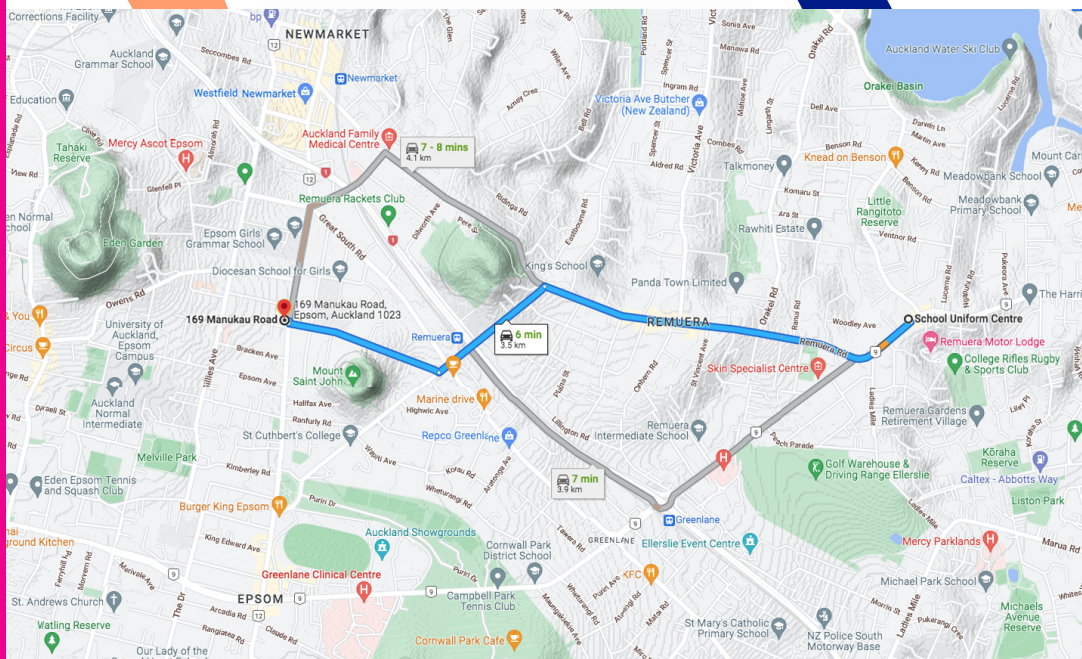
School UniformCentre **WE ARE MOVING**

From late September, you can find us at our new premises

169 Manukau Road, Epsom

After 40+ years in the Upland Road community it is with great sadness that we must move out of the area. With Developers purchasing this property to re-develop and no other suitable buildings near-by, we are being forced to relocate.

Note: all other contact details remain the same
www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz



COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTHTOWN
SINCE 1932

AVONDALE

BREAKAWAY

YOUTH

» PROGRAMME «

FREE
9am-4pm
3rd - 6th, 10th - 13th OCT
AGES 11 - 17

Avondale Intermediate, 12 Holly Street

*Smoke and Vape free

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BREAKAWAY	MONDAY 3 October	TUESDAY 4 October	WEDNESDAY 5 October	THURSDAY 6 October
	We'll set everything up for you and your friends to compete with or against each other. Just bring a good pair of running shoes.	Join us for a music workshop conducted by one of our Local Kiwi Music Artists.	Come and chill out with us and enjoy activities of your choosing.	Slide into the weekend at Parakai Springs.
BREAKAWAY	MONDAY 10 October	TUESDAY 11 October	WEDNESDAY 12 October	THURSDAY 13 October
	Chase away the weekend with some sports and games.	Use your culinary skills and let's get cooking.	Like running on air??	Let's celebrate Youthtown's 90th anniversary.

SPLASH

Break-Away Holiday Programme
FREE! 4-day aquatic-based programme for 11-17 year olds

West Wave, Henderson
10-13 October 2022
9am - 2.30pm daily

- Boat Safety
- Beach Safety
- Lifejacket Safety
- Bystander Rescues - 4Rs
- Open Water Survival
- Clothed Swimming
- Snorkelling

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SCAN TO REGISTER




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