



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 15

## 20 September 2018

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

As you walk into BMIS you can't miss the amazing Kowhai in full blossom which are encouraging Tui and Kereru to spend time with us. A definite sign of Spring.

WOW! What a week, Week 8 was for our students! Camp. EOTC. Te Wiki o te Reo Maori.

#### Year 7 Camp:

Year 7 Camp was brilliant. Adventure courses, climbing challenges, water activities, kayaking, sliding, flying high, team building, team duties, bunkroom competitions, confidence encounters, great food, amazing adult helpers and teachers who went over and above the call of any teaching duties. Memories have been etched for all and these will be reflected on fondly, no doubt!

#### Year EOTC:

EOTC for our Year 8 students was just as amazing! Goat Island and the Marine Discovery Centre, Snow Planet, mountain biking and tree climbing at Woodhill along with The Zoo certainly made for an exciting time.

We had compliments for Group C at Woodhill, and here is an insert from Goat Island management:

*"Conditions on both days were great! Can't get better conditions than these days. Visibility was about 6m. Students were brave and did not complain once while in the water. Well done to the students. Students were great and the instructors would like to thank the adult helpers for being amazing! So BIG thanks to all the adults. Fish seen: Parore, Snapper, Butterfish, Goatfish, Red Moki, Leather Jacket, Sweep, Silver Drummer, Crayfish, Banded Wrasse, Spotty. Hope all your students had a great time in the water and left with a bit more knowledge about our ocean and water safety. We hope to see you all again, and welcome the students from Bruce McLaren back any time!"*

#### Te Wiki o te Reo Maori:

And Te Wiki o te Reo Maori was woven through Week 8, as it is woven through everything we do – all of the time at BMIS; due to culture, language and identity of all being incredibly important to 'the way we do things around here'.

#### Week 9 & 10:

Week 9 is the second to last week of Term 3. The year appears to be racing by. Our last day of this term is on Friday, 28th September at 3pm. Term 4 commences on Monday, 15th October at 8:30am.

However, there is much going on before the term concludes. The School Councillors are hosting an Idol Day, the Enviro Team are holding a bake sale, writing groups are at the Henderson Library undertaking research, cultural and performing groups are finalising items for the Term 4 Fia Fia night, badges are being awarded for a raft of achievements, Opportunities Day resumes after our Camp/EOTC week, performances at Sunnyvale Diversity Day, COL hui for lead teachers, principals and BOT members, Chinese Language Week, Maths and Writing advancements for students and teachers, Communication inquiries – to name a few, and we have celebrated great results attained in the Maths, Science and Writing Kiwi Competitions. Congratulations.

#### Enrolments:

Year 8 students MUST now be enrolled in a high school. Just as we need all 2019, Year 7 enrolments in to our school office so that we can ensure 'best placement' when pairing student with teacher.

#### Spoken Word:

Marina, from Springboard Trust, and her team of senior students presented their SPOKEN WORD to the whole school and then held a workshop for 50 students - x3!

150 students opted into the workshops as well

as being selected on strengths and providing an opportunity for many.

Marina's talent in engaging 50 emerging adolescent students was poetry in motion, in itself!

Students were engaged (as were the teachers in attendance). The sessions were fast paced, encouraging, interactive, differentiated, collaborative and all of this fostered in a safe environment.

The senior students, who have called themselves Southside Rise Poets, are Wiseman Mataiti and Derek Aki from Southern Cross Campus, Miracle Tonga from Mangere College and Faasalalau Seiuli from Rosehill College, facilitated the small groups with encouragement and kept BMIS students on task by prompting, reiterating and listening.

We are extremely grateful to Marina and her team for sharing their talents and time with us.

It is our focus to provide as many opportunities to students as we possibly can that will support in equipping them with skills for life. The focus of Writing at BMIS is through dance, drama, music and the spoken word, not to mention through identity, language and culture. This was reflected in the presentations and workshops held by Marina and her team of which added power and magic to the time spent here with our BMIS students.

Thank you again for having such a valuable resource available to our school through Springboard Trust.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I wish to thank everyone who has supported us in making our school the best place to be. It takes a great deal of time, energy and passion from everyone to ensure that every student is engaged and racing along their learning journey. The old adage of: it takes a village to raise a child, is certainly what we believe in strongly at BMIS. We have a collective responsibility to provide the best that we can for your child/ren. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood – Principal*

## **BOTTLE TOPS**

We are collecting coloured bottle tops to create a Bruce McLaren car mural. Please bring your rinsed tops to the office each morning and place them in the container.

## **BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL**

Basketball for Boys and Girls is on Monday, 24 September and is being held at Unitec. We have one Boys team and one Girls team participating.

The Volleyball zone tournament is Thursday, 18 October (Term 4, Week 1).

Good luck everyone!

## **NO HELMET - NO RIDE**

As stated in a newsletter a fortnight ago, please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet when riding on any form of transportation (scooter, bike, ...) 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.

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## **2019 ENROLMENTS**

If you have a Year 6 child who will be attending Bruce McLaren Intermediate School next year, please return your completed enrolment form to the school office by the end of this term - Friday, 28th September.

## **UNIFORM**

It is a BMIS requirement that all students wear full and correct school uniform. If you need to purchase more uniform, you can purchase directly from our supplier: <http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz> or you can pay at the school office and we can order for you. There are samples in the school office for students to try on to ensure correct sizing.

Full and correct school uniform must also be worn to and from school. **Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.** We often have uniform items put into the lost property that have not been named.

## **BOT ELECTIONS 2019**

The next Board of Trustees elections will take place in Term 1 next year, and we are looking for amazing new members to work alongside our current members. You can find information for parents at this website:

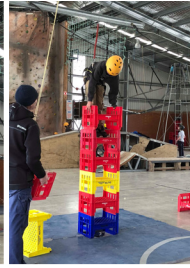
<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

More information will be sent out closer to election time or you can contact our BOT Chair, Riki Willisroft, at: [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz)





# FINLAY PARK CAMP 2018







## YEAR 8 EOTC 2018

