



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 15

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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:

Fakaalofa atu ki a mutolu

Here we are in what is affectionately known as 'the Term 4 sprint'. The term has commenced well with a settled start and students focused on their learning.

BUILDING UPGRADES:

Over the term break, work continued on painting the school, upgrading alarm and safety systems, development on the school grounds, replacement of old building materials, relocating of classrooms for ILE development and the site being developed for two new classrooms for 2020!

GLOBALISATION:

Much continues this term, with our inquiry concept of Globalization. In the immediate, we have many sporting events, cultural activities and learning assessments underway as well as our school athletics day being held on Friday, 25th October at the international venue of Douglas Track and Field, rain, hail or shine.

TERM 4 ACTIVITIES:

Last week BMIS celebrated Niuean Language Week, attended WZ Volleyball and had weigh-ins for Touch Rugby and 7s Rugby.

This week we are prepping for our 'culmination of the year' evening – more information coming; the Year 8 Grad, Prize Givings and, of course, student reports.

THANK YOU CHRIS & PAULINE!

It is important for us to acknowledge two amazing people who have given freely of their time to run our incredible Pit Stop. They have been integral in building Pit Stop to what it is today.

Pauline and Chris, known fondly as Grandma and Grandpa, are hanging up their aprons after 4 years of dedicated volunteer work for our school. Their contribution has been unbelievable. They have served and cared for many students and produced 1000s of meals over this time.

I would like to thank Pauline and Chris, on behalf of the school, students and parents who have seen the benefits of their hard work manifested in student

achievement. I know that we wish them well and thank them for EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE.

SKOOL LOOP:

Please ensure that you are aware of the dates for our end of year activities. SkoolLoop is our primary source of information for updates; information is on our parent info FaceBook page as well as in the newsletter.

SUNHATS & SUNBLOCK:

As it is Term 4, students are expected to have their school hats on and to apply sunblock to ensure they are sunsafe. Hydration is also important so a water bottle is encouraged.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 8s:

All Year 8 students MUST now be enrolled in a secondary school. This is imperative. It is extremely rare that an intermediate school will have a second year, Year 8 on site! Congratulations to all who are enrolled AND have been accepted to a secondary school.

There are only 2.5 months left of this year. There are only 2.5months left of this decade!

Here is to a superb Term 4 for all of us. May the sun start to shine so that we can appreciate Daylight Savings!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

TERM 4 DIARY DATES:

25 Oct	School Athletics Day at the Trusts Stadium
28 Oct	Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
30 Oct	WZ Touch Rugby
1 Nov	WZ Rugby 7's
7 Nov	BOT Meeting (6.30pm)
21 Nov	Fia Fia Night (Starting at 5.30pm). Tickets on sale next week! More info coming soon ...
10 Dec	Year 8 Graduation (6.30pm)
11 Dec	Service Prize Giving (10.30am)
13 Dec	Formal Prize Giving (9.30am)
13 Dec	Term 4 Ends (12.30pm)

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Congratulations to **Room 8**, who had the best attendance for Week 1, Term 4 - well done!

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

**Toni Reid (R6); Elisala Tiki (R6); Tristan Williams (R8);
Yolando Soloa (R8); Nathaniel Hazeldine (R5);**

BRIDGE:

Well done to the following students who participated in the NZ Bridge Youth Tournament in Hamilton last term:

**Ezekiel Rogers, Jeremiah Pokoina Sionetali,
Lily Coales and Brooklyn Makaro**

WESTERN ZONE VOLLEYBALL:



In Week 1 of Term 4, BMIS students have once again competed at our local Western Zone Volleyball Competition held at Glen Eden Intermediate.

Our Y7/8 Boys and Y7/8 Girls did us super proud, as usual, finishing up in the finals section with the boys finishing in 4th place overall and the girls were in 6th place. What a fantastic result considering none of our training was inside and how much of our preparation was affected by the rain leading up to the competition. During each game you could see a massive increase in skill. Well done BMIS volleyball teams.

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.



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

Child's Name: _____

Room: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Signed: _____

UNIFORM:

There are no surprises with uniform now that we are in Term 4. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Non-uniform items will be removed.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY:

This 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. Assemblies have been 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.

Please Note: That all students and staff will be at the stadium for the day - there will be no one at school between approximately 8.30am and 2.30pm.

NETSAFE INFORMATION EVENING:

Wednesday, 13th November at 7pm

On Wednesday 13th November at 7pm at Oratia District School, Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

The session will look at how families and whānau can support children and young people as they navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

To help us prepare for this event, can you please register your interest? This will take you 2 minutes to complete:

<https://forms.gle/AJXtwK5PTB9s6T379>

Please complete & return slip to the office.