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## NEWSLETTER #15. 2nd November 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.

Term 4 has commenced positively with most students settling into focusing on their individual learning journeys and being involved in extra-curricular activities. Term 4 is certainly the 'final lap' for us at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School where the pace is fast and fun. Already in Term 4, BMIS has:

- Competed in the Auckland EPro8 competition - and won AGAIN.
- Commenced transitions of Year 8 students to secondary schools
- Performed at the first ever, Kahui Ako Cultural Festival held at Henderson High School, showcasing BMIS Kapa haka, Cook Island group, Samoan group and Tongan group.
- Commenced training for Touch Rugby and Softball
- Celebrated Niue and Tokelauan Language Weeks
- Immersed ākongā in Athletics skills and activities
- Hosted 'walk arounds' of Year 6 students and families
- Held a BOT members information meeting.

This week is also shaping up to be busy with:

- School wide assessments being implemented
- WZ Softball
- Rongohia te Hau observations
- Vision and Hearing Testing
- Touch Rugby trainings continue
- Athletics skills and selection continue (Douglas Track & Field is unavailable for our event as are most Athletics grounds due to a raft of issues and pressures across Auckland eg WRWC, COVID-19 staffing issues, ...)
- HPV immunizations
- End of Year Student Report Writing

Please ensure that the SkoolLoop app is on your device as this is BMIS' primary method of communicating with our parents/whanau and community - in real time.

It is with great pride that I announce that the BMIS EPro8 team has WON the Auckland Regional Competition after winning the WZ EPro8 Competition and the Auckland EPro8 Competition.

EPro8 is a programme that involves over 22,000 students across the mutu from Year 5 - Year 13. The focus is on a raft of challenges to be completed that involve "Engineering, Problem Solving and Innovation" - definitely something that Bruce McLaren would have loved to be involved in as a youngster.

EPro8 requires a great deal of 'out of the box' thinking and incredible team work. Our BMIS team is: Carter, Blake, Amber, Austin and Erika. These students have committed a great deal of time and energy to this competition and their efforts have certainly paid off. WELL DONE BMIS BURITTOS! Thank you also goes to Mr Liebenberg, Natasha (who had her house turned upside down with the team practices) and parents/whanau of our Burittos. CONGRATULATIONS.

With the end of the year in sight, it is always prudent to backward plan to ensure that we are all informed and well paced. Dates of note are listed later in the newsletter.

Whanau classes are organizing learning opportunities to culminate units of learning such as heading to the Chelsea Sugar Refinery (Whanau Atawhai) and MOTAT (Whanau Manawanui), and to subsidize the cost of these trips, are holding sausage sizzles and chop suey events at school for ākongā.

I am sure that you would have heard on the news last week that many brands of Vapes being sold have 70 - 80% higher levels of nicotine than allowed. This is so unsafe for those who choose to vape. Many of our school community have expressed to me that vaping has taken over from smoking and is going to be an even greater health issue in the years ahead. This is a real concern for us as parents and teachers, especially of minors as it is illegal for them to purchase, be in possession of and / or vape. At BMIS vaping is not tolerated. Our students know this. Please discuss this national issue with your child. If you know of a shop selling to minors, please inform the Police as soon as possible. Our children's safety is paramount.

Whanau classes are also planning their end of year events, so please ensure that you get your child's permission slip signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you to the many parents and whanau who have forwarded your comments and compliments to me. I share these with the staff, of which is grateful for your feedback.

Should you have any thoughts or wonderings about your child's schooling at BMIS, please contact your child's teacher by email or through the school office.

Stay well and enjoy the warmer weather.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood  
Tumuaki - Principal

### ◦ McLAREN AWARD WINNERS:

Dali R9, Cameron R5, Michael R7, Wehi R11, Baylee R3, Vicky R1, Adriarna R7, Latreviah R12, Max R10, Harper R3, Milo R2, Penny R2

### ◦ SCHOOL COUNCIL QUIZ WINNERS:

Week 10 Term 3: Ethan R13

Week 2 Term 4: Jojo R5

### ◦ EXCITING NEWS:

Whanau Manaaki and Whanau Manawanui are fundraising for their upcoming end of year trip to Parakai. They will be selling Chop Suey and rice for \$5 a plate on Friday 11th November. Please send all orders and money to the office before Wednesday 9th November. Thank you for supporting us!

### ◦ SCIENCE EXPO

On Friday 2nd December, BMIS will be having a Science Expo to showcase the students' science projects for this term. They have been learning about the Physical World, and their chosen investigations will be based on this topic. The students will be displaying all of their hard work in the hall for everyone to see.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Fiafia Night	24th November 2022
Beach Ed	7, 8, 9 December 2022
Year 8 Graduation	12th December 2022
Formal Prize Giving	13th December 2022
Last day of Term 4	Tuesday 13th December 2022
Term 1 Commences	Wednesday 1st February 2023

## GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Bucket hat must be worn in Term 1 and 4.
- SHOPS: (Opposite School)  
Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE parents to find another space to collect your children from. For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first - always. Thank you for your support with this.
- Lollies, sweets, chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and expected behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

## 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@bruceclaren.school.nz](mailto:ebully@bruceclaren.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 the 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.

## ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE:

Which class will win the Mr Whippy attendance prize?  
We have classes that are tracking close to having over 90% attendance for a week.

Week 1, Term 4 = on a given day; R6, R10, R7, R7, R10, Week 2, Term 4 = on a given day; R3, R11, R3, R10, R10.

Come on students, let's have a class get over 90% attendance for a week.

## EXCITING PHOTOS OF:

Kahui Ako Cultural Festival, EPro8, Waterpolo, Year 8 OE and Year 7 Camp

