



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 19

## 14 November 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

Every day at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School we make history. All onsite come to learn, come to better ourselves and immerse ourselves in the system education provides. For our students, who have been on the planet for more than 10 years, it is not a place to have to learn how to behave – the expectation is that our students know how to behave by now. As research shows, the first 1000 days of our lives is critical in the development of us as a human being – how we see the world, our environment, what love looks like and feels like as well as learning the boundaries of appropriate behaviours in a variety of contexts. At school our learning is about tangata whenuatanga, ako, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and wananga (place-based socio-cultural awareness and knowledge; practice in the classroom and beyond; relationships with high expectations; values – our 5Cs, integrity, trust, sincerity, equity; communication, problem solving and innovation). Our time is extremely precious with your child/ren, our student/s. We are here to make the most of this precious time!

#### **FIA FIA NIGHT:**

Time is what is limited for us – we are now in Week 5 of a nine week term. Our students are prepping for our FIA FIA night being held at Sunnyvale School Hall. This will be a magic time for all involved and I am sure the audience will have a brilliant few hours with us. Miss Ah Chong is our lead co-ordinator, with every one of us supporting her clear and concise organisation.

**Tickets are selling fast.** Buy these at the school office. **THERE ARE NO DOOR SALES.** Thursday, 22 November from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. This is a time to celebrate with our cool kids and appreciate their talents. There will be drinks and a sausage sizzle available to purchase before the show starts.

#### **SCHOOL HALL UPDATE:**

Why is the FIA FIA night at Sunnyvale School Hall? The MOE and insurers continue to avoid/delay/quibble over the cost of the replacement of our hall floor. You may remember – or not, as it was so long ago, in T2, Wk2 & Wk4 the hall floor was flooded by the Auckland storms. Yes, twice flooded for the first time since 1969. Due to dirty water flooding across the floor, with parquet tiles being lifted, with the integrity of the 'very old system of laying' the parquet tiles being interfered with and a patch system not being covered with a warrantee by any company (and I understand why) unless the entire floor is a new, modern system – WE WAIT! I have been informed that the money could come out of our Property Plan which would not see the money used for our students in and around the classrooms – no way! I will keep you abreast of where this development is in the system.

#### **FORMAL PRIZE GIVING:**

FORMAL PRIZE GIVING will be held at Henderson High School. Again, because of the hall being out of action and because we want to host as many of our students' whanau as possible, a hall is necessary. We will bus BMIS students to HHS and return them to BMIS – where our students will complete the last day of the school term – Friday, 14 December at 12:30pm. The FORMAL PRIZE GIVING will run from 9:30am – 11:30/12pm at HHS.

#### **END OF YEAR REPORTS:**

Teachers are working on End Of Year reports which will be sent home with your child/ren on Monday, 10 December – in a sealed envelope. Please ensure you look at the 'effort' first. As a parent, I believe this is the most important part of my child's time at school – if she is applying effort to her learning, then the learning will take place.

## **SUPER CARS @ PUKEKOHE:**

SUPERCARS @ PUKEKOHE was a day to remember! Fast cars, wipe outs, signatures from Kiwi great Scott McLaughlin along with Fabian Coulter. Meeting Tony with his No.7 McLaren car was a highlight. Tony talked with us about what it means to be part of the McLaren Team and we certainly agree with him! Every time Tony came down the home straight, BMIS students saluted him with a Mexican Wave. Walking through the Pits and meeting members of the Pit Crews was an experience to remember. Thank you Mr Ganda for organising a brilliant day.

## **BMIS ATHLETICS DAY:**

Now to another fantastic day of history making at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Last Monday, the whole school attended Douglas Track and Field for our School Athletics Day. It was a brilliant day with students having a great time, staff running an amazing relay and the sun shone on all of us. Thank you to Mr Ganda for his organisation – the day was easy for staff because of this. Thank you to whanau who came along and supported our day. Results are further in the newsletter. Well done to all for their participation and sportsmanship.

## **WZ TOUCH:**

A fine group of our male athletes headed to the WZ Touch Rugby Competition at Kelston Intermediate School. These students have been training with and under the masterful watch of Miss Ah Chong. Their games were tough. However, their skills shone through and they came a well-placed and deserved 3rd overall. Another aspect to our students' game was their ability to ensure their school values and our BMIS MCLAREN Way were upheld when other schools, as stated by our players, was "not good Miss. They were badly behaved and wanted fights. We just walked away." Well done boys! Well done Miss Ah Chong.

## **NZ ROWING:**

NZ Rowing completed its two weeks on site with our students. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to pit themselves against their peers. It was also a fine display of power and technique against our top rowers and the professional rower, Hayden, who struggled to beat Eunice Taivai of Room 1! Well done to our students for giving this a go. Thank you to Mr Naidu for his smooth organisation of this activity. BMIS has already produced an Olympian rower – there is potential for another!

## **VISION TESTING:**

Students have had the annual Vision Testing this week. This is an important part of our students' health. If there are any findings, parents/caregivers will be contacted by the WDHB.

## **ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND:**

Our new adventure playground, which focuses on upper body strength, is being built. Due to a few wet days, trucks have been unable to drive across the field to complete this brand new installation. However, it is under construction and will be in use very soon. Yehah!

## **STAY SAFE ONLINE:**

In the last newsletter, I highlighted the article STAY SAFE ONLINE. It is important that if you give your child a device to use, you are monitoring this device and what is taking place on this device. For more support and advice head to: [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz)

## **NZEI NEGOTIATION UPDATE:**

With the support from a colleague and reflecting on our school context at BMIS, I have added my thinking to the parents/caregivers BMIS facebook page.

(Please be aware that this page has the ability to be monitored and tracked by Netsafe and Police – because safety is paramount for all).

As you will be aware – rolling strikes continue across the country. Nothing is resolved. Teachers continue to battle for your child/ren – our students, so they get the very best. Your children – our students deserve nothing less than the best. NZ education is rated poorly across the OECD and we are in the bottom 10 of 180 countries globally for supporting teachers. Thank you for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

## **THANK YOU PAULINE & CHRIS:**

It is with much appreciation that I thank Pauline and Chris Becker for their time and support in Pit Stop - our food room. Pauline and Chris will be leaving Pit Stop at the end of this year.

Pauline and Chris, fondly known as Nan and Poppa by our students, have volunteered for 2 years in our Pit Stop, feeding students breakfast and lunch along with snacks, fruit and smoothies. They have also cut up veges and fruit so the students would eat them, made cakes and crumbles so that no food has ever been wasted.

Pauline and Chris has fed, on average, 80-100 meals a day, ensuring our students, whether they bring lunch or not, can access food at 8:00am -

8:20am and lunchtime 1:00pm - 1:30pm. No student (or teacher) is ever turned away. Everyone on site is welcomed at Pit Stop and Pauline and Chris have provided an incredible service day in and day out for us.

We all wish them well with their future horizons and look forward to having them join us at other activities when they can.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AND HAVE DONE FOR BMIS.

Here is to an incredible four weeks ahead.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

## **ATTENDANCE WINNER:**

Congratulations to Room 4 for having the best attendance for Week 4. Well done!

## **SAMOAN CLASS @ BMIS:**

Ta Fia Fale Alili Fua - Samoan Class @ BMIS

All Year 7 students, who have identified as Samoan as a cultural identity at enrolment, have been given a notice providing them with the opportunity to be in Ta Fia Fale Alili Fua - Samoan Class @ BMIS for 2019. This notice MUST be returned by FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

## **PIT STOP:**

Are you a dedicated foodie who loves children and wants to see them flourish. Are you able to instill etiquette, uphold our 5Cs and think outside of a tin of baked beans? Do you have the passion and patience to work alongside students to create and innovate dishes for the student body? Are you good at stocking and supplies inventories? DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER from 7:45am - 8:45am & 12:30pm - 1:45pm?

Please contact the front office on: 836 3175. A Police Vet is mandatory.

## **YEAR 8 GRADUATION:**

Year 8 Graduation will take place on Tuesday, 11 December. Details are being finalised now, and tickets will be on sale shortly. This is a formal occasion and students are expected to dress for the occasion. More details soon ...

## **CLASS PHOTOS:**

Class photos will be taken in house on Tuesday, 29 November. Please make sure all students are wearing full, correct uniform.

## **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 asap.

**All Year 8 students should now be enrolled for High School next year.**

## **BOTTLE TOPS:**

We are still 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.

## **2019 TERM DATES:**

### **TERM 1, 2019:**

Year 7: Wednesday, 30 January - Friday, 12 April

Year 8: Thursday, 31 January - Friday, 12 April

### **TERM 2, 2019:**

Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

### **TERM 3, 2019:**

Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

### **TERM 4, 2019:**

Monday, 14 October - Friday, 13 December

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| <b>22 Nov</b> | <b>Fia Fia Night - Sunnyvale School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tickets available at the school office - there is limited seating</li><li>- There are NO door sales</li><li>- Everyone must have a ticket to enter, even under 5's (these tickets are free)</li><li>- There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks to purchase before the show (no food or drinks to be taken in)</li></ul> |
| <b>23 Nov</b> | Waitakere Cultural Festival @ Henderson Intermediate   |
| <b>29 Nov</b> | Auckland Athletic Champs   |
| <b>10 Dec</b> | Reports home   |
| <b>11 Dec</b> | Year 8 Graduation @ The Hub  |
| <b>12 Dec</b> | Sports & Service Prize Giving  |
| <b>14 Dec</b> | Formal Prize Giving @ Henderson High School (9.30am - 11.30pm)   |
| <b>14 Dec</b> | Term 4 Ends (12.30pm)  |

**Limited Tickets**

# Fiafia Night

*Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale!*

Thursday, 22 November 2018 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Adults- \$5 School age - \$2 Under 5-FREE  
 Sunnyvale School Hall- 34 Ribblesdale Rd  
 Tickets on sale at  
 Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Office

*Tickets are selling fast - don't miss out!  
 There will be NO door sales.*

## STAY SAFE ONLINE

Technology is always adapting and it's here to stay, but many do not think about the safety risk in terms of Cybersafety.

An online study revealed a startling figure: 74% of parents are in the dark about their kids' online activities. The most important way to keep your kids safe online is to have frequent, open and honest discussions with your children about their lives.

Child safety with mobile phones and apps:

1. Always ask a parent before downloading a new app. Not all apps are safe and many exploit kids with

2. In-app purchases that get expensive really quickly.
3. Do not give your phone number to strangers or post it online.
4. Tell a parent if you receive something that makes you feel uncomfortable.
5. Do not answer a call or text message from an unrecognizable number.
6. Think about the messages you send. If you wouldn't say it in person, don't send it.
7. Follow any rules that your school sets for smartphone use in class or during school hours.

Set a personal example for your child. Don't bring your phone to the dinner table, and don't text and drive. You can also set up a charging station in a central location in your home. Phones should stay out of your child's bedroom so they won't be in use late at night.