



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 2

20 February 2019

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

Week 4 is our second full week at school and our class programmes are in full swing.

MEET THE TEACHER:

Thank you to the many parents and whanau who attended the Meet the Teacher evening last Wednesday evening. It was superb to catch up and have a chat with folk from previous years and of course, this year. It was also fabulous to hear of siblings who are wanting to come to BMIS, still having a few more years left to complete primary school.

COMMUNICATION:

To ensure you can maximise contact with our school, please subscribe to the newsletter email list, have the SkoolLoop app on a device, find the newsletter in the bottom of the school bag every fortnight, read the electronic sign, question and listen to your child/ren, and check out our website.

BEACH ED:

Year 8 students are heading to Beach Ed, a surf safety programme run by Surf Lifeguards at Piha North, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th & 6th March. Before any student can attend we need the Health & Safety form, permission slip and \$30 (of which is part of the EOTC cost). We would love for parents and extended whanau to support and join us on these days. There is a part of the Beach Ed information slip for adults (21years+) to sign. Come along – it is a great day out for all.

COMMUNITY DAY:

On March 16th from 2 – 5pm, a Community Day is being held on our school grounds. We encourage our community to support this event – the Police Helicopter, WestPac Helicopter, army, navy, police dog handlers, animal farm, performances and yummy food will all be available. Should you wish

to have a stall at this event please contact the The Hub on (09) 838 4820 – this could be food, art, Knick knacks, information stalls. Stalls are free and any wares sold sees the profit going to the stall holder.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

This year is Board of Trustee Elections. Should you wish to express interest in standing for our BOT or you have any questions regarding the BOT, please contact Nicki, at the front office, 836 3175. Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday, 28th February at 6pm in the school staffroom. BOT meetings are public meetings so anyone is more than welcome to attend.

SPECIALIST TEACHER VACANCIES:

To cater for our visiting school on Fridays for Specialist lessons, we require 2 Specialist teachers – 2 blocks of Specialist lessons, 1 block of BMIS learning and 1 block of school sport. If this sounds like you, please contact Nicki at the front office on 836 3175.

HYDRATION:

While the sun is still shining on us, it is important that students are wearing their school hats, hydrating, finding shade and taking heed of the reminders of the afore mentioned. Your support with this is gratefully appreciated.

UNIFORM:

Now is the time that students with incorrect uniform (without a uniform pass) will be requested to rectify this situation. You may receive a letter from your child's Whanau Leader outlining what is in need of changing. If you have any questions, please talk with your child, your child's teacher and/or Whanau Leader. We pride ourselves on our amazing uniform. A school uniform and how it is worn is the window to a school.

SCHOOL ROLL:

Just a wee update – hot off the press: End of 2017 = 174 students. Beginning of 2019 = 287. The Ministry of Education will not adjust any staffing or funding until after the 1st March. We wait!!

ROAD PATROLLERS:

Should you see a Police car in our school setting/driveways please be assured it is parked here so the Police team can train more Road Patrollers – a responsibility that I view as one of the most important in our school for any student to undertake.

May you have a fabulous fortnight.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

CENSUS AT SCHOOL:

What is CensusAtSchool?

The only national survey to comprehensively chart children's views of their own lives is taking place across New Zealand from March 4. This year, we ask Kiwi kids about issues as wide-ranging as climate change, the amount of time they spend on digital devices, and how they handle interpersonal issues.

CensusAtSchool New Zealand, known in te reo Māori as TataurangaKiTeKura Aotearoa, is a non-profit, online educational project that aims to bring statistics to life in both English and Māori-medium classrooms. Supervised by teachers, students from years 5-13 anonymously answer 30 questions in English or te reo Māori, and later explore the results in class. CensusAtSchool runs every two years, and in 2017, more than 32,000 students took part, representing 534 schools and 1,062 teachers.

Now in its ninth edition, CensusAtSchool is a collaborative project involving teachers, the University of Auckland's Department of Statistics, Statistics New Zealand and the Ministry of Education. It is part of an international effort to boost statistical capability among young people, and is carried out in Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada, the US, Japan and South Africa.

Should any parent/caregiver NOT wish their child/ren to participate, please let the class teacher know by Friday, 1st March, 3pm.

YEAR 8 BEACH ED:

Forms and payment are due back at school by this Friday, 22 February. We require parent helpers for both days, so if you are available, we would love to have you help! Parent Helper forms are with the permission slip.

CAMP & EOTC FEES:

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC will be taking place in Term 3 (10 - 13 September). The prices are now confirmed - \$290 for Year 7 Camp and \$260 for Year 8 EOTC. All money will need to be paid in full by Friday, 30 August 2019.

Payments can be made at the school office (cash or EFTPOS) or via online banking:

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12-3051-0471762-00

Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

Camp and EOTC are 27 weeks away, so that would be around \$10 per week if you started making payments now.

STATIONERY FOR 2019:

Henderson Warehouse Stationery have sold out of our stationery packs. We have a few at the school office for purchase if your child still needs one.

UNIFORM SALES 2019:

Uniform can be purchase either online: <http://www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz> or from the School Uniform Centre showroom, 553 Remuera Rd, Remuera. **All students must now be in full and correct uniform, including PE gear and correct school shoes.**

OFFICE HOURS:

The school office is open from 8.00am - 4.00pm every day except Thursdays, when it will close at the earlier time of 3.00pm.

PIT STOP:

Just a reminder that Pit Stop is open at the following times:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:

1st interval (10:05 - 10:20) & hot lunches (1 - 1:20pm)

Tuesdays, Thursdays:

2nd intervals (11:30 - 11:50pm)

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EFFORT REPORT AFTERNOON 2019

Wednesday, 13 March

1:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Each interview is 10 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Booking your interviews



The booking website will open Monday, 11 February at 8:30 AM, and will close Wednesday, 13 March at 12:30 PM.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **P89JWRNS** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.

Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.


School will be closing at 1pm on the 13th March. Our School buses will not be running in the afternoon. Please make alternate transport arrangements for your child.



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Back to School



School newsletter update February 2019 – It's Time/Kua Tae Te Wā

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

FREE

Holiday Adventures

Kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling and more...

FREE adventure day trips for eligible West Auckland Youth 11-17 years of age.

Join a Break-Away school holiday programme with Adventure Specialties Trust.

Programmes run for **two and a half days** on weekdays between **16 to 18 April 2019**.



Spaces limited! Bookings essential!

Register online at www.adventurespecialties.co.nz.

For further information phone 837 6033 or email office@adventurespecialties.co.nz.

Break-Away  **family & community services**
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SEEK THE HEIGHTS
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COMMUNITY EVENT

2-5PM 16TH MARCH 2019

**BRUCE MCLAREN INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL FIELD, 61-69 BRUCE
MCLAREN ROAD, HENDERSON**



people • pride • place

Come along to a whanau-friendly event, bring a picnic and enjoy the free entertainment and good vibes.

- **FREE ENTRY**
- Spot Prizes
- Bouncy Castles
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Pony Rides and Petting Farm
- Community Stalls
- Emergency Services – Fire, Police, Military, Dog Handlers
- Food 4 Sale!



Alcohol and smoke free event.

Event organised by: MPHS Community Trust | 09 838 4820 | info@mphs.org.nz
www.mphscommunity.org | Follow us: facebook.com/mphscommunity

*Massey High School's 50th Anniversary
18th-19th Of October 2019
A celebration of 50 years*

To register please visit: www.masseyhigh.school.nz