



**Bruce McLaren
Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER # 2 - 23 February 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

Here we are in an unusual time. We have known COVID-19 would spread across the motu and West Auckland communities have been impacted by the virus. At BMIS we are doing as much as possible to continue to operate as safely as possible, implementing the mitigation strategies to keep our community as safe as possible.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

At BMIS we are observing the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines. These do change and we are keeping abreast of the changes.

To protect everyone's privacy, we are not able to give you any personal information about any positive COVID-19 case we may get at school (staff or students).

We know in situations like this rumours and misinformation can often circulate - please know that any information that you need to know will come directly from Bruce McLaren Intermediate.

Please note:

If your child (BMIS student) is a positive COVID-19 case: They have been tested with a positive result and are isolating. Please advise the school as soon as possible.

If your child is a CLOSE CONTACT of a positive BMIS student/staff: You will be phoned, child collected and emailed next steps as outlined by the MOH & MOE.

If your child is NOT a positive case/NOT a Close Contact: Your child is to attend school. Life as we know it.

If your child is unwell: Please keep them home from school.

In this stage of the CPF RED Phase 2, I encourage parents/caregivers to be vigilant and watch out for the signs and

symptoms of the virus. These are:

- new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

Many schools are having to close due to staff and students being unwell and switching to distance learning from home. At BMIS, distance learning from home is our last resort. However, we are ready – should we need to do this. Your children will have their MathsBuddy logon, Education Perfect Logon, have SeeSaw and Googleclassroom set. These are the platforms that are expected to be used by your children. Please note, you will not be contacted by staff through their personal social media platforms. Teaching and learning takes place through our school platforms – this is for the safety of everyone.

MASKS:

Please ensure students arrive at school each day with a mask.

END OF DAY:

In CPF RED our students are staggered when leaving school to reduce congestion at the gate.

Departing times are:

Bus students to the hall at 2:45pm

Atawhai: 2:45pm

Mahi Tahi: 2:50pm

Manawanui: 2:55pm

Manaaki: 3:00pm

No student is to wait outside the school gates. The Bus Bay is for buses only. There are many spots around the school that make for safe pick up areas. Please ensure you discuss this with your child so that no student is left waiting at school after 3:10pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Our UNIFORM is the window to our school. Our students wear their uniforms with pride. Full school 'formal uniform' and 'PE uniform' should be in tip top shape by now – from head to toe. Should your child not have the correct uniforms, they must have a note from home indicating as to why – we maybe able to help out.

DEVICES:

Devices are brought to school with parental permission. These are not the responsibility of the school. Devices (cellphones, google watches, ...) are collected at 8:30am and returned to students at 2:55pm.

It is encouraged to keep devices safe at home. Any device found on a student during the school day will be removed and home will be called to collect.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS:

Please make all plans for pick up and after school activities before leaving home in the morning. We do understand situations can change during the day - if this happens, students are welcome to use the school office phone should they need to make contact with home, or in an emergency, parents/caregivers can call the front office and leave a message for your child. We do ask that you please call before 2:00pm.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our parents and whanau for your kind words of encouragement, support and praise for what BMIS is doing to maintain and progress the teaching and learning of your children, especially in RED Phase 2.

Our approach is open and friendly at BMIS and CPF RED is certainly not how any principal or staff member envisages commencing the school year.

BMIS has a race plan. BMIS is up and racing.

*Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa
We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.*

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Principal – Tumuaki

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

YEAR 8 BEACH ED:

Unfortunately we have to postpone our Year 8 Beach Ed trips heading to Piha next week. This is due to COVID-19 and CPR Red Phase 2.

We know the students will be disappointed - we are looking to reschedule these dates for later in the year.

Thank you so much to those who have supported us with this, and offered your time as a parent helper.

EBULLYING EMAIL ADDRESS:

ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

E = ELIMINATE and ELECTRONIC

As you know Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address. Students and parents are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Mrs Wood. She will action any ebully emails as soon as she receives them. Contact will also be made with the sender of the email. Often issues are discussed within the family home and out of school hours so this gives parents and students alike, an opportunity to deal with issues immediately.

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.

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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