



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 20

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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:

Kia ora koutou katoa

What a fortnight we are having at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. What a positive year we have had to date. 2018 has been unbelievably amazing with so much on offer for our students and staff.

INTER-ZONE ATHLETICS DAY:

On Tuesday, 20th November, 25 students attended IZ Athletics Day with Mr Naidu. It was a brilliant day with students competing at May Road, in Mt Roskill. Our students shone through with effort and great behaviour, giving it their all. We placed 4th overall which is tremendous, with three firsts and four other placings. Well done to all our athletes.

FIA FIA NIGHT:

Last Thursday, 22nd November, 3/4 of our school students participated in our Fia Fia night. This was a sell out and rocked Sunnyvale School Hall. This event was made possible by every staff member, from teaching the non-performers at school to transporting the BBQ to Sunnyvale and everything in between. The night brought our community together and culminated work students had been practicing. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We look forward to another great sell out night in 2019 – in our own school hall!

HALL UPDATE:

Speaking of our school hall: after a frank and informative meeting of MOE, MOE insurers, building consultant and myself – we have progress. The hall floor is underway. We look forward to having this completed for 2019 start.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS:

On other building developments – the McLaren Room is having a facelift with windows being put in so that it no longer looks like a bunker and it is

fresh and bright; the roofing is being addressed; new furniture has been ordered for the two new classrooms due to roll growth; the Reading Room is having carpet laid after being refurbished; Pit Stop has volunteers in place for 2019 – open for lunches Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and break time on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the adventure playground is almost completed and my whanau and I continue to paint the school. It's all go!

OPEN MORNING FOR YEAR 6:

It has been positive to see our Community Of Learning primary schools bring students to BMIS for a 'walk around'.

As a school we are doing everything we can to allay any fears our Year 6 students may have for their transition to us for 2019. The more Year 6 students are familiar with our school the better it is for everyone, including whanau, hence we have an invitation to all who have enrolled with BMIS for 2019 to come on Thursday, 6th December from 9 – 10am to come and meet teachers and head to their 2019 classroom. Parents/whanau may drop children off but MUST pick them up at 10am. This time is up to parents/whanau NOT the current primary school.

Please check carefully for times, dates and events that are coming up over the next few weeks as outlined in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing as many parents/whanau as possible in the last two weeks of this school year.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal

ATTENDANCE WINNER:

Congratulations to Room 8 for having the best attendance for Week 6. Well done!

WANTED - WHEELS & AXLES

If you have any unwanted or broken toys with wheels and axles, Mr Emmitt can make use of them in 2019.

Please remove them from the toy (if you can) and send them into school.

Thank you!

YEAR 8 GRADUATION:

Year 8 Graduation will take place on Tuesday, 11 December. A letter will come home today with all Year 8 students with all of the details.

CLASS PHOTOS:

Class photos have now been taken (Room 2 will be taken on Monday). These can be purchased for \$5 each. Please send along money to the school office.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 29 Nov** Auckland Athletic Champs
- 29 Nov** HHS Transition Morning
- 30 Nov** Waitakere Cultural Festival @ Henderson Intermediate
- 6 Dec** Open Morning for Year 6 students
- 10 Dec** Reports home
- 11 Dec** Year 8 Graduation @ The Hub
- 12 Dec** Sports & Service Prize Giving
- 14 Dec** Formal Prize Giving @ Henderson High School (9.30am - 11.30pm)
- 14 Dec** Term 4 Ends (12.30pm)



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.