



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 21

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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

Here we are – the **LAST WEEK** of the school year.

There is so much going on – check the dates in this newsletter, SkoolLoop app, BMIS website and watch for notifications on the monitored Facebook page.

END OF TERM 4, 2018:

BMIS is CLOSED on Friday, 14th December at 12:30pm. All parents/whanau of students need to make arrangements to ensure the safety of their children at this time. **Richies buses will NOT be running the BMIS routes on this day.** A safety plan is imperative for families.

PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT:

Many of you will be aware that on Friday, Bali Haque announced **proposed** major reforms to our schooling system. Many media reports focused on, "Closing of Intermediates". This was part of **one** option. Our National Executive of NZ Intermediate and Middle Schooling (NZAIMS) have issued this statement:

NZAIMS have always supported the concept of 'Middle Schooling' and would support a system that includes Primary 1-6, Middle 7-10 and Secondary 11-13. They see the potential this system has as a means of addressing the learning needs of young adolescents through the delivery of a local, seamless curriculum.

To be put simply, we need schools that meet the needs of our young people as they grow and these schools need to be different at every major developmental stage.

Personally, my preference is a Year 6 – Year 9 concept of Middle Schooling for social, emotional, academic and physical needs. I know what could be done with another year of teaching our Year 8 students as Year 9s and I have had many queries

about Year 5 students commencing intermediate school, wanting to leap the Year 6 year, when the child is excelling beyond the years of their peers. However, this is a conversation for another day.

TEACHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

There are a **few teachers who must be acknowledged.** Their movement is for all the right reasons!

Mr Deena Naidu is retiring after 21 years of teaching at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. Mr Naidu has taught approximately 630 students directly and thousands of students indirectly while he has been at BMIS – holding an array of responsibilities within that time. We wish him well with his future endeavours.

Miss Marietta Ah Chong leaves us at the beginning of the year to lead a bilingual unit at another intermediate school. Miss Ah Chong has given her all for the last 2.5 years – what she hasn't done is not worth writing about!! Her leadership, direction, zest and drive has been an integral part of BMIS' development. She will be part of our so'taga next year and school trips and exchanges so this is not goodbye, more – see you soon.

Miss Tricia Tuilaepa has been with us for 3 terms and moves into a primary teaching role. Mrs Tuilaepa has made a positive impact on her class and we wish her well.

Change and challenge are the only two constants in life and these we must embrace – it makes living more fun!

YEAR 8 GRADUATION:

On Tuesday evening the Year 8 Graduation was held at The Hub. Our Year 8 students looked amazing!

A great amount of time and effort went into the preparation, and implementation, to ensure the experience was a memorable one for all. Thank you to the many whanau who supported this event.

TO YEAR 8 STUDENTS:

To BMIS Year 8 students - best wishes for your continued learning journeys. Ensure you always DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE. You are always part of the BMIS whanau. You are all a success story waiting to be told - so write a great story.

TO YEAR 7 STUDENTS:

Congratulations on a brilliant year of learning. See you back on Thursday, 31 January 2019.

TO BMIS STAFF:

We can be proud of our programmes, opportunities and experiences we provide for our students. We have given our all for them. Ensure you rest, recharge and reconnect with family over Christmas and the New Year, as I know that you will be in and out of school over the summer break in preparation for 2019.

TO PARENTS & WHANAU:

It is at this time year that **I would like to formally thank all parents and whanau** for your continued support of our school. We have had the best year – with so much happening to grow our students (and teachers) and their learning journeys. A reflection of everything would take a great deal of time, of which we have little in Week 9. There has been parent help at camp, EOTC, Beach Ed, school sports coaching/managing, trips, exhibitions, competitions, Fia Fia, performances and class programmes. Without this support, we would not be able to offer what we do, which is often over and above the more populated intermediates. THANK YOU.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing, restful and re-energising Christmas break and safe and happy New Year.

Best wishes for the festive season.

Meri Kirihimete,

Liz Wood – Principal

STATIONERY FOR 2019:

Stationery packs will be available for purchase from the Henderson Warehouse Stationery, Cnr Pioneer & Catherine Streets, Henderson (09) 836-3893 from 1 January 2019.

FORMAL PRIZE GIVING:

Our formal prize giving is being held at Henderson High School on Friday, 14 December 2018 from 9.30am - 11.30am (last day of school for 2018). Everyone is welcome to attend. Students will be taken to Henderson High School by bus in the morning, and returned back to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School after prize giving. However, if you would like to take your child home directly from HHS after prize giving, a permission slip must be completed and returned to school by Thursday, 13 December. No student will be released from HHS if a slip has not been completed.

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

UNIFORM SALES 2019:

Our school uniform is available from School Uniform Centre. They will be holding Back-To-School Uniform Sale Days at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School on:

Monday, 21 January 2019: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday, 23 January 2019: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Friday, 25 January 2019: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Please try to be here on these days to ensure stock is available. The School Uniform Centre are able to provide WINZ quotes on the above days. All WINZ quotes must be paid for using a WINZ payment card. Hologram letters will not be accepted. Please ensure you collect your quote within three days of being issued a WINZ card to ensure it does not expire.

Uniform is also be available online at:

<http://www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz>

with free shipping throughout Auckland. Or from the School Uniform Centre showroom, 553 Remuera Rd, Remuera. They are open Monday - Friday from 8.30am - 5.00pm and Saturday from 9.00am - 1.00pm.