



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 3

6 March 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 6, thus far, has been an amazing week.

BEACH ED:

We have had half of the Year 8 students basking in this sunny weather at North Piha Beach and based at the Surf Life Saving Club learning about survival in and around water, waves and rips. The Lifeguards have been engaging, informative and fun. Our parents/whanau who have supported the programme have been amazing and without them such a programme is not possible.

Today, Wednesday, our second group of Year 8s will attend Beach Ed. The weather looks great for another day at the beach!

It was commented to me by a parent that Beach Ed should be compulsory for all schools – I couldn't agree more. With our country surrounded by water and with water in the central areas with lakes, water survival and safety programmes are essential – hence we undertake to ensure our students are equipped with such skills by immersing them in Beach Ed. Beach Ed is not an option for our students at BMIS – it is part of our curriculum! Students are learning while having fun at a local beach – immeasurable (it may just save a life)!

TESTING:

Testing of our students who have come from 40 different contributing primary schools has been completed. This data is a starting point for teachers and supports the data they have already collected through conferencing, conversations, book/device work, quizzes, questionnaires, graphic organisers and Learning Maps.

EFFORT REPORT AFTERNOON:

Learning Maps will be viewed, along with having the Goal Sheet signed (which is created by home,

school, student) at the Effort Report afternoon/evening on Wednesday, 13 March. Please ensure you have booked a time online or contacted the front office to make a time. (More info on Page 3).

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING:

Henderson Kahui Ako (Community Of Learning – COL) is underway for 2019. There are 7 schools in our Kahui Ako; Prospect, Henderson South, Henderson Valley, Sunnyvale, Oratia, BMIS, Henderson High School). Teachers from across the schools meet to share practice, be involved in professional development and form robust networks, all of which are to improve student outcomes. BMIS has an Across Schools Lead Teacher – Mr Arun Ganda, In School Lead Teacher for Writing – Mrs Brenda Sluiter, In School Lead Teacher for Mathematics – Ms Carol Anne Kempster. We look forward to the growth of our Kahui Ako.

UNIFORM:

As we near Week 7 – no student should be without the correct uniform, unless items are on order of which the class teacher, whanau leader and front office will know about. Any item not worn MUST have a Uniform Pass – a note from home explaining why an item is not present. The Uniform Pass is dated and item is to be corrected ASAP. There are a few incorrect shoes being worn that need to be addressed. Congratulations to all students (and their whanau) who are wearing the correct uniform.

Enjoy your fortnight.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

EARLY CLOSURES:

BMIS will be closing early on the following days:

12.30pm on Wednesday, 13 March:

For Effort Report Meetings

12.30pm on Tuesday, 19 March:

To allow teachers to attend a paid union meeting

Please note that buses will still operate at the normal times. If you need your child to be supervised at school until 3.00pm so they can catch their school bus, please let the office know by this Friday, 8 March.

NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS:

On Tuesday, 19 March 2019, teachers will attend paid union meetings throughout Auckland.

This year, we'll continue to make the message loud and clear – It's Time. Time to lead, teach and learn.

This means freeing teachers to teach so every child receives the personal attention they need to learn and thrive. It means freeing principals to focus on leading and it means ensuring we have enough teachers by attracting more people to teaching, by respecting them as professionals and paying them properly.

We currently have a growing teacher shortage crisis already showing itself in our schools, which looks set to worsen with growing student numbers and less people training to become teachers.

Our students come to school to learn all the skills and abilities that they'll need to grow up healthy, happy and productive in the 21st century. Our nation can afford to ensure every child receives the education they need to succeed in life, and for every educator to be trusted and resourced to make that a reality. It's simply a matter of priorities.

As we continue to go through negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement this year, we'll be standing together for our students and for an education system that values, attracts and retains the amazing teachers who are entrusted with the education of our children.

Throughout the negotiations it's important that every member has their say in this crucial campaign. Our students are worth it and so are we.

SOFT DRINK BOTTLES & LIDS:

Mr Emmitt is on the hunt for empty soft drink bottles with lids for our STEM classes. Please send any clean, empty bottles with lids along to school.

FIZZY DRINKS:

BMIS does not allow fizzy drinks at school. Please keep these at home for a treat. Water is recommended.

eBULLY EMAIL ADDRESS:

ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

As you know, Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address. Students and parents are able to email to this address. Mrs Wood personally checks this address, and 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 concerning bullying are discussed within the family home and out of school hours so this gives parents and students alike, an opportunity to deal with bullying immediately. Students and parents who have taken advantage of this and have been grateful for the swift response.

PLEASE NAME UNIFORMS:

Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly named. All uniform that is brought up to the lost property is first checked by the office staff for names, so that it can be given back to the correct student. If items are not named, they will be placed in the lost property cupboard.

COLLECTING STUDENTS & MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS:

If you are collecting a student from school, you must first report to the office and we will call your child up. Parents/caregivers are not to walk through the school.

It makes it much easier if you are able to call the school in the morning and let us know that you are collecting your child early and what time, then we can arrange for them to be at the office ready for you.

Students are often not in their classrooms (as they may be at Spec, sport, practices, opportunities, or even at break) and it can be very time consuming and disruptive to staff and students, having to look for students when parents arrive.

Also if you are needing to get an urgent message to your child, please let us know as early as possible in the day, so that we can ensure your message is passed on. We understand that plans sometimes change during the day, but it would be great if you can make all plans for after school with your child in the morning before they leave home.

We really appreciate your co-operation.

CAMP & EOTC FEES:

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC will be taking place in Term 3 (**10 - 13 September**). *Please note that the dates were incorrect in the previous newsletter.*

The prices are now confirmed - \$290 for Year 7 Camp and \$260 for Year 8 EOTC (as \$30 has already been paid for Beach Ed). 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.

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)

BOT ELECTIONS:

Board of Trustees elections take place this year, and we are looking for amazing new members to work alongside our current members!

You can find information for parents at this website:

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

More information will be sent out closer to election time or you can contact our BOT Chair, Riki Willisroft, at: admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

Election timeline:

Event:	Date:
Close Main Roll	Wednesday, 8 May
Call for Nominations by	Friday, 10 May
Close Supplementary Roll	Wednesday, 22 May
Nomination close	Friday, 24 May
Voting paper sent by	Wednesday, 29 May
Election day	Friday, 7 June
Count Votes	Thursday, 13 June
Board takes office	Friday, 14 June

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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.



The Trusts have again launched their 'Million Dollar Mission'.

There are so many worthy organisations selected this year, but there are two especially close to us that we would love you to vote for if you can!

MPHS Community Trust: They are located on Corban Ave at the end of our school field. We use their hall when we can't use ours, our students attend Animation and Robotics classes for Opportunities Day and many, many of our students attend their after school and holiday programmes - all for FREE!

The **United North Piha Lifeguard Service** is looking to rebuild their 70 year old club house so that our volunteers can patrol for another 70 years. Many of your pupils know the club from their visits for Beach Education over recent years - our students are there just this week!

<https://www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists/mphs-community-trust/>

<https://www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists/united-north-piha-lifeguard-service/>

Each vote gets \$5 and you can vote daily. These great causes support us - let's support them!

Dream, Believe, Achieve

COMMUNITY EVENT

2-5PM 16TH MARCH 2019

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

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.



people • pride • place



Event organised by: MPHS Community Trust | 09 838 4820 | info@mphs.org.nz
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Bruce McLaren Intermediate Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, 14 March 2019
at 6.00pm

All welcome!

As the dates for the meetings
sometimes change, please check out
our school website diary dates for the
most up to date information:

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