



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 4

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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

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Week 8 has certainly commenced differently than the previous week. All overseas travellers arriving into New Zealand are to be in self-isolation as of Sunday, 15th March at midnight. We thank all of our families for following these directives.

As has been relayed to our students, these are interesting times. However, interesting times are an opportunity to see the best in one another and be the best for each other.

UNTIL WE ARE NOTIFIED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH - SCHOOL IS OPEN.

BMIS is following the MOH and MOE guidelines and directives. We are a small school of 320 students. We:

- Have no gatherings of 500 or more people.
- Have hand sanitiser in every learning space and office entrance
- Get our students to sanitise their hands before each learning block
- Encourage students to NOT share food
- Encourage the practice of 'good hygiene' – cough, sneeze, burp into your elbow, away from others
- Are being conscious of our social space

Many of us are having difficulty coming to terms with not greeting and farewelling parents/caregivers of our students with a hug and a kiss. This is just our way of being at BMIS. Please forgive us for not doing this at this time. We will just have to do the 'virtual' welcome and farewell – with the same sentiment.

Please reinforce hygiene practices at home.

Please be mindful, if your child is unwell with the flu or other illness, keeping him or her home from school can help with a fast recovery and return to school. It also helps prevent any virus from spreading to other students in the school, which is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible.

Healthcare professionals recommend that students who are sick stay home until they're well enough to go back to school. This is typically about 24 hours after symptoms begin to improve.

WAITAKERE ZONE SOFTBALL:

Our WZ girls and boys Softball teams competed last Tuesday, 10th and Thursday, 12th March. A huge congratulations to both teams for the way they played and for their positive behaviour.

EFFORT REPORT EVENT:

The BMIS Effort Report Event was well supported by parents and whanau on Wednesday, 11th March. Thank you to everyone for your time. The winning class attendance goes to Room 3. Miss Lagi Leapai of Room 6 is now back with us and will be making contact with her students' parents and whanau during Week 9.

WAITAKERE ZONE SWIMMING:

On Tuesday, a swim squad represented our school with passion and pride. The swimmers can be proud of their efforts and placings.

SCHOOL SPORT:

Beyond our control – many sporting fixtures have been cancelled for our students, so we are implementing non-contact, interclass sports competition during the lunchtimes.

COMMUNITY SURVEY:

Rongohia te hau is a tool to analyse how we are progressing with our cultural responsiveness. Please complete the questionnaire and have your say. This was emailed out to parents and caregivers previously.

HPV IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 8:

HPV forms have been distributed to Year 8 students. These forms must be completed regardless of whether your child will or will not have the vaccination at school. Please have these returned to the school office as soon as possible.

A FEW THOUGHTS:

Something to think about:

“Kids are always learning. What they are learning right now is HOW ADULTS RESPOND”.

TRUST the experts – they know their stuff

Have FAITH in our leaders

SUPPORT those who need it the most

Be KIND in our words and actions

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation as we navigate through this time.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Liz Wood – Principal

McLAREN AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a McLaren Award at assembly:

**Lewis (R13); Sorayah (R1); Jude (R3);
Nivayah (R7); Longo (R6); Riccardo (R2);
Maddison (R13); Jayshea (R4)**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a Principal's Award at assembly:

**Nathan (R8); Blake (R8); Emma (R9); Benbrit (R1);
Precious (R1); Ezekiel (R7); Rongoa (R7);
Kansas (R11); William (R12); Nylleve (R1);
Eddie (R1); Vohn (R2); Tamati (R2); Tevita (R6);
Joshua (R6); Stevie (R8); Louise (R8); Wiremu (R9);
Alleyra (R11); Gabriel (R11); Natasha (R12);
Isabella (R13); Savanna (R13)**

WELL DONE SAMUEL!

A few weeks ago, Samuel competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools race at Riverhead. Samuel competed in the under 13 year old category, placing 23rd out of 49. He did a great job for his first ever mountain bike race and is looking forward to the next four races in the series.



EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE:

Due to the current climate of uncertainty, it is important that we have correct, up to date, contact information for your child, eg, if we need to send a bulk email or text to our parents and caregivers, you will be informed.

If you need to update your contact information, please contact the school office on 836-3175 or email admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

RITCHIES BUSES:

As our parents have experienced, the bus service offered by Ritchies is often not on time to collect or drop off students to and from school. Should you have an issue with the service, please email: School.Transport@education.govt.nz; cc Ritchies at: belinda.ritchie@ritchies.co.nz; cc Bruce McLaren Intermediate at: admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

It is important that our students are safe and collected in a timely manner. The school is doing everything in our sphere of influence to get these ongoing issues sorted.

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