



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 5

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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

As we speed to the end of Term 1, it is with great appreciation that I say 'thank you' to the many parents/whanau for your involvement in school this term.

It has been an interesting term with so many new students, students finding their way at a new school and learning how to be a BMIS student – which comes with high expectations (and I will never apologise for that)!

Last Friday was a tremendous week with our Kapa Haka leading our moments of silence and then performing for us, displaying what is for us to be tangata whenua of BMIS, to have unity, to stand as one whanau as a school, a region and a country and think of others before ourselves. A very proud moment for our school.

FAREWELL MR LLOYD:

Also on Friday, we farewelled Mr Grant Lloyd reflecting on all that he was involved in, what he led, his passions and the number of students he impacted through teaching and learning since 2003. We thank him for his efforts, energy and engagement and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours. The Kapa Haka group and the Samoan group also performed which added an incredible dimension. Again, another proud moment at BMIS.

SQUASH:

Squash, during PE sessions, is having a positive impression with our students and staff. Auckland Squash is with us for three weeks, ensuring all students are able to participate in learning Squash skills. We have some budding players who are pitting themselves against each other in a lunchtime competition. Watch this space to see which class is the Squash Champion! Thank you to Matua Rob for organizing this.

WESTERN ZONE SWIMMING:

On Wednesday, 27th March a squad of eight headed to WZ Swimming Sports with Mr McKenzie. Many of the competitors at the event are 'club swimmers' who swim

outside of school. Our students competed and held their own. Well done to **Abi Whitehouse, McCahon Harvey, Oscar Chaafe, Isabella Linkhorn, Ben Wilson, Elizabeth Fletcher, Taipua Kipa** and **Elliot Officer** for competing, and congratulations to **Elliot** who placed 4th in the Year 8 Boys Freestyle final.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Collaborative professionalism continues with the staff at BMIS. All staff are attending specific PLD to ensure that student progress and achievement remains at the forefront of our teaching. PLD consists of GROWTH Coaching, Writing, Mathematics, Health & PE to name a few. This development takes place inside and outside of the school, with staff giving much of their time to ensure they are at the cutting edge of new practices and pedagogies.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

Board elections are imminent. Please consider standing for our Board, everyone has something to offer. It is always a challenge to juggle time – the Board meets approximately once per month and serves the purpose of ensuring we can be the BEST SCHOOL - school of choice! Check out the information in this newsletter.

COMMUNITY EVENT:

Due to the appalling events in Christchurch, the Community Event was postponed out of respect. It is now scheduled for Friday, April 12th from 5 – 7:30pm. This is a great way to celebrate the end of term, the Easter break and just being an amazing community – come on along.

NON-UNIFORM DAY:

To celebrate the end of term the School Councillors will be holding a NON-UNIFORM DAY on Friday, 12th. This is not compulsory – it is a fundraiser. The theme is yet to be confirmed. The cost for wearing no uniform is \$2 of which will go towards our Merit prizes which are drawn at every Principal Assembly.

FAREWELL & WELCOME:

It is with both sadness that we farewell Ms Atua Asafo. Ms Asafo has won a position as Pacific Liaison and teacher at another school. Ms Asafo has been involved in much at BMIS over the 5 years she has been at our school. The shaping of and naming of our Samoan bilingual unit to an identity, language and culture class called Ta fia falealili fua has seen a transformation of student wellbeing and learning, of which Ms Asafo can be proud. There have been performances, shared cultural events, Fia Fia night, and accelerated learning under her watch. Ms Asafo managed 4 netball teams in 2018 and saw the successes stream in. She will be sadly missed. However, it is important for teachers to move schools, take their learnings and embark on new learnings - this is what keeps us fresh and at the cutting edge of our profession. We thank Ms Asafo very much for her effort, energy and enthusiasm while teaching at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School and wish her well with her future endeavours.

Ms Helen Magasiva is welcomed to BMIS to Ta fia falealili fua and will continue the great work in this class. She has much experience in and around our setting, has worked internationally and was once a student at BMIS. Welcome to our whanau.

With this being the last newsletter for the term, I wish everyone a safe and happy term break.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood - Principal

ATTENDANCE:

Well done to Room 7 who had the top attendance for Week 9. Keep up the great work!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students, who received Principal's Awards at assembly last week:

Montel Hall - Room 9

Laura Araby - Room 6

CLASS PHOTOS:

PhotoLife will be coming into school to take class photos next term on Tuesday, 7 May. All photos must be prepaid, and envelopes will be sent home with students shortly. There will be no individual photos.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

BMIS' student councillors for 2019 are:

Blessing Falemoe

J Sue Sue

Satoria Misa

Emily Siofele

Whitney Tusani

Pita Vaisagote

Alyisa Coombe

Dena-Marie Tafua

Mikayla Webster-Dehar

Michelle Kenyon

Abigail Whitehouse

Hannah Pronk

Charlie Skelton

Ciaran Norman

Matthew Arnold

Congratulations to these students.

There were 25 amazing applicants, who are leaders in their own right, are capable and display leadership. As we all know only a few students are on a Student Council. At BMIS the representation is 5%, higher than many schools.

The BMIS process involves student voice, staff voice and is discussed and debated rigorously. We look forward to the work that our student councillors are about to embark on.

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.

CAMP & EOTC PAYMENTS:

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC will be taking place in Term 3 (10 - 13 September). The prices are now confirmed - \$290 for Year 7 Camp and \$260 for Year 8 EOTC. **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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Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

IS IT BULLYING?



NOT NICE:

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once** ...

... that is **NOT NICE**

MEAN:

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once** ...

... that is **MEAN**

BULLYING:

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time**, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...

... that is **BULLYING**

REMINDER:

As you know, Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address: ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

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.

Celebrate Our Community

COMMUNITY EVENT

5– 7:30pm April 12th 2019

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



people • pride • place

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
- Food 4 Sale
- Community Stalls
- Emergency Services



Alcohol and smoke free event.

Event organised by: **MPHS Community Trust** | 09 838 4820 | info@mphs.org.nz
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