



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 6

1 May 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

Welcome to Term 2.

I hope that your Easter break was positive. The weather was certainly amazing – sunshine and no wind to speak of.

UNIFORM:

The weather was certainly not as welcoming for the arrival of our student body on Monday. It is important to ensure that our students are equipped for the Autumn/Winter weather with raincoats and school fleecy/jackets.

Correct School Uniform: Please ensure that your child wears the correct full school uniform to school. We do stock school trousers also – these are part of our school uniform and are to be purchased through our school uniform shop – not off the rack from any other outlet.

School Uniform Centre
553 Remuera Road, Remuera
Phone: 0800 600 553

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

NZ MUSIC MONTH:

May is the Music Month for NZ. Our concept of Transformation for Semester 1 & 2 is embracing this so please ask your child what is taking place in the classroom over the month of May. Loads of learning and lots of fun.

IMMUNISATIONS:

Year 8 HPV immunisations are taking place this week and it is important, regardless of your choice for your child, for the forms to be returned to school. This way the DHB knows that every family has had a choice and has not been overlooked.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSE:

It is regrettable that so early in the term the school will be closing on Thursday, 9th May at 12:30pm for a Paid Union Meeting for NZEI members.

NZEI members made it clear by the scale of the “reject” vote late last term that the government’s offers were not sufficient to address the crisis we face. That crisis is based on the significant under-resourcing of education in New Zealand that has led to teachers and principals facing increasingly unmanageable workloads. We continue to have very strong parental and community support for our campaign and we want to thank you for this. The objective is to ensure a bright future for all of our students, their children and their children’s children.

“Kua tawhiti kē to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa o mahi, kia kore e mahi tonu.”

*We have come too far not to go further.
We have done too much not to do more.*

Supporting us IS supporting your child/ren.

The school buses will run at usual time after school. If your child needs to wait for a bus, they can be supervised in the school Library until 3.00pm.

Please complete the slip in this newsletter and return it to school no later than Tuesday, 7th May.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

Over the course of the term break there was much work undertaken. The hall floor is being resurfaced as you read this, the roofing has been replaced over the Admin area so we will not have to have buckets in offices this Winter, the roofing over Room 9, Pit Stop and MindPlus has been replaced, the roofing over the Multipurpose/Performing Arts Room has also been replaced. The old bin shed has been demolished, a manky garden area is being concreted in for more playing area, the PE shed has had a makeover, trees devastating drains have been removed and the painting journey continues.

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN:

Important Information: At the end of Term 1, Glen Eden Primary went into lockdown. If we were in lockdown this is what we would do in this situation: If the police ring us telling us to go into lockdown, we have an

outdoor alarm that rings continuously for 10 seconds. We then announce over the classroom speakers advising the teachers that we are in lockdown. Students crouch by the classroom walls, preferably with their backs to the windows and below window height, until the all-clear is given. Teachers email the office to account for all students.

We will put information on our Facebook page as well as send out a message on SkoolLoop and email to all families. We will also send out regular updates by SkoolLoop and emails in addition to updating our Facebook page.

If you try to ring the school, you may get cut off or the phone may not get answered as the system can get overloaded and we will all be very busy keeping the children safe.

During a lockdown no student is allowed to go home as it is not safe. Please do not come to pick them up.

Fingers crossed, we never have to implement the plan.

Here's to an amazing Term 2.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Wood – Principal

TRAVEL WISE:

As a GOLD AWARD TravelWise school, BMIS TravelWise school councillors are meeting with Auckland's TravelWise Co-ordinator to extend our practices at school. This entails having Wheels Days, Cycle Safety, monitoring the speed outside of the school gates, ensuring the Bus Bay is not used for parent parking and blocking up traffic, safety in and around our school as well as working with the Police to monitor traffic control in car parks. We will keep you informed of our progress.

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION:

Due to our endeavour to reduce, recycle and reuse our paper and waste, we have gained green credits for 27 native trees. We have chosen Lancewood for our trees and look forward to planting them when they arrive.

REMINDER – CLASS PHOTOS:

PhotoLife will be coming into school to take class photos on Tuesday, 7 May. Envelopes have been sent home with payment info. **All photos must be prepaid by Monday, 6 May 2019.** There will be no individual photos.

ATTENDANCE:

Well done to Room 5 who had the top attendance for Week 11. Keep up the great work!

MERIT AWARDS:

Well done to the following students, who received Merit Awards at assembly this week: **Tevita Telefoni, Nylleve Fa'amoe and Chase Pou.**

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:

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School
12-3051-0471762-00

Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

OFF AT THE GATE:

Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day. Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride.



**DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE**

Ebully Poster Competition

1st prize \$30

2nd prize \$20

3rd prize \$10

As you know Bruce McLaren Intermediate takes 'bullying' very seriously. We have an e-bullying email address.

E stands for 'electronic' and 'eliminate'.

Students, parents and whanau are able to access this by simply emailing from any email server. The email goes directly to Mrs Wood. She will action any ebully emails as soon as she receives them. Contact will also be made with the sender of the email.

The Poster Competition:

The poster be on A4 paper and MUST have the following on it:

Ebully email ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz

School website: <http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz/>

The following words: Eliminate Bullying

Colour

Entries close: Friday 7th June at 3pm.

Good Luck.



RETURN SLIP - EARLY SCHOOL CLOSE

School will be closing at 12.30pm on Thursday, 9 May. The buses will run at usual time after school. If your child needs to wait for a bus, they can be supervised in the Library until 3.00pm.

Please complete the slip below and return it to school no later than Tuesday, 7 May 2019.

My child, _____, from Rm ___ will be remaining at school until 3.00pm on Thursday, 9 May 2019.

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Signed: _____

Contact #: _____



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Please complete & return slip to the office.

I have read the newsletter and discussed it with my child.

Child's Name: _____

Room: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Signed: _____