



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #6

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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,

It is great to be back at school. Term 2 has commenced with our students having a great attitude to learning with the sun shining on all of us.

TERM 2 OVERVIEW:

New programmes and new initiatives are underway sparking high engagement with students and staff already. Our semester concept continues with Transformation.

Not only do students have much learning this term (and year) so too do our staff with Culturally Responsive and Improved Pedagogy, Whanau Leader development, Te Reo Maori EduPerfect, Blended Learning, Folauga, and Te Ao Manāwa to name a few areas as well as the teacher development, visiting schools and strengthening data driven - student centred programmes through Professional Growth Cycles.

Kura Hakinakina, Opportunities Day, Kiwi English & Maths Competitions, Language Weeks, Pink Shirt Day, Navig8, Activ8, MindPlus, class photos, WZ Sport Competitions, ICAS, speeches, Matariki, and core learning still continue. Nainz of SaintzUp (Adeaze) is back for our school singing slot also – nothing beats a harmony of 325 students!

FAREWELL MR MIKE:

It is with a heavy heart that I inform our school community that Mr Mike, BMIS Caretaker, passed away just before the school term break. Our sympathies, thoughts and aroha are with his children and whanau at this sad time. Many of BMIS staff, along with our Board Chair, attended Mr Mike's funeral and I spoke on behalf of our students, staff, BOT and community. Mr Mike was larger than life and his heart was always with how we could make our school site a better place for our students. He will be dearly missed.

Our school site is being maintained by a temporary caretaker until a suitable candidate is found.

Please read through the newsletter carefully as there is much that will impact your child such as the Pink Shirt Day, Staff Only Day, Year 7 Camp information, Year 8 Offsite Experience, WZ Sport dates, and a Digital Safety Information Evening run by NetSafe for parents/caregivers.

BMIS staff are feeling incredibly positive about this term – may we be free of COVID-19 interruptions! To ensure this is the case, keep sanitising, scanning and keeping safe.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Well done to the following students who received a Principal's Award at assembly recently. Keep up the great work!

Preztyn Kapua (R2); Stacey Clifton (R2);

Kyan Teoh (R3); Nathan Leman (R3);

Naiah-Lee Whitefield (R8); Steven Khulia (R8);

Blake McCallum (R8); Adrienne Sutton (R8);

Nathan Tuula (R9); Jessica Botica (R9);

Evidence Fa'amoe (R11); Hussain Al Rebh (R11);

Lorence Avei Afamasaga (R13);

Galifale Talafou (R13);

McLAREN AWARD:

Well done to the following students who received a McLaren Award at assembly recently. Keep up the great work!

Gideon (R8); Charlotte (R9); Ammaar (R5);

Zoljaye (R10); Brianna (R5); Aisea (R3);

Maddie (R1); Sophie (R7); Benbrit (R10)

BMIS STAFF ONLY DAY:

Friday, 4th June is Staff Only Day.

The school is only open to staff who will be immersed in specific needs and pedagogical learning. We look forward to seeing students in class at 8:30am on Tuesday, 8th June after Queen's Birthday Weekend.

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Well done to Room 10 for best attendance for Week 11. Well done!

CLASS PHOTOS:

Class photos will be taken at school on Monday, 10 May. Personalised payment envelopes were sent home at the end of term. All photos must be prepaid, and envelopes must be returned to the school office by this Friday, 7 May.



PINK SHIRT DAY:

On Friday, 21 May our school will turn māwhero - pink for PINK SHIRT DAY.

This is a fundraising event to support the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day.

This day signifies the continuation of providing bullying prevention resources and support for our taira-learners and kaiako-teachers to create more inclusive schools and environments across our nation.

\$2 to wear PINK for this great cause. (Participation is not compulsory - full uniform if not wearing PINK).

A photo of all PINK PUPILS will be taken and sent to pinkshirtday@mentalhealth.org.nz

More information can be found about Aotearoa PINK SHIRT DAY at www.pinkshirtday.org.nz

• Y7 CAMP/Y8 OFFSITE EXPERIENCE:

More information and permission forms will be sent home shortly.

The cost for Year 7 Camp is \$300 per student, and the cost for the Year 8 Experience is \$270 (plus \$30 for Beach Ed).

We are again offering a '2 FOR 1' deal. If you have two siblings living in the same house, you will only need to pay \$300 for both to attend.

These costs can be paid in full, paid weekly, fortnightly, term by term - however is easiest for you! Full payment is due by Friday, 20 August.

Our bank account details are: Bruce McLaren Intermediate School, **12-3051-0471762-00** if you would like to start making payments towards any of these costs. Please use your child's name and what you are paying for as references.

NAGIV8 - Relationships & Pubertal Change Workshops:

We will be running six workshops this term covering Relationships & Pubertal Change, run by two facilitators from Navig8.

We will also be hosting a Parent/Matua Information evening on Thursday, 13 May from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

An information letter with return slip was sent home with students this week. Please complete the slip and return to the school office as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 2:

10 May	Class Photos taken
12 May	Netball starts
13 May	Navig8 Parent/Matua Information Evening (6:00pm - 7:00pm)
17 May	Navig8 workshops start
21 May	Pink Shirt Day
25 May	Western Zone Girls Football
27 May	Western Zone Boys Football
27 May	BOT Meeting
28 May	School Cross Country
1 June	Western Zone Rugby
4 June	Staff Only Day - no school for students
7 June	Queen's Birthday - no school
10 June	Western Zone Cross Country
14 June	Big Foot programme starts
22 June	Western Zone Netball
24 June	BOT Meeting
9 July	Term 2 Ends

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Managing Online Safety Parent and Whanau Session Run by Netsafe

Thursday, 10 June 2021 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Held in the Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Hall

1 Hour Presentation Including Q & A



This session would look at:

- Harmful Digital Communications – what is it?
How to recognise it as parents and as a young person?
- What practical steps can one take to reduce, prevent, and respond to online harm?
- Important conversation starters to have with your children about their technology use and how these can help reduce the risk.
 - Understanding the digital landscape
– latest statistics on young people's experiences online.
- Supporting families to understand that not all screen time is equal.
Distinguishing between active and passive use.
- Community connections – how our interactions between young people, parents, teachers, and other professionals can provide guidance and support.

 www.netsafe.org.nz

RSVP: MANAGING ONLINE SAFETY – PARENT & WHANAU SESSION

_____ We will be attending the Parent & Whanau Session _____ Number Attending

Student's Name: _____

Student's School: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

(Please complete and return by Tuesday, 8th June 2021)

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS:

The School of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of Melbourne is delighted to announce that registrations have opened for the Term 3 Y5/6, Y7/8 and Y9/10 Micro Mathematicians virtual extension programmes.

If you would like to join their mailing list, please complete the Google Form - <https://forms.gle/FExepJv5iQvssivQ>



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MICRO MATHEMATICIANS

Year 9/10

Virtual After School Extension Program

Term 3:
Tuesday, July 20th - Tuesday, September 7th 2021
4pm - 5pm

ABOUT

Micro Mathematicians is a free after school extension program aimed at students who love maths. Students will get to explore mathematical problems at a deep level following the inquiry process.

The program will run using a virtual environment (Zoom and Google Classroom) and students will have 1 hour each week with the University of Melbourne, School of Mathematics and Statistics Outreach Team. Students will be given additional activities to complete in their own time.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS BE DOING?

Students will take part in a variety of activities designed to promote mathematical investigation at a high level. Some of the key mathematical areas we will focus on include, but are not limited to; Number Theory, Data Analysis, Combinatorics, Geometry & Topology and Mathematical Biology. Activities include:

- **Problem solving:** engaging with challenging problems through various approaches like modelling, collaborative discussion, construction, proof, and arts and crafts. Activities are open ended to allow students to extend the activity as far as they like and in any direction they choose.
- **Extended Research Project:** working on an extended project across two weeks. Students can choose between a range of provided problems. Problems are broad and students will need to decide how to narrow the problem down, in what direction they wish to take the problem, what information they will need to answer the problem and what is a suitable approach.
- **Research Presentations:** Students will be required to present their mathematical research to each other, focusing on the methods they used, the results they concluded, and the questions that still remain open.
- **Debate:** Engage in mathematical discussions. Students will take part in group debates where they will argue difficult topics within the field of mathematics.

LEARNING GOALS

While the primary goal is to offer extension in mathematics, we will also be addressing skills in communication and collaboration.

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

This program is designed for Year 9/10 students working **1-2 years ahead**. They should be comfortable with the following skills (Australian Curriculum linked):

- Find the value of the subject of the formula, given the values of the other pronumerals in the formula. (ACMGM011)
- Calculate the surface areas of standard three-dimensional objects such as spheres, rectangular prisms, cylinders, cones, pyramids and composites in practical situations. (ACMGM020)
- Interpret, in context, the slope and intercept of a straight-line graph used to model and analyse a practical situation. (ACMGM042)
- Solve practical problems that involve finding the point of intersection of two straight-line graphs. (ACMGM045)
- Deduce a rule for the n th term of a particular arithmetic sequence from the pattern of the terms in an arithmetic sequence, and use this rule to make predictions. (ACMGM069)
- Use geometric sequences to model and analyse (numerically, or graphically) practical problems involving geometric growth and decay. (ACMGM074)

WHO WILL STUDENTS BE WORKING WITH?

The after school program will be run by passionate Teachers and Mathematicians who are members of the Outreach Team in the School of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of Melbourne.

DETAILS

Date: 8 Tuesdays, starting July 20th and ending September 7th 2021

Time: 4pm-5pm

Location: Online, via Zoom and Google Classroom

Cost: Free

Materials required: pencil, colour pencils, ruler, rubber, scissors, glue stick, notebook, online access (computer/laptop, internet, Google Classroom, Zoom, webcam, microphone).

REGISTRATION

Do you have a student who would benefit from this program? If so, please pass on this information to the relevant parents/guardian so their child can complete the admission test. Please note, completing the admission test does not guarantee a place in the program.

Admission Test: <https://forms.gle/HviAgK1QwFZkQ6deA>

Do not complete the admission test if you have already completed the test this year, we have your details on file.

Please submit admission test by Tuesday June 1st 2021 (no late submissions will be accepted).

UPCOMING SESSIONS

If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place in this program, please do not hesitate to try again for our programs next year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Hayley Ellul.

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