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Intermediate**

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NEWSLETTER #6 - 11 MAY 2022

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

It is fabulous to see our students back at school after the term break and getting involved in the raft of activities offered.

Term 2 has commenced positively with much underway. Teachers are in class at 8:15am, students have started their learning at 8:30am and our BMIS day finishes at 3:00pm. No student is to wait for a pick up outside the school gate. Safety is paramount.

WINTER & FLU SEASON:

Heading into Winter, it's likely we will find ourselves up against the impacts of other illnesses such as colds and flus. Caution over the flu season is very important.

As noted on the Ministry of Health website:

- we've had very little influenza circulating in our communities since the pandemic began. This means our community immunity is lower than usual
- this Winter there is the very real possibility of having flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time - this can lead to very serious illness
- if you do catch flu, it's important that you stay away from work or school while you're unwell. Look after yourself and your family - rest and fluids are especially important
- the symptoms of influenza can be the same or similar to the symptoms of COVID-19
- if you're sick, stay home. Call your health provider or Healthline and follow their advice. They may advise you to have a COVID-19 test, and self-isolate while you wait for the results
- it's also important to seek medical advice early if you are concerned, and especially if there are any danger signs, even if you have been seen before. Other serious conditions

can also look like the flu, including meningococcal disease.

MASK WEARING:

We continue to strongly encourage mask wearing and masks are required at assemblies and on school transport. Our mitigation procedures continue which include cleaning, wiping and sanitizing when entering and exiting food and learning spaces.

Visitors, parents and agency workers are required to wear a mask when visiting the school. I am almost always at the front gate or silver gate in the mornings and at the end of the day to meet, greet and farewell our students, as well as provide sanitizer to our students as they enter and exit our school.

Any changes to the mitigations will be communicated to our community by me. We look forward to the next progression of COVID-19 from the CPF ORANGE.

TERM 2 AT BMIS:

Congratulations to Room 11 for winning our **BMIS interclass Longball Competition**. It was no mean feat to win as the students and teachers from each class certainly showed their grit and determination when competing.

Opportunities Day held on Thursdays, has commenced and students are enthusiastic to be part of a plethora of learning opportunities offered outside of the classroom.

WZ Sport teams have started training along with Netball Inter-School and Water Polo Inter-School competitions underway.

BMIS is celebrating **Rotuman Language week, Sign Language Week, Youth Week** as well as **NZ Music Month**.

It is also **Road Safety week** which we take very seriously. Our students know that "no helmet, no ride" - all bicycles,

scooters, skateboards are 'off at the gate' before entering school (as well as devices). The pedestrian crossing is to be used sensibly and the car park opposite the school is an area to avoid due to traffic congestion. **And the bus bay is for buses only – at all times.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

With the term in full swing, it is important to note the dates of some upcoming events:

Friday, 20 May:	National Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)
Tuesday, 31 May:	Boostrix & HPV for students with parental consent
Friday, 3 June:	Staff Only Day (no students at school)
Monday, 6 June:	Queens Birthday (public holiday - no school)
Wednesday, 22 June:	BMIS Information Evening for prospective Year 6 families
Friday, 24 June:	Matariki Observed (public holiday - no school)
Wednesday, 6 July & Thursday, 7 July:	Mid Year Student Report - 3 Way Conversations

YEAR 7 CAMP & YEAR 8 OFFSITE EXPERIENCE:

Year 7 Camp and Year 8 Off Site Experience information will be coming to our families. These events take place in Term 3, however, we need parental support to ensure they can go ahead. Parents who are keen to participate in these amazing events need to be Police Vetted, hence our early approach with information. Please keep an eye out for this. We are excited to be planning for these incredible learning experiences.

BRUCE MCLAREN RACING TRUST:

I have been in contact with the Bruce McLaren Racing Trust and have heard from Bruce McLaren's family over the break. They are looking forward to strengthening their relationship with BMIS and we look forward to having them visit our school at some stage. And Daniel Riccardo has been in contact. So excited!

WORKING WITH WHANAU:

There has been much in the media of late regarding truancy, literacy and numeracy learning. Parents/caregivers are 'first teachers' to their children hence the home and school partnership is of the utmost importance. Rest assured that at BMIS we work extremely hard to ensure that our students have the best opportunities to strengthen their learning journeys and make positive gains with achievement.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any thoughts, wonderings or ideas about your child's schooling. Don't forget to ask your child what they are learning at school, how do they know they are achieving and what their next steps are. Check out their SeeSaw also.

BMIS staff are looking forward to Term 2 – a term of little interruption. Our fingers are crossed.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood

Principal – Tumuaki

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

• NZ-VR PROGRAMME AT BMIS:

We are excited to have NZ-VR programme back at school this year. They will be visiting BMIS from the 8th - 10th of June, with all students having the opportunity to participate in one session with their class. The session is about 'Marine Mammals', which covers culture and society of marine mammal species found in Aotearoa, marine protected areas, and kaitiakitanga/guardianship of our environment. We are asking for a gold coin to help cover the costs of having this programme at school.

• 2022 CLASS PHOTOS:

Class photos were taken at school last Friday. PhotoLife will send through individual key codes for each student in the next few weeks, and then the photos can be ordered online. We will let you know as soon as the codes arrive. Please note that no individual student photos were taken, just class photos.

• MCLAREN AWARD WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at assembly - keep up the great work!



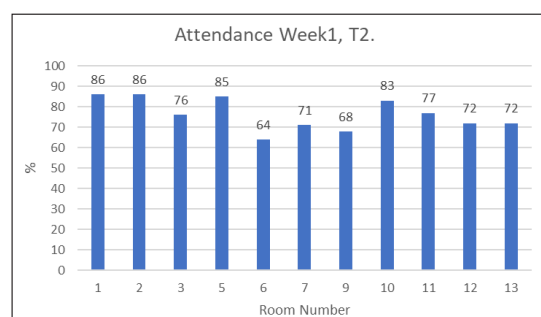
WEEK 1, TERM 2 AWARDS:

Darlene (Rm 12); **Keren** (Rm 3); **Michael** (Rm 7); **Aeris** (Rm 13); **Ben** (Rm 12); **Dextor** (Rm 6); **Austin** (Rm 2); **Sarita** (Rm 2); **Dante** (Rm 5); **Izrael** (Rm 12).

WEEK 2, TERM 2 AWARDS:

Jordan (Rm 3); **Jeremiah** (Rm 1); **Chloe** (Rm 13); **Jade** (Rm 12); **Jovine** (Rm 2); **Dextor** (Rm 6).

• WEEK 1 ATTENDANCE:



Speak UP #PINKSHIRTDAYNZ
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022



Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING!

Pink Shirt Day is run by the Mental Health Foundation and is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all.

The theme this year is:

*He kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau
- small ripples, create big waves.*

At BMIS we take bullying seriously. Bullying is abuse and it is not OK. For our parent community, we offer the ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz email.

BMIS School Councillors will be hosting a MUFTI DAY to celebrate all that we do to eliminate bullying. The cost is \$2. Students are to wear items of pink clothing to participate in the PINK SHIRT MUFTI DAY. This is not compulsory but we look forward to seeing some amazing PINK outfits - let's do this!