



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 7

## 16 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

Term 2 is certainly a term of learning to manage change, challenges and choices for all at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

#### HALL FLOOR:

Our students have adapted to not having a hall for a term but I can definitely say that the hall floor is looking amazing and as you read this, the top sealant coat is being applied. The previous hall floor lasted since 1969, so I have my fingers crossed that the new floor will be just as durable!

The concrete truck has been booked, rebooked and booked again for the area where an old manky garden once stood – the availability of drivers and trucks along with weather have thwarted progress here.

#### AUCKLAND WEATHER!

The weather has certainly been changeable – warm, cold, dry, wet, windy. Please make sure that your child is prepared for all seasons in one day – this is the reality of Auckland weather. Wind is part of Autumn, and having so many amazing trees at school, has seen a 'flood' of leaves blanket the grounds completely.

#### NZ MUSIC MONTH:

With May NZ Music Month, Laughton Kora of the band Kora and many other co-labs, worked with our students creating amazing 'spoken word' lyrics, songs and music. Thank you to Ms Clydesdale for organizing this experience and to the NZ Music Commission and to Lawton Kora a Music Commission Mentor. Simply brilliant!

#### WESTERN ZONE SPORTS:

WZ Sports trainings are in full swing, with practices during lunchtimes and Friday Bk3 when it is school sports time. BMIS Netball has commenced at Te Pai on Wednesday evenings. Practices are after school so it is imperative that parents/whanau have a safety plan for children leaving the practices.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Teachers are undergoing intensive GROWTH Coaching, Writing, Mathematics and Health & PE professional development while their 'Teacher As Inquirers' inquiry is based on continuing to raise student achievement, with the emphasis on pono, manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and whakamana.

#### MEGA TEACHER STRIKE:

You will have heard through the media, the confirmation of a mega teacher strike on May 29th. Both primary and secondary school teachers across the country will be on strike. I am constantly frustrated and sadden that the media and Hon Chris Hipkins draw the issues back to ONLY a pay structure. It is also about:

- the right access and appropriate funding to support teachers to support students with specific needs. We have 11 funded students (average 1 – 5 hours per week) and have identified dozens who would benefit from access to more funding and tailored specialist support - full time. TIME!
- supporting teachers to have the time to address the learning needs of EVERY student all of the time. Secondary teachers get 5 hours per week. Primary teachers get 10 hours per term. TIME!
- the role of a teacher is never done. We are paid for 5 hours per day. All extra curricula activities have a Teacher In Charge; after school practices, events, evenings, mornings before school, overnights, camps - when we are away from our families who need us, so that our students get the best experiences they can receive and that we can provide. TIME!

Transparency builds trust but there seems to be little transparency as to how the Government is calculating its numbers!

Thank you for your continued support for teachers wanting to make a positive difference and our endeavours to make our NZ education system WORLD CLASS again! Our kids don't deserve anything less!

**So BMIS will be closed for the mega strike on Wednesday, 29 May – all day.** We are looking forward to the Government taking notice and making positive change!

## TA FIA FALEALILI FUA:

Year 7 parents/whanau of Ta fia Falealili fua (Samoan Identity, Language and Culture Class) met on Wednesday evening to progress the exciting 2020 trip to Samoa. There was a raft of great ideas for fundraising, the draft itinerary set by Ms Magasiva looks amazing and the support for the trip was brilliant. Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to breaking new ground for BMIS in 2020.

## RELIEF TEACHERS:

Please be aware that Reliever Agencies have already informed Principals that demand for relievers is extremely high for this time of year and coming into Winter, they may have days where they simply have NO relievers for schools. Should this be the case for BMIS, students may be split to another class - we endeavour to avoid this. I am aware that splitting classes is already common practice in some schools - something I wish to avoid!

## WHAT IS EQ?

I hope you were asked by your child/ren about EQ and what it is. Using the NZ Curriculum Key Competencies (thinking, using language, symbols, and texts, managing self, relating to others & participating and contributing) is a great place to start these conversations.

Have a great fortnight.

Nga mihi nui

*Liz Wood – Principal*

## AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING:

After School Sports Trainings - Due to many sports teams practicing directly after school this term, it is important for parents/whanau to know that students are at school for this duration. No student is to wander to any shops before any sports training. Snackbars and water are available for the students at these trainings. Please remind your child of the importance of being safe if walking home after a practice. All parents/whanau will be notified of when sports practices are taking place by the Teacher In Charge of the sport.

## SQUASH:

Friday squash training sessions, for the upcoming Western Zone Sports competition (Wednesday 5th June) continue to go well with 10 students turning up at Henderson Squash Club to train. BMIS will field a

large team for the competition due to the high level of registrations. A big thank you to those parents who arrange for your child to be at the club so as to best prepare for the games.

## REMINDER – CLASS PHOTOS:

Unfortunately we had to postpone our class photo shoot, as the hall floor was not completed in time. Class photos will now be taken on Monday, 24th June. This gives you a little more time to pay as well. **All photos must be prepaid by Wednesday, 19 June 2019.** There will be no individual photos.

## WELL DONE MICHELLE!

Congratulations Michelle Kenyon for winning Henderson's RSA ANZAC Day Writing Competition. On announcing the winner the RSA representative commented that Michelle's writing stood out for its originality.

In recognition of her achievement Michelle read her piece of writing at the RSA on ANZAC day and was awarded \$100 in prize money. A further \$500 was awarded to Bruce McLaren Intermediate for the benefit of all students.

## UPCOMING WZ SPORTS DATES:

WZ Soccer Girls - Tuesday, 21 May

WZ 15's Rugby Tournament - Thursday, 23 May

WZ Soccer Boys - Thursday, 30 May

## NETBALL RESULTS:

Grading Round 1: 8th May

BMI 7A Vs GEIS: 35 - 5

BMI 7B vs Rangeview Red: 1 - 12

BMI 8A vs BBI: 20 - 20

BMI 8B vs GEIS: 16 - 8

Grading Round 2 : 15 May

BMI 7A vs Rangeview Red: 16 - 8

BMI 7B - BYE

BMI 8A vs Henderson 8A Pukematekeo: 8 - 51

BMI 8B vs St. Dominics 8 Gold: 17 -16

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

It is so important that we have up to date contact details for all parents/caregivers, and emergency contacts for all students. Please call the school if you need to update any details, or if you would like to check the details we have on file.

## MID YEAR REPORTS:

Mid Year Report for students will be POSTED home this term. **Please make sure we have your correct address details.**

## NEWSLETTERS:

Newsletters are emailed out to all of the email addresses for parents/caregivers on file. If you do not receive our emails, but would like to, you can subscribe on our school website: <http://www.brucemclaren.school.nz/newsletters/> then 'Subscribe'.

## 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:

An information letter was sent home with students this week. **We need lots of parent helpers with both Camp and EOTC to make it a success.** If you are able to help, please complete the slip on the notice and return it to school. We encourage families to start making payments towards Y7 Camp and Y8 EOTC now. These 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. Devices are stored in a class valuables box until 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS- WE NEED YOU!

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

**Nominations close at noon on FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement and photograph.**

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also

be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2019.

## WHAT NOW FILMING:

Our families are invited to register online to be part of the live screening of What Now on Sunday, 2 June from Edmonton Primary School, School Road, Te Atatu South, Auckland. This is a FREE family fun event in your community! You are most welcome to include this link in your notices for your families to register online to be part of the audience [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience).

## 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 is to be on A4 paper and MUST have the following on it:

- Ebully email: [ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto: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!**



## NEWSLETTER #7, 2019

*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: \_\_\_\_\_



# BRUCE McLAREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS & FAMILIES

## DIARY DATE:

Week 8, Term 2

Invitations will be delivered  
to COL schools soon.

Come along and meet our Principal and talk to staff  
about why Bruce McLaren Intermediate School  
should be your school of choice for 2020.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR 2020.**



## MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT:

We wish to advise that Massey High School's In-Zone Applications for 2020 Student Enrolment are now live online!

Parents/Caregivers can now follow the link below and complete the Application for Enrolment.

Please note that completion of the Online Application for Enrolment does not complete the enrolment of the Student. The parent/caregiver will be prompted at the end of the application to select a date and time to come in for an interview.

Link for Application - <http://bit.ly/MasseyHighInZoneEnrol>



**HENDERSON**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN DAY

## THURSDAY 6 JUNE

4pm - 7pm

*Bring your high expectations!*

T: 838 9085 E: [admin@hhs.school.nz](mailto:admin@hhs.school.nz)

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## WAITAKERE COLLEGE CLASSTIME TOURS

**Tues 30th July & Thurs 8th August**  
**9am and 10am**

**DON'T MISS** your chance to see our  
successful secondary school in action!

**Classtime Tours - Bookings Essential**

42 Rathgar Road, Henderson Ph: 836 7890  
Email: [secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz](mailto:secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz)

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## WAITAKERE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING Thurs 25th July 6.30pm

Meet the Principal, Teachers and talk with Students  
while enjoying a guided tour of our facilities.  
Sample each subject to help you decide on your  
course selection. You can also enrol on the night!

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