



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER #7

17 June 2020

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 immerse our students' learning into Week 10 of Term 2 (83% of Term 2 completed), it is important to take stock of where we are at in Alert Level 1 of COVID-19.

With the disestablishment of learning on site, to learning online at home with ZOOMing, phonecalls and learning apps, to re-instating learning on site again, ensuring we are following all MOH & MOE procedures has been an 'interesting' time.

We are proud to say that we have 99% of our students returned to school which is above the national average. Thank you to parents and families for ensuring your child is back at school, learning!

We have had 97% of our BMIS chromebooks returned and 89% of the MOE chromebooks handed into school.

Every aspect of school has now resumed. As you can imagine, there has been a great deal of mahi undertaken by BMIS teachers to seamlessly reignite routines and learning through fun. What we did notice generally, in the first two weeks with students back on site, was the students were less excited about being online, became very tired with routines, exercise came as a bit of a shock and they were hungry. In the last few weeks, we have noticed the students exerting themselves and meeting challenges with excitement.

REPORTS & 3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES:

With Mid Year reports being **brought home by your child during Week 11** and 3 Way Learning Conferences taking place in Week 12, I encourage you to make a time to meet with your child's homeroom and specialist teachers before the term break. You can book a time online or contact the school office as mentioned later in the newsletter.

COVID-19 has meant dates for BMIS 2021 Information Evenings and 2021 Year 6 Specialist Experience visits have been actioned for Term 3. We look forward to seeing our prospective school community parents and whanau at this time. Dates are included in the newsletter.

MALAGA TO SAMOA:

Our BMIS Malaga is still to be confirmed. The trip to Samoa will be confirmed or rescheduled on our decision date of July 31st. We all have our fingers crossed for a 'Pacific bubble'!

YEAR 7 CAMP & YEAR 8 EOTC:

Year 7 Camp & Year 8 EOTC forge ahead with planning. It is positive to see so many permission slips in for both events. R3 have got 100% permission slips in and have won the ice blocks! It's all go! These are due in by 19th June – yes, this week! Thank you to parents and whanau for your continued payments for these events – this is much appreciated.

With healthy, holistic inter-Whanau competition continuing at school, there has been a positive improvement with the uniform and participation in activities across the school. The focus is on our Key Competencies – managing self; participating and contributing; thinking; use of language, symbols and text; relating to others. Please encourage your child to get involved in the vast array of activities and responsibilities offered. Ask your child about where they are at with their school goals and badge sheet.

The regular weekly Community Updates on our media platforms will only continue for this term now we are in Alert Level 1. Should we have to return to AL2, AL3 or AL4 these will recommence. However, our fortnightly newsletters will continue regardless.

EXCITING TIMES. WE'RE UP, RACING & ACCELERATING!

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood – Principal

STUDENT DEVICE BOXES:

A reminder that all student phones, devices, smart watches, etc, must be put into the class device box each day. These are then locked up at the school office to be kept safe for the day.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOE:

Two new cases of COVID-19 announced 16-06-20

In regard to the two new cases announced today, there is no school or early learning service linked to these cases. The two women with COVID-19 followed a very strict travel plan from managed isolation in Auckland to be with a family member following a bereavement. They did not have contact with other people outside those also in managed isolation and the one family member. Those people will all be tested as a precaution. Border staff and others on the flight from Brisbane will be considered for contact tracing and testing if warranted.

This is a timely reminder to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution for anyone who is showing new onset or worsening symptoms of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

Anyone with these symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP. They will advise on testing for COVID-19.

3 WAY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS:

Wednesday, 1 July 2020:

3:30pm to 7:45pm

Thursday, 2 July 2020:

3:30pm to 7:45pm

Each interview is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Booking your interviews:

The booking website will open Wednesday, 3 June at 3:00pm, and will close Thursday, 2 July at 3:00pm.

- Go to www.parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **5P3DJC5D** and click **Go**.
- Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
- Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
- Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
- Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews. Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

Free JULY ~ YOUTH ~ HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR 11-17 YEAR OLDS

MON 6 JULY	TUE 7 JULY	WED 8 JULY	THU 9 JULY	FRI 10 JULY
FOOD AND SPORTS	IN HOUSE LASER TAG	GAMERS GUILD	VIC PARK	TAKA BEACH
MON 13 JULY	TUE 14 JULY	WED 15 JULY	THU 16 JULY	FRI 17 JULY
TRIBAL WARS	MOVIES	MISSION BAY	GAMERS GUILD	AMAZING RAGE

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OUR PROGRAM RUNS FROM 10AM-3PM. LIMITED SPACES SO BE IN QUICK!

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OPEN EVENING

Thurs 23rd July ~ 6.30pm

DAYTIME TOURS

Tues 28th & Thurs 30th July
Tues 4th & Thurs 13th August
9.00am or 10.00am

Daytime Tours - Bookings Essential

To book: ph 836 7890 or secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz
42 Rathgar Road, Henderson

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2020 Nominations Excellence in Teaching & Learning - Atatu Excellence in Wellbeing - Hato

The Prime Minister's EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS / Te Pirimia NGA TOHU KAIRANGI MATAURANGA

CALLING ALL RUGBY KIDS!

Waitemata Rugby Club is back up and running for junior rugby and its NOT TOO LATE to get your lil guy or gal on the field this season!

We've got spaces across all grades, but we're specifically on the hunt for boys and girls U8 (born 2012), U10 (born 2010), U11 (born 2009) and U12 (born 2008) to be part of our existing teams with awesome coaches.

Registration for the entire season is \$70 (which includes a gear pack of shorts, socks and mouthguard) - outstanding value for kids sport!

Contact us today to become a part of one of West Auckland's most popular rugby clubs.

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