



# Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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## NEWSLETTER # 8

23 May 2018

*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

Week 4 is a week in which assessments take place to gauge our students' learning over the 15 weeks thus far through the year. This information will come to you in the form of a formal written report on Friday, Week 9, 29th June in time for our 3 Way Learning Conversations during Week 10 on Tuesday, 3rd and Wednesday, 4th July. The formal Mid Year Report WILL BE HAND DELIVERED BY YOUR CHILD TO YOU. We will keep you informed as to the report coming home in subsequent newsletters.

Last week, Week 3, saw Room 7 have an amazing time working through the exercises and activities at Cycle Safety. This programme in our school environment is invaluable. It really does focus on students having an awareness of NZ road rules, care required and how to ensure, as an individual, one is safe on the road. The next classes to experience Cycle Safety are Room 1 & 8 in Week 5.

Pink Shirt Day was a great success. Well done to the Opportunities Day Leadership Group for baking and selling food and driving this mufti day. Pink Shirt Day raised awareness across the country that 'bullying is NOT accepted' in any shape or form. Pink Shirt Day certainly fits with our BMIS philosophy, vision and ethos. All money raised will go back into supporting our student body. Thank you to all those who participated in Pink Shirt Day.

On Tuesday, 22nd May, every student had the opportunity to extend their learning through an amazing interactive session around sustainability with Esther from Vector Energy. Ask your child about what they learnt from this great experience and what one thing is that your child or your could do as a whanau to be more sustainable in the home.

Our new Caretaker is Mr Mike Prictor. Mr Mike comes to us with a wealth of experience and a passion for enhancing school grounds. We welcome Mr Mike and know that he will love being

at BMIS. Should you see Mr Mike around, please say "hello" and make him feel at ease.

Support Staff are key to our school. Support Staff are key personnel in any school. Support Staff are our Administration, Caretaking, Teacher Aiding staff. Without these people we would not be able to support our students the way that we do – which is with a great deal of love, time and energy. It was Support Staff Day on May 16th. A huge thank you to this team of BMIS personnel!

A big event at BMIS this week is the annual Cross Country Run. This will take place on Thursday (all going well with the weather) at 1:30pm. Parents and whanau are invited to come along and support. Rug up to stay warm. It is encouraged that all participants bring a towel, water bottle and lots of snacks. Students will be running in PE uniform and will change into their formal uniform to leave school at 3pm. Students not participating for medical reasons will be continuing with their learning, supervised in class by a teacher.

There are few schools that provide such opportunities as BMIS for their students. Opportunities that are racing up on us are: Maritime Museum & ASB trip, Kapa Haka overnight marae stay, So'taga, Year 7 Camp and Year 8 EOTC. These all need to be paid for to confirm your child's attendance. More information about these opportunities is further into the newsletter.

With the temperature plummeting I urge parents/whanau to ensure that your child is warm with a fleecy or a new school jacket – great quality and an even better price!

Please make sure that you have downloaded SkoolLoop – it is the app of choice to stay informed about school events and activities.

Here is to a fabulous fortnight!

Nga mihi

*Liz Wood*  
Principal

## **RAMADAN MUBARAK!**

“Ramadan Kareem” or “Ramadan Mubarak” are the appropriate greetings at the beginning of the month - means “Blessed/Generous Ramadan”

This is the month where the Muslim contingent of the community go into a month of fasting, self reflection, humility and gratitude.

Eight BMIS students and one staff member will be fasting for the next month, from sunrise to sunset (at the moment it's about 5.30am to 5.20pm) not a long day considering the other hemisphere is doing this in their summer!! Most students will be waking before 5am to eat and drink something.

Fasting means no eating or drinking. So no water etc. At BMIS we are being considerate with our students when they are out for PE/Fitness. Some students in the past have pushed through and want to keep participating, and some students have preferred to sit out. If they are to sit out from PE/fitness during the whole month please send a note along with your child indicating that they are fasting for Ramadan.

Part of the fast is to self reflect on behaviour and think about their religion. If they are fasting, they can not swear, say mean things or generally be impolite and disrespectful.

The Global Learning Room will be available for those who want to pray/ have a chill out space.

Lastly, the students are not starving themselves, they are taking part in one of the most sacred pillars of Islam. It takes a lot of self control and commitment to do this and one of the reasons our staff member loves advocating for these students is because when she first came to NZ, she felt like such an outsider and weirdo for taking part in something so different (but special) for her religion, culture and family.

At the end of the month there is the celebration called Eid al Fitr (A breaking of fast celebration) Consider this as the Muslim Christmas, it lasts 3 days and sometimes families like to spend it together at home. This is around the 14/15 of June. (Moon sighting dependent).

Thank you to Mrs Mohamed for supporting our students and educating us all at this time.

Assalamu alaikum (Peace be upon you all :))

## **OPEN EVENINGS FOR Y6**

On Tuesday, 19th June and Wednesday, 20th June, BMIS will be holding OPEN EVENINGS for families of Year 6 children. Prospective students and families for 2019 are invited to attend. These commence at 6:30pm and run for approximately one hour. Staff are available for discussion over supper. More information will be coming through Year 6 students at our COL primary schools.

## **Y7 CAMP & Y8 EOTC WEEK 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2018**

This is an amazing week for our students!

Year 7 students will attend camp at Finlay Park Adventure Camp. You can check them out on their website and see what fun activities the students will take part in: <http://www.finlaypark.co.nz>

The cost of the Year 7 camp is \$270 per student.

The Year 8 students have a week of EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom). This is an action packed week of visits to Snowplanet, Auckland Zoo, Goat Island Dive and Snorkel and Marine Discovery Centre, Tree Adventures and Woohill Bike Park.

The cost of the Year 8 EOTC week is \$240.

Payment for Camp and EOTC need to be paid in full as soon as possible.

You can pay online (12-3051-0471762-00 and use your child's name and 'Y7 CAMP' or 'Y8 EOTC' as references), come into the front office between 8.00am – 4.00pm or send the money in with your child. A receipt is always issued upon payment. Why not set up a weekly automatic payment now? A big thank you to those families that have paid already.

More information, permission slips, medical forms, parent helper forms, etc to be sent home shortly ...

## **BOTTLE TOPS**

We are collecting coloured bottle tops to create a Bruce McLaren car mural. Please bring your rinsed tops to the office each morning and place them in the container.



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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

We are excited to be given the opportunity to take our students on a trip to visit the NZ Maritime Museum, cruise the harbour and experience a Robotics session at the ASB Centre at a cost of \$6.00

On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Whanau Toa-Rooms 4, 5, 7 and 8) and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Whanau Kotahi - Rooms 1, 2 and 3) and will head into the Auckland City Centre by bus. The Year 7's will do the Ports of Auckland Tour which includes Museum entry and an hour cruise around the harbour. The Year 8's will visit the ASB centre for a session on Robotics and then join the Year 7's on the cruise.

The Maritime Museum has made it possible for us to visit for and to explore the surrounding areas. The Maritime Museum offers hands on experiences and has on display a wealth of information that will enhance our learning around the semester focus on Citizenship. ASB have invited our Year 8's to be part of the Robotics Experience.

Please take note of the following:

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| 9.00am:           | Bus to NZ Maritime Museum                                    |
| 10.00am:          | Arrive-Welcome and Morning Tea                               |
| 10.30am:          | Year 7's will tour the NZ Maritime Museum                    |
|                   | Year 8's will visit the ASB Centre                           |
| 11.45am:          | Assemble for Lunch   |
| 12.30pm - 1.30pm: | Harbour Cruise   |
| 1.45pm:           | Assemble, farewell and roll call before departing to school. |

Students wear full school uniform.

Students need to bring:

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| - Lunch (to have at the waterfront) | - Water bottle   |
| - Raincoat                          | - School sun hat |

We need parent/adult support with our day. If you are over 21 years of age and would like to join us and supervise for the day, please complete the permission slip below.

Yours sincerely

Liz Wood - Principal

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## PERMISSION SLIP – MARITIME MUSEUM VISIT 2018

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ of Room \_\_\_\_\_ is able / unable to attend the trip to the Maritime Museum and surrounding areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please find enclosed \$6 for the trip. \_\_\_\_\_ I have already paid for this trip.

I can / cannot help with supervision on the day. (Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_)

Signed by parent/caregiver/whanau: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# COMMUNITY NOTICES:



**HENDERSON**  
HIGH SCHOOL

## OPEN DAY

**THURSDAY 26 JULY**

**4pm - 7pm**

*Bring your high expectations!*

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



## OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2018**

All Year 8 students and their  
parents are invited.

[www.waitakerecollege.school.nz/](http://www.waitakerecollege.school.nz/)



**NZ Warbirds**  
PROUDLY PRESENT

## DDAY OPEN DAY



**Sunday 3 June 2018**

**10am-4pm Ardmore Airport**

(HAMLIN ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY)

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

**THE ROCK FM**

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**ENTRY \$20 Children Under 14 FREE**

Entry includes a chance to win a flight in  
a Warbird and free parking

● Food and Refreshments ● Adventure Flights

**STATIC DISPLAYS and PRACTICE FLYING DISPLAYS 11am, 12.45 & 2.30pm**

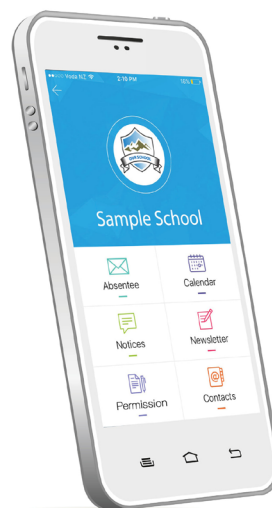
Check the Website... [www.nzwarbirds.org.nz](http://www.nzwarbirds.org.nz)

Open Day environmental services provided by SuperLoo and Sulo

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