



Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

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NEWSLETTER # 9

6 June 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

I hope that everyone had a positive Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Last week was full of successes. Samoan Language Week saw students teaching students and staff phrases, words, songs and games. It was also an accomplishment as Ta Fia Falealili Fua had a so'otaga with Waimahia Intermediate School and Kowhai Intermediate School Samoan bilingual classes. Our students were amazing. Their speeches were clear and warmly received, their dancing was brilliant and their behaviour was outstanding. We can be very proud of our Samoan Identity, Language & Culture (ILC) class. Congratulations to the students in attendance at this special event. Thank you to Mr Leusoga Mauga for being our expert teacher for the Ava Ceremony and the many fanau who supported our students – it is always much appreciated.

Room 8 cycled their way to learning more about road safety, as have Room 1 and Room 4. The weather has been in our favour and students are developing their Key Competencies - thinking, relating to others, using language, symbols, and texts, managing self, participating and contributing.

The girls' Football (soccer) teams competed at WZAISMS and played superbly. Jenny, our SWiS, coached these teams and the girls' results reflect their intensive training and positive attitude as the competition was extremely high this year.

This week is jammed packed with events and activities of which our students are involved in. More classes will experience Cycle Safety, a large contingent are at WZAISMS Cross Country as I write the newsletter, Waitakere College sports tasters for some Year 8s, Opportunities Day, WZAISMS Turbo Touch to name a few.

Along with this, the School Council are participating in a Community Clean Up on Friday along with

people assisting with this project - Tag Out, Police, Henderson Community Patrol (CPNZ), site residents, business owners and staff. Our school believes in being a positive, actively contributing entity of our community. Having a clean, safe and healthy community reflects positively on the well being of all who live, work and/or pass through our small corner of the world.

As you will have seen in the media there is a nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. At this stage, BMIS is fully staffed with great teachers but pressure is on in the Primary and Secondary sectors.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase to unacceptable levels.

On Friday, 22nd June, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on Friday, 22 June at 1pm, to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from the school office by 1.00pm on Friday, 22 June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm.

Please fill in the slip in this newsletter and have it returned to the school office no later than Monday, 18 June.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood
Principal

3 WAY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS - CORRECTION OF DATES

The incorrect dates were printed in Newsletter #7 (9th May).

The **CORRECT** dates for the 3 Way Learning Conversations are:

Tuesday, 3 July from 3.15pm - 8.15pm

Wednesday, 4 July from 1.15pm - 5.45pm

School will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 4 July to allow for the earlier meetings.

Please mark these changes on your calendar.

Interviews bookings can be made from 3.00pm today onwards. If you are unable to book online yourself, please call the school office on 836-3175 and we can book for you.

All teachers are available to talk with you.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently working hard on reports! These will come home, in a sealed envelope, with your child on Friday, 29 June. Look out for them in their school bag!

NETBALL RESULTS (30 MAY)

7A LOST against GEIS 7A (13 - 23)

7B WON against St Doms 7B (9-7)

7C WON against St Doms 7C (21 - 1)

8A WON against Te Atatu Int (28-12)

HOMESTAYS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

From 26 July until 14 August (Term 3), we will have 15 students from China visiting our country and our school.

Students range in age from 10 years to 13 years, and as they are far from home and their parents they need to be in homestays, preferably with families whose children also attend Bruce McLaren.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to interact with and learn about another culture – sharing languages and experiences together while they are visiting here. These experiences often end in great friendships being made and truly enrich everyone who takes part in them.

There is a financial reward of \$250 per week for one child and \$450 per week for two children, for any family who very kindly offers to homestay one or two of our visiting Chinese students.

If you can, and would like to be a homestay host family, please contact Christine Earnshaw at school by phone: (09) 836 3175 or email: christineearnshaw@bruce McLaren.school.nz

I am looking forward to hearing from you!!!!

OPEN EVENINGS FOR Y6

On Tuesday, 19 June and Wednesday, 20 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.

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Our school website has (finally!) been updated. Unfortunately we have lost the details of those who were on our newsletter mailing list.

We will email each newsletter out to our current parents/caregivers who have provided us with an email address.

If you would like receive the newsletter via email each fortnight, visit our new website (www.bruce McLaren.school.nz) and click on the 'NEWSLETTERS' tab along the top to subscribe.

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Mid Year Three Way Learning Conversations

Tuesday, 3 July	3:15 PM to 8:15 PM
Wednesday, 4 July	1:15 PM to 5:45 PM

Each 3 Way Learning Conversation is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time.

Booking your 3 Way Learning Conversation

The booking website will open Wednesday, 6 June at 3:00 PM, and will close Wednesday, 4 July at 12:45 PM.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **RYFUQ6JQ** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

All class teachers and specialist subject teachers are available for you to talk with.

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 3 Way Learning Conversation.

Before your 3 Way Learning Conversation, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any bookings, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

Please Note: School will be closing at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 4 July 2018 to allow for the interviews. School will finish at normal time (3.00pm) on Tuesday, 3 July 2018.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSE - NZEI PAID UNION MEETINGS - RETURN SLIP

Students Name: _____

Room #: _____

On Friday, 22 June, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The teachers will be leaving school at 1pm, to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

Please tick ONE option below and return this permission slip to school no later than Monday, 18 June 2018.

_____ I will make suitable arrangements for my child to finish school at 1.00pm on this day.

_____ My child will need to stay at school, supervised, until 3.00pm.

Name: _____ Parent/Caregiver

Signed: _____ Parent/Caregiver

Contact #: _____

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 26 JULY

4pm - 7pm

Bring your high expectations!

T: 838 9085 E: admin@hhs.school.nz



WAITAKERE COLLEGE

Waitākere College
Open Evening
Thursday 26th July 2018
at 6.30pm
Year 8 students and their families are invited



KELSTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN WEEK
JUNE 11-16

HOURLY TOURS 9AM - 3PM
AFTER HOUR TOURS ON REQUEST

- * SEE KELSTON BOYS IN ACTION
- * ENQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019
- * MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL, MRS BLAIR

Phone: 818-6185 Email: office@kbhs.school.nz

DEVELOPING EXEMPLARY YOUNG MEN FOR OVER 50 YEARS

MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL

ENROLMENT EVENINGS

Every Wednesday until the end of Term 2:

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Phone: 831 0500

or email: office@masseyhigh.school.nz

Henderson Budgeting Services Inc. is collaborating with Dr. Hoa Nguyen from Unitec Institute of Technology to test and validate a financial self-efficacy scale (FSSES) for people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Invitation to participate in a study about financial self-efficacy:

Financial management is one of the critical skills for individual's financial well-being. Several programs have been implemented nationwide to increase individual's financial literacy. Having a standard measurement would enhance the rigorousness of the evaluation of these programs.

The financial self-efficacy scale (FSSES) is intended to then be used in future studies to examine the impacts of financial literacy education on participants' financial self-efficacy.

The scale will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. All of answers are confidential and anonymous. There is no identifying information collected.

Please visit: <https://goo.gl/N5V9a1> to take the scale.