



## TUMUAKI UPDATE

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

Mid-term has arrived and what a busy couple of weeks it has been for both our ākonga and kaiako. We see changes in education on the horizon but it is business as usual here at Bruce McLaren Intermediate. We are proud to say that Maths and Literacy have always been a focus, encouraging integration of these across other curriculum areas to make our ākonga see the importance that these two major areas have on every day life.

It has been a time to refine our systems with the implementation of more structure, identifying strengths and areas to develop as a way to accelerate student achievement. Assessments with learning conversations give a clearer indication to both ākonga and kaiako of next steps.

It is also important to us that our ākonga love learning; that they love coming to school and that they feel valued; that they have a real sense of belonging hence our whānau approach to learning. With learning comes hardship and we challenge our ākonga to tackle barriers that they encounter on their journey. To turn their mindset around so that it is a growth mindset that will assist them to counter failure that they may experience. That it is okay to fail but it is what you do with it, which is important.

We look forward to Week 5 where we celebrate Tongan Language Week. The 2024 theme for is 'E tu'ulua 'a e lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasí (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá - The Tongan Language will be sustainable when used at home, church and in the wider community. You will be able to identify our Tongan students who will be wearing their traditional dress over their school uniform over the week. Thank you to our Tongan whānau who will be supplying food to celebrate on Monday and Friday to share with our ākonga.

Good luck to our BMIS Mathex Team who compete in the annual AMA Mathex competition this Thursday evening and to our Year 8 Girls Netball team who play in their finals on Wednesday evening at Te Pai Courts.

Keep warm, stay well  
Malo 'aupito  
Marietta Ah Chong  
**Principal - Acting**





# DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

## Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki



Whānau of  
Learners

AUGUST 2024

## BMIS CROSS COUNTRY 2024



Our annual BMIS Cross Country event was held Friday, August 16th 2024. In preparation for this event, each whānau held their own practices so that ākonga were familiar with the course and provided them the opportunity to make decisions with support around strategies to endeavour to run the whole race. Well done to every student who attended and ran the cross country. The courage you showed out there was incredible!

Thank you to our whānau community who came out to support.

Congratulations to everyone who placed in the top 20 in their year level and will be going to represent Bruce McLaren Intermediate at the Western Zone Cross Country on Monday, 26th August 2024. Notices will be sent home to you from Matua Peter, our Sports Lead.

### TOP 3 in each year level:

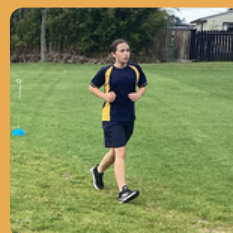
Year 8 Boys - Zephaniah: Ola Finafinau (Atawhai), Olo: Rm 2 (Manaaki), Tahir: Rm 3 (Manaaki)

Year 7 Boys - Nebras: Rm 11 (Atawhai), Leo: Rm 3 (Manaaki) Ezra: Rm 13 (Atawhai)

Year 8 Girls - Eden: Rm 6 (Manawanui), Frankie: Rm 6 (Manawanui), Umaima: Rm 5 (Manawanui)

Year 7 Girls - Ella: Rm 2 (Manaaki), Sahana: Rm 5 (Manawanui), Nishat: Rm 11 (Atawhai)

Whānau Overall Results - 1st: Atawhai, 2nd: Manawanui, 3rd: Manaaki



## BMIS SPORTS UPDATE

### NETBALL

Year 8 Girls played Don Buck Primary beating them convincingly winning a place in the final next week. Good luck to our girls! Play hard.

Year 7 Girls played Blockhouse Bay Intermediate and unfortunately were unable to solidify a place in the final. Congratulations Year 7 girls on a wonderful season where all of you have had the opportunity in this space to develop your netball skills. Keep working hard, keep your fitness up and strengthen that mindset for 2025. Let's awahi our Year 8 girls next week to support them for their final.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Our teams went ready to play but due to circumstances beyond our control, the tournament was postponed and is now on Wednesday, August 21st 2024 at the Avondale Racecourse. All the best to both our teams.

### VOLLEYBALL

Trials have started for girls and boys volleyball. We have Rowena Alosio-Smith, one of our Ola Finafinau parents who has volunteered to coach our girls team and assist Ms Ah Chong with the boys.

If your child is selected, please ensure that they are ready with their PE gear, sports shoes and water bottle for trainings. Please be aware that after school trainings for volleyball will be coming up.

### BASKETBALL

Trials to be called later on in Term 3.

### MORNING FITNESS

Morning fitness is starting back up again at Bruce McLaren Intermediate. This will be held on Tuesday mornings starting at 7.15 am - 8.00 am with Eva Ah Chong Vakalahi who is Ms Ah Chong's daughter. She has volunteered to take these fitness sessions before she goes to school. Notices will be coming out soon. Breakfast will also be available at the Pitstop after their session.

### WATERPOLO

Our waterpolo squad continues to play on Friday afternoons with practices on Wednesday with Mrs Few. There was no game on Friday.

### KURA HAKINAKINA - SCHOOL SPORT

Kura Hakinakina resumes this Friday depending on the weather and the state of our fields. Whānau have been learning new chants and practicing the 'number challenge' ready to perform.







## JAPANESE LANGUAGE WEEK



What an amazing Japanese Language Week it has been! Seeing my peers celebrating my culture is such a spectacular sight. Being the first school councillor to host a language week was a lot of pressure so luckily I lots of support around me, helping me by supporting me during the week.

I just want to say good luck to the next councillor Jayden who is hosting Chinese Language Week, in week 10 of this term. Thank you to Krisha and Yashna who have helped me organise activities for this celebration.

Thank you to my parents who made sushi to share with our school to end Japanese Language Week.

**Yumi Shimada**

**Whānau Atawhai - Rm 13**



## COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK



Cook Island Language Week was hosted by Room 3. Learning activities ranged from basic greetings in Cook Island to reading myths and legends.

Some of the members of the Cook Island group went into classes to teach them a dance which was well received by all.

The challenge for the week was to submit a video of their whole whānau performing the Cook Island dance that was taught.

Room 3's assembly was centered around Cook Island Language Week where they reinacted the Cook Island Legend, "Mariri, The Flying Man.

Thank you to all our Cook Island ākonga for sharing your culture, identity and language with us.

## BMIS MATHEX



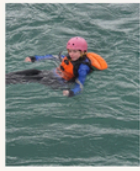
Our classes went head to head in our BMIS Mathex competition held last Thursday. Classes in their whānau came out with their signs and banners to support as our top mathematicians battled it out. Each class submitted 3 of their top mathematicians with the 4th member of their team being the runner. Teams had a certain amount of math problems to solve in the allocated time. They had the option to submit answers as many times as they wished until they got it right or had the choice to pass but risked others getting more problems correct at the end. It was a high energy, nail-biting event where our whole school came together to celebrate maths!

Congratulations to Room 4 who placed 1st.

## ROOM 4 MATHEMATICIANS







## YEAR 8 OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

10TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PERMISSION SLIPS AND MONEY DUE WEEK 5  
AUGUST 23RD 2024

**DON'T MISS  
OUT**

Tree Adventures  
Snow Planet  
Woodhill  
Mountain Bikes  
Motu Moana  
Scout Camp



GET YOUR PERMISSION SLIP & PAYMENT IN  
BOTH ARE DUE: AUGUST 23RD

# BMIS YR 7 CAMP



FINLAY PARK ADVENTURE  
CAMP  
10TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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DETAILS



## ESOL Information Evening

Thursday 29th August (Week 6)

6-7PM BMIS School Library



### Important Dates to Remember:



August 18th: Tongan Language Week  
August 20th: World of Maths Workshops  
August 21st: WZ Rugby League  
August 22nd: BOT Hui  
August 22nd: AMA Mathex  
August 26th: WZ Cross Country  
August 29th: ESOL Information Evening  
August 30th: Daffodil Day - BMIS Yellow Day

September 2nd: Filipino Language Week  
September 6th: Staff Only Day  
September 10th - 13th: Camp/OE Week  
September 16th: Te Wiki o te Reo Māori  
September 20th: BMIS Race to Knowledge  
September 23rd: Chinese Language Week  
September 25th: BMIS Science Spec Expo  
September 26th: WZ Basketball  
September 26th: BOT Hui  
September 27th: Last Day of Term 3

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