

# **Bruce McLaren Intermediate**





## NEWSLETTER #5 2 May 2024

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...



McLaren Intermediate School

Welcome to Term 2!

Fantastic to see everyone back safe and sound, ready for another jam packed term here at BMIS.

Firstly I want to take this opportunity to do some reflection on an extremely positive Term 1. There were so many 'wins' that we celebrated with a vast range of experiences that your child, our ākonga, added to their personal kete of learning. I hope that you have been able to read your child's 'Looking Back' piece on Seesaw, have a discussion of celebration with them but also a kōrero about your child's next steps to be better. If you are unsure about accessing this piece, please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako. Their email address starts with their surname @brucemclaren.school.nz

Term 2 has started off with a bang as one would expect with Ease Up being on site on Tuesday to educate our ākonga about the negative effects of vaping. We've had two Mystics netballers onsite, one being Grace Nweke a New Zealand Silver Fern, who our Year 8 netballers through a few drills and offered them tips. Our Opportunities programme has started and the weather has not been our friend today as we cancelled Kura Hakinakina. Rugby, netball, waterpolo, football and hockey training has started and of course, it is NZ Music Month. As you read on we showcase one of our very own Mr Nainz Tupa'i who is our music specialist.

Schoolwide Assessments start in Week 2 for all ākonga. The message to them is that they prepare themselves by doing a few learning extras either here at school or at home. They will have the opportunity in their classes to review areas of Math, Writing and Reading with their kaiako.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Bruce They have been encouraged to be courageous with their learning, to tackle anything that they find challenging head on and to ask questions. If you find that your child is now making their bed first thing in the morning, ask them why? The challenge was put to them, "If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed." Hopefully they will be able to explain the message behind that statement.

> BMIS is very excited to finally announce the 2024 Heads of School who have been chosen from an exceptional field of students through a rigorous process.

> Head Councillors are Ayven Harold, Room 4 and Awa Mayer, Room 3 while their deputies are Hannah Botica, Room 6 and Fapiano Afeaki. Ola Finafinau. The councillor's role carries great responsibility around service leadership and guardianship of our school culture.

> I have asked all ākonga to take every opportunity possible here at BMIS and to take the time to enjoy these experiences, enjoy their friendships, savour each moment of being at school as this term like term 1 will race by. It has brought me great joy to see everyone back with such big smiles and energy. If week 1 is anything to go by, this term is going to be fast and furious with loads of learning fun!

READY, SET, GO!

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

Ngā mihi nui

Marietta Ah Chong

Principal - Tumuaki (Acting)

### **KEY DATES**

- 1 31 May, 2024NZ Music Month
- •<u>6</u> <u>10</u> May, 2024 School wide Assessments
- •6 10 May, 2024 Sign Language Week
- •13 17 May, 2024 Blake VR Onsite
- •13 17 May, 2024 Rotuman Language Week - Fäeag Rotuam
- •21 May, 2024 Class Photos
- •27 31 May, 2024 Samoan Language
- •30 May, 2024 BOT Meeting
- •31 May, 2024 Staff Only Day
- •3 June, 2024 Kings Birthday Monday
- •5 June, 2024 Māori & Pasifika Hui
- •10 June, 2024 Financial Literacy
- •10 14 June, 2024 International Language
- •18 June, 2024 Little People, Big
- •19 June, 2024 Open Evening
- •24 25th, June, 2024 Spoken Word
- •24 28 June, 2024
- •2 3 July, 2024 3 Way Conferences
- •5 July, 2024 End of Term 2

### Week 9 - Whānau for the Term - Whānau Manawanui - Commitment



























Term 1, two challenges were given to our ākonga about attending school. Firstly if a class got 95% and more with their weekly attendance they would get Mr Whippy. However, this has not been achieved YET! The second challenge, was to come to school everyday. Well 53 students did just that and had lunch with the principal today.

These challenges have been given to our  $\bar{a}$ konga for Term 2. BMIS is the place to be so you see, if you want to be cool, come to school.

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE 100%



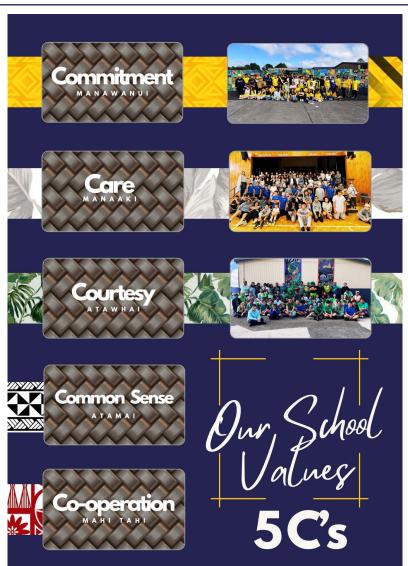


### McLAREN AWARDS T2 W1

Emma R1, Riley R1, Jenny R1, Ariya R4, Leonale R4, Lance R5, Corey R5, Arianna R6, Kylie R11, Jordan R11, Naksh R11, Princess R11

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS T2, W1

Jenny R1, Charles R1, Sharliz R3, Zac R3, Aidan R4, Skye R4, Enrico R6, Kitty R6, Fapiano (ART), Frida (ART), Quinn (ART), Savenaca (ART), Emma (PA), Ezra (PA), Jewad (STEM), Zephaniah (STEM)





### **BMIS NETBALL UPDATE:**

Netball season has started.

It was our BMIS Year 7 netball team's grading games on Wednesday evening at Te Pai courts, our girls played extremely well and won all 3 games.

Game 1 BMIS 9 vs. Henderson Intermediate 0 Game 2 BMIS 5 vs. Hoani Waititi 2 Game 3 BMIS 31 vs. St Dom's 0

An amazing start to the season. Don't forget to come out to support our teams every Wednesday if you're available.

We were also fortunate to have 2 Northern Mystics players, Tayla Earle and Grace Nweke, who is a New Zealand Silver Fern take our Year 8 netballers for a netball workshop.

Our BMIS Year 8 netball team's grading games are next Wednesday, so please come out to the courts to support.









DID YOU KNOW?

Nainz, our music specialist is one of the brothers in the multi-award-winning duo Adeaze.

Below is information taken from NZ On Screen that will give you a small snapshot of their success. We are so fortunate to have Nainz teaching our ākonga his love of his music.

Brothers Feagaigafou Nainz Tupa'i and Logovi'i Viiz Tupa'i formed Adeaze while at high school, performing at the Smokefree Rockquest. Their band name, a word play of "at ease", reflects their laid-back style of music. Debut album Always & For Real was a number one hit in 2004, selling more than 18,000 copies in its first week. They topped the charts with singles 'A Life with You' and 'Getting Stronger' (featuring Aaradhna). 'A Life with You' was later sampled by Mariah Carey. Seven years later Adeaze released second album Rise and Shine; third album A Mother's Love came out in 2018.







#### **GENERAL**

- •SHOPS: (Opposite School) Due to the volume of traffic in the shop carpark, trucks with supplies for the shops coming and going, the entrance and exit being the same driveway for all shops, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE parents to find another space to collect your children from.
- •For the safety of our students, they are only to enter the shops with an adult. No adult - no entry. Safety first
- always. Thank you for your support with this.
- •Lollies, sweets, chewing gum, fizzy and sports drinks are not part of our BMIS ethos.
- •BMIS prides itself on the standard of school uniform worn by our students along with appropriate language and behaviour. Nothing less is acceptable.

### **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:**

•Students only cross the road ONCE to come to school and ONCE going home from school. This is to be at the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

### **PARKING AT SCHOOL:**

•Just a reminder that there is to be NO PARKING IN THE BUS BAY - this is for buses only. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in one of the side streets and arrange for your child to walk the short distance to meet you. The shops' carpark opposite the school is not ideal due to traffic congestion, pedestrian traffic and delivery of vehicles.

#### OFF AT THE GATE:

•We would encourage that devices be left at home, that your child is away from their device for the day. If there is a need to have their device, a discussion with your child about OFF AT THE GATE is imperative. When entering school, students 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. All home devices are placed in a class box at 8.30am and returned by 3.00pm. 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. Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

#### ATTENDANCE:

•If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. Together we play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. That our ākonga, your child or children attend school every day and engage in learning as every school day matters. You must let us know if your child or children are going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Let's work together to see if we can get 1 or more of our classes over the 95% mark so that we can have Mr Whippy onsite.













