



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo, Talofa Lava, Bula Vanaka, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi atu, Namaste, Talofa Ni and Warm Pasifika Greetings!

Principal's Message

Science Education Journey at Malfroy School

Last Thursday the Education Review Office invited Helen Ramsdale (Montessori Class Teacher Room 13) to speak at the official launch of the Science Education Report in Wellington. Along with other education sector stakeholders, the focus was on effective teaching and learning programmes in the science curriculum, particularly in the area of the Science Capabilities and the Nature of Science.

Our journey started with two staff members in 2015 with Helen and Jo Jenkins (Senior Team Leader). They attended a 4-day professional development course, the Sir Paul Callaghan Science Academy. In returning to school their enthusiasm and understanding of where science teaching and learning was heading became apparent. The staff with full support from the Board of Trustees began attending the course over the next 5 years. Science became a strategic learning priority for both students and teachers.



Further involvement with the House of Science (Te Taumata o Ngati Whakaue and the Royal Society of Science) and Waikato University ensured Malfroy School was fully equipped with the knowledge, strategies, and resources to deliver a 21st Century science curriculum.

In 2019 the Education Review Office included a review of the science teaching and learning as part of our regular review week.

The report findings were positive for our staff, students and the Board. As a school community we can all be proud of the accomplishments of our teaching staff in achieving excellence in science.

[Growing Curiosity Teaching Strategies to Engage Years 5 to 11 Students in Science](#)

Malfroy School - "engaging students in multiple, rich, local science opportunities"

- Developing teachers' confidence to teach science
- Accessing and improving science teaching and learning resources
- The Utuhina Warriors
- Aquabots



Winter sports competitions have started

Hikiana has taken aim and scored a goal for her team. They played against Otonga School and won 3-0. Well done team and coach Whaea Utana. Thank you to the parent supporters. Mrs Falconer was very pleased with how the netball teams have been preparing for the season.

Miniball started last Friday and hockey starts this Saturday.

Rotorua Mini-marathon was a hit with our runners!

		
Lisa showed the way by being the first runner home for Malfroy School.	Our parents cheered the runners on.	Elysia is being supported by Whaea Sharynta

Staffing updates

Welcome to **Morag MacKechnie-Owen** who is providing Class Release for teachers. Morag will continue with Visual Arts that previously was taken by Jenny Brell. She is an experienced classroom teacher, as well as a talented artist.

Welcome to **Tamati Bryers** who is providing release in Room 16 (senior rumaki class) for Teina Taute. The release allows Teina to carry out her lead role in our Rotorua Central Community of Learning, focussing on Cultural Responsiveness programmes for teachers. Tamati is an experienced bilingual teacher who brings a variety of skills to our school such as the Arts, sports and Te Ao Maori.

Welcome to **Jo Hughes** who is working in our Special Needs area. Jo is an experienced teacher aide specialising in supporting autistic children.

Important Reminders

Teacher Only Days - The Rotorua Central Kahui Ako will be holding this professional learning day for teaching and support staff on **Monday 31 May**. Malfroy School will be also holding a second professional learning day in Term 3, **Friday 6 August**. On both days, students will not be required to attend school. We thank you for your cooperation in advance for arranging supervision of your child/children.

Opening and closing times - Children can enter school from 8.30am in the morning and leave at 2.55pm in the afternoon. We are concerned that many children are waiting to be picked up from school 10-15 minutes after the 2.55pm bell. Please contact the school office or text your child's teacher if you expect to be held up.

COVID-19 reminders - I have instructed the teaching staff to revisit the procedures for keeping ourselves safe, such as washing hands, using sanitiser, covering coughs and sneezing. If your child is unwell, they remain at home. Thank you.

Next week - The value of teaching and modelling Respect for self and others

Nga mihi
Nicky Brell & Staff

Room 4's Visit to Marakai



Matua George and Whaea Rebecca run the Marakai Programme for schools.



This tool is called a Timo (weeder), which you can use when pulling out weeds.



We were digging to loosen the soil. We also made shallow lines to plant the seeds. We used a Ko.



We harvested kumara. We found some real big kumara.



This kete is used during harvesting the kumara. It has holes in the bottom for the dirt to fall out.



A **big thank you** to Rotorua Museum - Library for the wonderful programmes you have available for the Schools of Rotorua.

Pink Shirt Day



Friday 21st May
Support
'Bully Free Week',
 come dressed in pink -
 wigs, tutus, shirts, pants.

Welcome to our new students
 and their families -

Room 1 - Steve, Tewinika,
 Daeshojn and Jeremiah
 Room 6 - Mathias
 Room 9 - Miracle



E-Sports Interschool News

Three of our senior students have been selected to represent our school at the first-ever E-Sports Interschool league competition. These boys play against 4 other schools including Rotorua Intermediate School. On Monday they had their first competition and played against 1 of the 5 teams that Rotorua Intermediate has entered and they won 13-1. Awesome achievement boys!



Malfroy School Community Kiwiana Quiz Night

When: Thursday 3rd June in the
 Malfroy School Hall
 From 6.00-8.00 p.m.

Teams of 5 - \$25.00 per team

What's your Kiwiana knowledge like? All quiz questions are about New Zealand. Organise a team and register at the Malfroy School Office by Friday 28th May. Spot prizes and Quick fire raffles throughout the night. Finger food available.

Malfroy School Senior & Middle School Cross Country

Tuesday 25th May
 Postponement Thursday 27th May

Nau mai, haere mai!

Come join us Tuesday 25th of May for the middle and senior school cross country

Starts - 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Rooms Involved: 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16

Hockey Draws for Saturday 15th May

Team	Time	Turf	Vs
Maxi 1	8.50am	ROTO 1H2	Westbrook Rulers
Maxi 2			No game
Mini 2	11.40am	ROTO 1QC	Westbrook Falcons

Fundraiser for Rotorua Montessori Primary Trust



Thursday 20th May at 6pm
At Our Backyard Pub
The kitchen opens at 4pm
To register a team contact:
Marieke - 022 044 2974

Teams of 6-8
people
\$10 per person

