



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

COVID-19 3-day Lockdown

It was an anxious moment on Tuesday evening to wait for the announcement by the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern that New Zealand would be placed in a further COVID-19 lockdown for 3 days, with Auckland and the Coromandel requiring a 7 day lockdown. No doubt we will get through this period of uncertainty once again by following the public health requirements at home, at school and in our communities.

In case of an extension to the lockdown, the Ministry of Education has been in contact with all schools to assess their resourcing capabilities in providing hard-packs for learning.

Your child's teacher may have already communicated with you via text, email or seesaw to offer advice about what your child could do this week.

We will endeavour to keep you informed of all matters related to remote learning as further updates from the government come to hand. Stay safe, stay well!

[COVID-19 information for parents and whānau](#)

Week 3 and 4 Round-up of Highlights

Students and staff have been involved in a number of activities and events over the last week.



Senior students continued their biking experience at Waipa and for many it was their first time.



The senior team started Swimming on Monday and the Rugby 7's tournament was held on Tuesday.

Thank you to staff, students, parent helpers, biking tutors and swimming instructors.

Aotearoa New Zealand Histories update (Part One)

“If we want to shape Aotearoa New Zealand’s future, start with our past.”

- Aotearoa New Zealand histories will be taught in all schools and kura from 2022 onwards.
- Histories is part of the Social Sciences learning area in *The New Zealand Curriculum*.
- *Te Takanga o Te Wā* is an important part of teaching Aotearoa histories. This can be aligned to all areas of learning within *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*. *Te Takanga o Te Wā* is most explicit within the learning area of Tikanga ā-iwi.
- The purpose of the Social Sciences learning area is for students to understand “**how societies work and how they can participate and take action as critical, informed and responsible citizens.**”
- Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories content encourages learners to be thoughtful and responsible to understand the past, to make sense of the present and to inform their future actions.
- When students, with their teachers, explore contemporary issues or historical topics the draft content guides what a possible Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories focus could be.
- The draft curriculum content doesn’t state day by day what should be taught. What is different is that it has the big ideas that are specific to Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories that students would explore and are brought alive through national contexts.
- Schools will choose topics, local histories and stories that reflect the big ideas and national contexts to bring the ideas and contexts to life for learners.

Link to further information www.education.govt.nz/aotearoanzhsitories

Important Reminders

We are concerned that some children are arriving at school in the morning as early as 7.45am. The reason for this is that parents have to go to work. While we sympathize with this situation, staff are not required to supervise children prior to the school opening at 8.30am. We do not provide a ‘Before school programme’ any longer. However, there are children who attend these programmes elsewhere which is what we would ask parents to do.

Our staff arrive as early as 7.00am, start preparation for the day, attend meetings and set up for Breakfast Club. We also provide duty cover at the end of the day for many students who wait to be picked up.

Important Dates

Please refer to our school calendar on the Malfroy School App to see what has been scheduled. We will be updating and amending changes to the calendar as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Next week - Aotearoa New Zealand Histories (Part Two)

Nga mihi

Nicky Brell & Staff

Remember to be safe everyone
COVID-19
Alert Level 4



Absentee contact: Phone on (07) 348 8588 or our school app



<http://www.malfroy.school.nz/>



<https://www.facebook.com/>

Malfroy School Chess Club

On Friday 13th August, the Malfroy School Chess Team competed at the Chess Federation NZ Tournament in Tauranga.

We sent a team of 14 player, 3 teams of 4 plus 2 reserves. The competition was extremely tough. Our A Team placed 3rd overall out of the 9 A teams from across the Bay. Their result was outstanding especially considering that this was only the second time Malfroy School had competed as a team and even more outstanding considering they were competing against far more experienced players – some of whom have already qualified for the upcoming NZ Nationals.

Our B and C teams also played remarkably well and within these teams we had some fantastic individual results. The players are showing great promise.

Results aside, the Malfroy students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we were extremely proud of how they behaved. They displayed sportsmanship, perseverance and most importantly resilience. Not one player allowed a loss to stop them playing their next game with a winning attitude. We have much to be proud of.

Our thanks also to the parents who came to support our tamariki and who assisted with transport. It is greatly appreciated.

The next competition is on the 6th September at Lynmore School and we look forward to our team going from strength to strength.

Jo Hughes.

Support Teacher and Chess Club Co-ordinator

If you would like to be involved with the Malfroy School Chess team, we are looking for other adults who would be interested in coaching our students. The Chess Club meets on Fridays 1.30-2.45 p.m. and we are hoping to start afternoon sessions from 3.00-4.00 on Tuesdays. If you are able to help our please email deputyprincipal@malfroy.school.nz or phone Julie at the Office and leave your name and contact phone number.



Learning from home

With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs to students in order to support distance learning. Please read information below

Distance Learning: Alert Level 4

Curriculum teaching and learning resources (with guidance for parents) can be found online.

English - <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

Maori -

<https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/.../nau-mai-hae-re-mai/>

Home Learning TV can be accessed on demand here or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart tv or tablet)

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/home-learning-tv>

Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora can be accessed on demand from Māori TV for primary-aged tamariki and here for primary aged tamariki

<https://www.maoritelevision.com/.../mauri-reo-ma-uri-ora...>

Malfroy School Absentees



Parents and caregivers, can you please use the school app for all absentees. You can also call the office on 07 348 8588.

Please **DO NOT** use the school Facebook Messenger for sending your absentees or any other messengers.

'Stepping up - 'Upone'

Malfroy School New Entrant Student Transition to School Programme

Every Wednesday from 1.30-2.45 pm, we look forward to welcoming your child and helping them to prepare for their transition into Malfroy School. The aim of our transition to school programme, 'Stepping up - Upone' is to ensure a smooth change over from Early childcare/home care to the school situation in a happy and very supportive way. Children from 4 to 5 years are welcome to attend.

The Learning Outcomes that we focus on at the 'Stepping up' are:

Developing Self Esteem Developing Social Skills
Formal Routines Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills
Fine Motor Skills Oral Language Skills

Upone is held every Wednesday at 1.30 to 2.45pm afternoon in Room 1 with our New Entrant Teacher, Whaea Linda.

If your New Entrant child is able to have at least 4 visits prior to them starting school, then this really helps them to make an easy and stress free transition to school when they do start.

Call in to the office and pick up a 'Stepping Up - Upone' transition pack and enrollment form.

Reading Together

Want to help your child with their reading?
Want to make reading at home fun and enjoyable?

Then parents & caregivers, come along to Reading Together in the school library with Tessa Threadgill. There are 4 one hour sessions on Tuesdays, 3.15pm-4.15pm.

Crèche available



Register with Julie in the school office or see Tessa Threadgill in the LSC Room for more information.

Swimming

Parents and caregivers, swimming will start next week at the aquatic centre. A reminder that all students will need to have their togs and towels ready. Please ensure all items are named.

Dates for swimming are -

These dates will be available on Monday

FANTASY QUIZ NIGHT

Date: Thursday 23rd September

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Place: Our Backyard Pub
1287 Eruera Street

Cost: \$10 per person at the door
Cash Only Please

\$1 Raffles will be drawn at the event

Sales start early

Subjects include:
Harry Potter, Star wars,
Game of Thrones,
Doctor Who, Star trek,
Marvel, DC, etc

Groups of 6-8 persons (age 18+)
-or- we can match you with a team!

Please Register at 022 044 2974



This is a Fundraising Event for
Rotorua Montessori Primary Trust

