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Term 4 Week 2

28 October 2021

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

An update of COVID-19 Alert Level 2

In today's school newsletter we bring you a brief reminder of the public health requirements at our school while we are still in Alert Level 2. We know everyone is trying their best to comply and do the right thing in keeping children, whanau, and the wider community safe. Staff too have to feel safe. So it is important that we understand what our expectations are when going to and from school.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child from the school gate or rear car park, allow your child to come to you. Avoid going directly to the classroom.



If you have to go to your child's classroom, you will need to use your phone to scan the QR code to sign in with the NZ COVID-19 Tracer App. There are 4 locations where you can do this; Outside the front office, outside the staff room entrance door, outside Room 18 (Rotorua Specialist Class) next to the school hall, and outside Room 6. Any parent or caregiver who has to see their child's teacher will need to "check in" at the school office.

Parents/caregivers, visitors, contractors are required to wear a mask when entering our school. Please avoid putting our staff in a position where they are having to remind you. Thank you.

If you are unwell, stay home or get tested for COVID-19.

Health & Safety routines include; Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2); Hand hygiene; Cough and sneeze etiquette; Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces

Looking ahead at school-wide events

We will be looking at how we will manage school-wide events this term, particularly indoors. The Ministry of Education has provided guidance on this matter.

- Take a precautionary approach when deciding whether to host a gathering or large event.
- Events and activities where participants and attendees are there for education purposes are exempt from the rules of gatherings.
- However as soon as your event or activity brings people onsite who are not there for education purposes, including students, parents and caregivers, then the rules for gatherings do apply. This would include performances such as school plays, cultural and school events and sporting activities.

I have discussed this matter with school leaders and staff so that we can properly assess each event. We will inform you with prior notice of any changes to our events schedule. The senior EOTC to the Hamilton Gardens has been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place. An alternative local option is being investigated.

Public Health Order - Vaccinations of staff

As at **11.59pm on Monday 25 October** the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for mandatory vaccinations for education came into effect.

This Vaccination Order makes COVID-19 vaccinations **mandatory** for anyone working onsite at a school who may come into contact with students.

- all school staff (teachers, support and other onsite staff)
- contractors
- volunteers
- anyone else engaged to provide onsite services

All education staff who may have contact with children must have had their first jab by November 15 and be fully vaccinated by January 1, 2022.



School Property Update

Due to the Alert Level 3 in parts of the Waikato, the current project in Block A Rooms 10-11 has been delayed. The building contractor is based in Hamilton. While this is unfortunate, we can't do much about it. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of Term 1, 2022, which includes Rooms 8-9.

Important Dates

Athletics Day for senior and middle students is on Tuesday 2 November. As this is an outside event we would remind parents/caregivers to observe the COVID-19 Alert 2 requirements, the main one being to wear a mask. Thank you.

Last day of school for students is Friday 10 December.

TEACHER ONLY DAY is planned for Monday 13 December and will not affect students.

Enjoy your week!

Nga mihi Nicky Brell & Staff























Room 8 has enjoyed learning about angles. Students learnt the terms right angle, acute and obtuse. We have looked at whakatauki (proverbs) that go with our Cornerstone Values this term of Obedience and Compassion. We have also been learning about haiku poems and collective nouns.













Room 9 has been working hard all year. Here are a few examples of the amazing work from some of the students, to celebrate Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori, Matariki and Senior art work.





Wordart



Generator



Book creator



ClipChamp

Room 12 has been learning how to be innovative creators of digital content. Here are some examples of our work over the year.







Notices

Welcome to our new students and their families -

Room 7 - Tamarisi Room 8 - Payton



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 <u>DO NOT</u> use the school Facebook Messenger for sending your absentees or any other messengers

Whanau Hui

Haere Mai Term 4 Whanau Hui Tuesday 9th November @ 4.30pm

Kia Ora Whanau, We have our whanau hui on 9th November and we would like to see all of our old and new whanau come along to our hui. We will be introducing some big changes to our rumaki units and would like your input into our plans. See you all there.



New Entrant Student Registrations

We are revising our New Entrant student register for 2022 and beyond and we need to know if you have a child who will be starting school in 2021, 2022, 2023 . This information is very important to us.

If you have a child who would be coming to our school in the next few years, could you please complete the form via the attached link as soon as possible.

Enrolment Form

We also have available every Wednesday our "Transition to School' programme.

'Stepping up - 'Upane'

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 - Upane' 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
Formal Routines
Fine Motor Skills

Developing Social Skills
Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills
Oral Language Skills

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

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 - Upane' transition pack and enrollment form.

WJSC would like to invite you to join us for....

SUMMER SOCCES KICK ABOUND

Westbrook School

Every Saturday from 23rd October-12th December

10am-11:30am



Coread.
westbropkjuniorsoccerns@gmail.com
if you have any quarter.

ROTORUA TENNIS CLUB JUNIORS at Manuka Crescent

Only \$70 for the season for juniors. This includes fun matches and games on Friday afternoons in terms 4 and 1 plus all the benefits of being a member. Entry to courts year-round, interclub, tournaments. Starts Friday October 22nd. Contact Jo 0212548434 or see our website https://clubspark.kiwi/RotoruaTennisClub or Rotorua Tennis Club Facebook Page.

Primary aged Friday 3.30-4.15

Intermediate and High School Friday 4.15-5.45

Professional Tennis Coaching with Justin Megraw on Wednesday and Thursday at extra cost. See website for details

https://www.no1tennis.co.nz/

Family and adult options also available for all abilities.





