

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

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

At the start of the term our senior leadership team comprising of Jennie McLaren (DP/SENCo), Wendy Falconer (Assistant Principal), and myself previewed the term ahead. Along with regular updates from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health we were able to keep staff, the Board of Trustees and our school community informed of advice that would keep us on the **Alert** in responding to the developments of COVID-19 spread.

We reminded our students, staff and community of hygiene practices that everyone could do;

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow.
- Putting used tissues in the bin.
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell.

Recently, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a **pandemic**, pushing the threat beyond the global health emergency it had announced in January. The New Zealand government has implemented strict measures to combat the spread of the virus and as a result of this action we have reviewed our pandemic procedures at school.

Our Pandemic Team consisting of the senior leadership team and Office Manager Julie have met to review and monitor what we do at Malfroy School in conjunction with regular advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

To date the following events and programmes have been cancelled;

- **2020 International SeaPerch Challenge:** This affects the AquaBot Team who had qualified for this event. We would like to acknowledge Helen Ramsdale, Jessica Wilkes, Jurnee Leonard & family, Tiana Dean & family, Cody Sinnott & family for their time and effort in fundraising and training for this event.
- **Pasifika Festival**: our group has been training for this event under the watchful eye of Whaea Awhina.
- **Sports Bay of Plenty events 17-20 March:** More details to follow next week for other events planned for the remainder of the term.
- Rotorua Touch Rugby competition: Final placings will be calculated and schools notified.
- Roots of Empathy: Mary Gordon, founder of this programme made the announcement on Tuesday.
   Malfroy School has been involved with this programme for 10 years, and had planned to deliver two programmes this year.

# Volunteers Wanted

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Do you like gardening? We are looking for volunteers to help with our school gardens tomorrow from 9.30am. Call in to the school and see Kevin our caretaker.

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The Ministry of Education has asked schools to assess their on-line learning capabilities in response to school closures. This is not an immediate concern, rather a 'worst-case' scenario where everyone is prepared for uncertain times ahead.

Similarly, school camps, assemblies and major events will go through a process of scrutiny to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, parents, caregivers and wider community are safeguarded.

In respect to the **senior camp (30 March - 3 April)** we are evaluating the risk factors with camp management. I have asked the senior team to check that all medical history of students, staff and parent helpers is collated in order to assess any risk factors and contingencies that will need to be put in place. Once we have completed this process we expect to inform everyone of an outcome by early next week.

#### Out and about at Malfroy School

I am pleased to report that life goes on at school and for our students that means they are happy to come to school, engage in the daily learning programmes, play with their friends during interval and lunchtimes. Staff, too, are at school early preparing for the day, some staying late in the afternoon to set up for the next day.

We have also welcomed current and new relieving teachers to Malfroy School. They have commented on how welcoming everyone is and how students have been well mannered and hard-working.

Please ensure your child is **attending school regularly**, and is **arriving on time**, unless they are unwell. Thank you!





The Junior Team are getting ready for their visit to Apumoana Marae last Friday. Thank you to the many parent helpers.

Mrs Ward reading a science article with Room 5 students.

Nga mihi!



This year, 10 students participated in the Sport BoP Top Schools at Rotorua Intermediate. There was lots of fun, and challenging activities that required them to work as a team. Well done to the team who came 3rd place for the Year 4, 5, & 6 category.

Team members: Patience, Johendrix, Sachin, Lukas B, Kahurangi, Manaia, Tawhiri, Michael, Diaz & Madyson.

Thank you to all our whanau who turned up to support our team!



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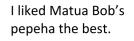


I liked the colouring in the most.





I liked seeing the gardens.







I liked Matua Bob's waiata the best.







The Junior School visited Apumoana Marae. Thank you Matua Iwi and Matua Bob for taking such great care of us and our learning. Also a warm thank you to all the parents who helped us on the day.



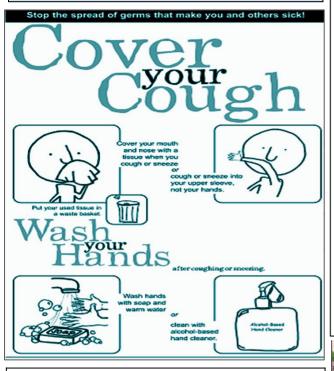


# NOTICES

#### **New Students**

Welcome to the following student and their family

Remaness- Room 1



#### **Flippaball Results**

Teams	Win/Loss	POD	
Dolphins	Win	Te Whaia	
Sharks	Win	Kirikowhai	

#### **Otonga Road Football Club**

Would you like to play Football this season? Registrations for the 2020 season are open and will close 29th March. Register online at



**Celebrating our** 

Check the weekly lunch menu with your child/ren. If they know what they would like before school, this would make it easy for the class teacher each morning. We will post a new menu on our school app each week, and in the newsletter.

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#### **Book Club**

Book Club issue 2 is here. Order online through scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or send the filled in form and payment back to the school. Orders close Friday April 3rd, so you have plenty of time to choose.

Library riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

### AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS Help us grow by beautifying your garden

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost, which source bulbs from New Zealand growers.

Some of the bulbs available for purchase are:



with payment to the school office not later than Friday 27th March. Delivery will be by: last week of Term 1.

Online payments are available - Online Bank details are ASB 12-3155-0228433-01 or pay at the office with cash or Eft-pos.



PASIFIKA 2020

and arts and crafts. Come along and celebrate with us and our pasifika communities based here in Rotorua.



www.sporty.co.nz/otongafootball.

Please note that last minute registrations will cost an extra of \$10 from the 23rd March.

All children are welcome from any School, you don't

have to attend Otonga School to play.

If you have any enquiries, please email:

OtongaRoadFC@gmail.com or call Clive 021 229 9191



## 2020 Springfield Golf Club offer

Ladies, Men, Young, Old, Mum's or Dad's ..

#### Do you want to play Ladies and Men's 9 Hole golf?

Tuesday mornings Start at 9 finished by lunchtime.

No experience required

Free 3 week starter pack includes.....

- Green fees
- Equipment

and very good company

Phone Hazel:3437667 or Kristine:3478461