



Principal's Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

21 May 2020

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

It was a special moment on Monday welcoming students, parents and caregivers back to school. Staff were pleased to see their students' smiley faces and gave them a warm greeting in return.



Ethan (Room 9) - I have been back at school for 3 weeks. I have had a lot of fun catching up with my friends. This week we have been doing arts and crafts. Today we have been creating a comic with captions. I enjoy doing maths because I have a lot of success.

Tawhiri (Room 16) - I have enjoyed returning to school, playing with my friends, and seeing Whaea Teina and Whaea Awhina. In learning we have focussed on maths, sentence structures and handwriting. I like maths because I have always been interested in numbers.

Kayla (Room 12) - I liked coming back to school because I caught up with my friends. We have been creating stories this week. My story is about mythical creatures such as dragons, elves, and unicorns. I am good at drawing and sketching animals too.

We will hear from Emily, Shadae and Ihaka next week.

Student Wellbeing and Learning Survey

We received the results of this recent survey that Year 4-8 students were invited to do by ERO. Malfroy was one of 75 schools in New Zealand to do the survey to capture the views and experiences of children and young people during COVID-19 lockdown. In particular, feedback about learning from home was of interest.

The following statements were scored highly with students and is worth acknowledging.

- I feel safe from coronavirus (COVID-19) while I am learning from home (Wellbeing)
- I have people that I live with who can help me with my learning at home (Learning)
- I have adults I can talk to if I am worried about something (Wellbeing)
- My bubble is doing well (Wellbeing)
- I know about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if I feel unwell (Wellbeing)
- I know how to contact my teacher if I need help or have a problem (Learning)
- My teachers are providing me with feedback that helps my learning (Learning)
- I have been able to learn at home (Learning)
- The learning materials and resources that my school have given me are useful and easy to use (Learning)
- I get to keep learning my favourite subjects while at home (Learning)

Physical Distancing



Junior playground at morning interval



Lunchtime outside Rooms 12 and 13

COVID-19 Alert Level 2 Signage



Side entrance next to staffroom



Side entrance next to Rooms 6 and 7

Important Reminders

Please update your **contact details** for school - Julie Calkin, our Office Manager, will be sending out requests for updating your details. If you have a new address and contact phone/mobile numbers we need to update our school records. Thank you!

Healthy School Lunches - We encourage all students to eat their free lunch or save what they cannot eat for a snack after school. Libelle (Food Provider) are making some changes to the menu and packaging which should appeal to all children. They are aware that the "one size fits all" (standard amount of food required for all year groups) does not work for younger and/or older children and are seeking a review of this from the Ministry of Education.

Fruit in class will start next week.

Thank you parents, caregivers and whanau for your tremendous effort in supporting your children with the home-based learning programmes during COVID-19 lock down. Teachers appreciated your contribution and feedback. We look forward to catching up with you at some stage during the next few weeks.

Nga mihi
Nicky Brell & Staff

'Stepping Up'— 'Upane'

The Malfroy School

New Entrant Student

Transition to School Programme

Every Wednesday from 1.30-2.45 p.m. 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 changeover 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 'Stepping Up' are:

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

'Stepping Up—Upane'

Happens every Wednesday afternoon of the school term in Room 1 or Room 7, with our New Entrant Teachers, **Whaea Raeleen** and Whaea Linda from 1.30-2.45p.m. at Malfroy School.

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 the transition to school when they do start.

If you have a child starting at Malfroy School this year, call into the Office and pick up a 'Stepping Up—Upane' transition pack and enrolment form.

Office Hours: 8.00-3.30 Mon-Fri.

Our Awesome Room 15

Here are some reasons why room 15 children are happy to be back at school



Kail - See my friends.
Julius - see my friends.
Violet - to do my work.
Te Maina - I miss you whaea.
Hinerangi - miss all the fun in our class with you Whaea.
Amber - I missed doing maths and homework.

We enjoy working collaboratively during writing time.



We all love doing maths.

Stories written by children

I tetahi ra i haere ahau ki te pāmu. I kite ahau he taniwha.
Na Kail.

Inanahi i haere ahau ki te pāmu. I kite ahau he ngeru. He ma te tae o te ngeru.
Na Hinerangi.

I tetahi ra i haere ahau ki te pāmu. I kite ahau te ngeru i runga i te tarakihana. He pango te tae o te ngeru.
Na Violet.

I tetahi ra i haere ahau ki te pāmu. I kite ahau i te nanakoti ma i rungā i te taraka. Ko ia te taraiwa.
Na Te Maina.

Message from the office

Welcome back to school, many of you may have changed your details over the past 8 weeks. Please can you inform the school office of these changes. You can email your new address or phone number to Julie at office@malfroy.school.nz

Lunches in School

Please check the weekly lunch menu on our Facebook page and the school app. If they know what they would like before school, this would make it easy for the class teacher each morning.

Road Safety Message

With school going back next week our roads will again become busy and all the associated road safety issues with it. Here are a few road safe practices in and around schools when driving and picking your child up from school. Stay safe.



IMPORTANT! School Devices

Please have all School devices and chargers returned to the school in the plastic bubble wrap and cardboard boxes they were sent in. They can be returned to the class teacher on Monday 25th May.
Thank you!



Malfroy School App

Please remember to change your child's classroom to ensure you get all the alerts



Westbrook Junior Soccer Club



We are accepting late registrations for soccer. If you are interested in playing for a team, email us their child's details on westbrookjuniorsoccernz@gmail.com. This will assist us with numbers and we can decide whether to proceed with registration pending what the safety precautions for soccer are.