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Principal's Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

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

Nau mai! Haere mai!

Welcome back to the final term for 2020. We hope everyone has enjoyed the 2-week holiday, had quality time with whanau/family and looking forward to finishing the year on a high note. What a year it's been! This term is short. Staff have planned a varied and exciting programme, so please ensure you are reading the weekly school newsletter (out each Thursday on the Malfroy School App, our school web page and FaceBook). There are important school and community events, EOTC activities and end-of-year reports for students. We would like to welcome new students and their whanau/families to our school. Your teachers and classmates are here to help you. Always ask if you are unsure of anything.



Photos courtesy of Carey Bennett will feature in our school newsletters this term

Pre-enrolments for Year 1 students 2021, 2022 and 2023

This is an important reminder that we require a pre-enrolment form to be completed next week for any pre-school child intending to enrol at Malfroy School next year, through to 2023. The purpose of this requirement is to help us plan ahead our class numbers over the next few years.

We have an increasing number of Year 1 pre-enrolments already, so we would like to plan with some assurance that we have space for any roll growth we may encounter. Please see Julie our Office Manager for a pre-enrolment form if you require one. Thank you.



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Reminders for COVID-19 Alert Level 1

Border Control - Controls at the borders remain for those entering New Zealand. This includes health screening and testing for all arrivals, and mandatory 14 day managed isolation or quarantine.

If you're sick - Staying at home if you're sick is especially important at Alert Level 1. The risk of COVID-19 being spread in the community is much greater when there are no restrictions on gatherings or going out.

Get a test if you are sick - If you have cold or flu symptoms, stay home and call your GP or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 to see if you need a test.

Hygiene routines - Keep up good hand washing practices, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and drying thoroughly. Cough and sneeze into your elbow. Keep surfaces clean.

Face covering - Continuing good habits with face coverings will keep you and others safe, even at Alert Level 1 when it's no longer compulsory.

Keeping track of where you've been and who you've seen - At Alert Level 1, there is still a risk of COVID-19 returning to the community. We encourage you to continue tracking where you've been and who you've seen to help with contact tracing, if required.

Keep your distance - COVID-19 is contained at Alert Level 1, but it's still worthwhile to keep a safe distance from people you don't know while out and about. This will help to minimise the spread of COVID-19 if community transmission returns.



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Important Reminders

Thursday 15 October - New Zealand **"Shake-Out Day"**

Friday 16 October - **"Pink Shirt Day"**, EOTC Museum Visit Room 1

Saturday 17 October - New Zealand General Elections. Malfroy School Hall is a designated venue for voting.

Monday 19 October - Board of Trustees Meeting starts at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Thursday 22 October - School Assembly starts at 1.45pm. All are welcome.

Friday 23 October - Teachers Only Day. We appreciate your support in arranging supervision for your child on this day. Support staff will also be at school preparing teaching and learning resources.

Monday 26 October - Labour Day (no school).

Attendance Update

Please ensure if your child is absent from school you text or call the school office. If we do not hear from you, your child will be marked truant. Thank you!

We will be reporting to the Board next Monday the school attendance data for the year to date. In next week's newsletter we will share this information with you.

Breakfast Club

Staff are now serving breakfast from the school hall from 8.30am. This week has been busy with many students making the most of a nutritious breakfast before starting their day in class. Thank you to our support staff who are managing the Breakfast Club.

Nga mihi

Nicky Brell & Staff

Room 8 has been learning about Our Solar System.

Astronaut Lift Off

I am going to the space station. When I'm in the space suit I will feel nervous and puffy. I will see the planets and the moon. I will hear the count down and the flames burning.

Flying to your destination

I will see the space station and stars, moon and all other sorts of stuff. And I can hear my buddy talking and the rocket falling off. I will feel happy and excited.

The landing

I will feel amazed and interested, and proud. The space station has many materials and space suits. The space station has many staff members fixing the space station.

By: Andrei



I want to tell you how I remember the order of the planets, so it goes: **My Very Evil Mother Just Swatted Uncles Nose.**

Kayla.



Mars
red, rocky
warming, drying,
cracking
planet, rock, ice,
clouds
turning, raining,
watering blue, cold

Uranus by Zari

Today we are going to space and we are going to discover new species and other stuff. When we get in the spaceship and the spaceship is on, I would feel excited and nervous.

When we are at our destination, I would hear a very loud landing noise and the shaking would stop. Now, we would go outside and I would see big craters and rocks and also some moon dust. I would be floating easily with more space and I would see the pretty stars, some nebula and the galaxy. I will have a brilliant time out in space.

By Akemi



MARS is clearly visible this week, low in the Eastern sky. Look out towards Rotorua Airport, just before dark. Mars is the closest to Earth it will be, for at least 15 more years!

School Photos

These have arrived and have been sent home with your child. Please check their school bag, if you have not received them.

Welcome to our news students

Alex Grey - Room 12



Hockey Results - Grade Results

Team	Win/Loss	Player of the day
Mini	2nd Place	Indera-Lee
Maxi	4th Place	Wharemiria

'Stepping up - 'Upane'

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

'Stepping Up - Upane'

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- Upane' transition pack and enrollment form.



A great start to the week with Duffy Theatre coming in on Monday. Our students all enjoyed the wonderful show.



Gymnastics

Our junior classes had a great time on Monday learning a few gymnastics routines. Most students if you ask them what their favourite was, would say 'the trampoline'. It was a big hit for all of them.



In the holidays



On Monday the 1st week of the holidays I went up North. When I went over the Auckland harbour bridge, I was scared, because cars and trucks were flying over the bridge. We were on the drive for 9.30 hours but we stopped as well.
On Tuesday we went fishing and ate chips and chicken.
On Wednesday I went to Cape Reinga and touched the lighthouse. It was windy when we were by the lighthouse. When we went back to the car it was not windy anymore.
On Thursday we went back to the pub and had lunch. We went back to Auckland and we ate subway and went to bed.
Friday we went back to Rotorua.

By Nicholas - Room 12