



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

This week we enrolled our 50th new student at Malfroy School. It certainly has been a remarkable start to the first term with everyone getting to know each other and making new friends.

The following photos capture some of the events and activities that highlight the importance of welcoming new students and whanau/families to our school, as well as getting involved in school-wide activities



In Week 2 a special welcome (Powhiri) was held to greet new students, staff and whanau.



The senior team garden monitors began weeding the vege garden in anticipation for planting early next month. Can you spare two hours a week to help?



Malfroy Masters played Owhata



Team talk with coach Kylie



Shaking hands with Otonga

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## Progress and Achievement 2020

At the end of 2020 we reported the following results of student achievements for all year groups.

### Mainstream/Montessori Classes Rms 1-14

**Reading** - 147 students out of 232 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for their age group. This was 63% of all students.

**Writing** - 168 students out of 233 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for their age group. This was 72% of all students.

**Maths** - 155 students out of 233 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for their age group. This was 65% of all students.

### Rumaki Classes Rm 15 and 16

**Panui** (Reading) - 21 students out of 27 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for their age group. This was 78% of all students in Rumaki classes.

**Tuhituhi** (Writing) - 20 students out of 27 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for age group. This was 74% of all students.

**Pangarau** (Maths) - 22 students out of 26 students achieved At and Above the expected curriculum level for age group. This was 85% of all students.

During the first term of this year all students will be assessed and new targets with specific learning goals set according to their curriculum level for their age group. Mid-year achievement discussion meetings will be held at the end of term two. If you have any queries during the year please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

### Important Reminders

**Tuesday 2 March - The Reading Together** programme should not be missed. If you want to learn how to help your child with their learning at home find out by attending this meeting which will be held in the school library with Tessa Threadgill, starting at 3.15pm

**Wednesday 3 March - Top School** will be held at Rotorua Intermediate starting at 4.00pm. Malfroy School came third last year against some strong competition.

**Thursday 4 March - Whanau Hui** is held each term in the staffroom starting at 5.00pm. Teachers report on the progress of students in the Rumaki classes (Rooms 15 and 16). However all parents and caregivers are invited because we also discuss school-wide matters of interest.

**Friday 5 March - Whanau Breakfast** held in the school hall each term starting at 7.45am. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a hearty breakfast with your children, meet the staff and Board of Trustees.

### Next week - Why is Attendance and Engagement so important?

Nga mihi

Nicky Brell & Staff

### '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    Developing Social Skills  
Formal Routines    Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills  
Fine Motor 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. 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.



# Junior Montessori Room 14

A big hello from Room 14.  
Kia ora!



We've had a great start to Term 1.

A Blue Dwarf planet!

## Read and Feed:

Last week we were lucky enough to transform our classroom. We had to collaborate and cooperate together to create tents. We made huge huts. It was so much fun!



We are reading books and eating popcorn

# Notices

Welcome to our new students and their families -

- Room 1- Kaleigha, Laila
- Room 5 - Kimarley
- Room 12 - Maarama, Stevie-Rae
- Room 8 - Marama and Room 9 - Shanaiah

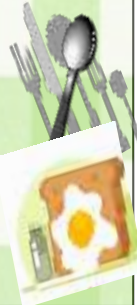


## Whanau Breakfast

**Term 1 Whanau Breakfast  
Friday 5th March @ 7.45am**

Our first whanau breakfast for 2021. Come along with the family, meet the staff and other parents and enjoy a nice healthy breakfast to start the day.

It is a gold coin donation per person.



## Whanau Hui

**Naumai, Haere Mai  
Term 1 Whanau Hui  
Thursday 4th March @ 5pm**

Kia Ora Whanau

We have our first whanau hui next week and we would like to see all of our old and new whanau come along to our hui. You will be given very important information about your tamariki and their learning environment.

We look forward to seeing at least 1 representative from your whanau, please bring a plate so that we can share together and eat together.



### 'READING TOGETHER'

Parents & Caregivers—this is for you!

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  
4 one hour sessions on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday 2 March, 3.15pm-4.15pm, crèche available

Comments by previous participants:

- "She's more confident & keen to read." "I'm more patient now."
- "He's gone up 2 reading levels." "We don't get frustrated anymore."
- "All parents should do it!" "He can't wait to read to me now."
- "I can help him to work out the hard words now."

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



## 新年快樂

Happy New Year!  
xīn nián kuài lè!



Last week the ESOL students made dragon lanterns for Chinese New Year.

## Garden Art Festival Sale

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2021  
SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021  
10AM TO 4PM

ALL PROFITS FOR  
**LIFE EDUCATION**  
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**\$5.00**  
Per Person

Come support Life Education and Local Artists

For more information, you can find us on  
Eventfinda or Life Ed Rotorua Facebook page.

All proceeds go directly to Life Education Trust  
Rotorua Area.



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### MindPlus Rotorua Unit Information Evening

When:

- Wednesday 3rd March, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Where:

- MindPlus classroom (Kaitao Intermediate)

What:

- Meet your child's MindPlus teacher
- Share information about your child
- Learn about the MindPlus curriculum and programs
- Question and answer time
- Tea/coffee



Come check out Rotorua's long established swim club with a free session.

We have partnerships with several local swim schools to deliver a comprehensive swimming pathway in Rotorua.

We now also offer sessions for adults starting in March.

Don't wait – call NOW!!!!

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