

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

Thank you to our students, parents, caregivers and whanau for supporting class and school-wide programmes and events this term. The staff have also made a massive commitment to planning and organising programmes and events that match the needs of all learners.





Junior Athletics held on Tuesday



Attendance and engagement is a school priority that we believe is critical for children to achieve success with their learning goals. When children are attending school regularly, arriving at school on time and are actively engaged with their learning, they are more likely to achieve their learning goals, as well as become more motivated.

The term has been enjoyable because everyone is working together to achieve the best outcomes for every student. We have enrolled 61 new students so far this year, all of whom have settled into their classes and made friends.

All classes have been involved with an EOTC activity (Education Outside the Classroom), attended a 'school show' (Drumming), and participated in the 'Life Education' programme. The Whanau Breakfast, Whanau Hui and Mini-gala/Talent Quest gave us the opportunity to greet and meet as a school community.



The Mini-gala and Talent Quest were well supported by the school community.

School Holidays

Next week is the start of the school holidays. School starts on Monday 3rd May.

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Staff have been involved with professional learning opportunities throughout the term. Digital Fluency, Maths, Literacy, First Aid, 'Zones of Regulation', and Learner Agency have featured.

Victoria Macann (Facilitator for Digital Fluency) summed up our school this term when she noted after working with teachers and students in all classrooms;

"There is a great feel at Malfroy School. I understand classes can get busy and kids are kids but there was always a feeling of respect and calm. That's really enjoyable for me to be a small part of. Kudos to the teachers for establishing those structures in their classes.

I was impressed with all the teachers I was working with today; all of them had taken what we learnt in the content session and applied it to their classes. Giving it a go with digital technology is really key for successful PLD and it's already off to a great start.

The students have great manners! I had doors opened for me, please and thank you when asking me for help, and one student even pulled the chair out beside him so I could sit down. Small things which make a huge difference when you're visiting lots of schools.

Just a small bit of feedback to say keep up the great work. After the staff meeting I knew I would have a good time at Malfroy and it's off to a fantastic start."



Seniors students joined other local schools at a Rotorua Lakes Council community feedback meeting. They were asked to share ideas and thoughts for the following questions; What I love about my community; Things I love about Rotorua; Things that need improving; Anything else you want to tell us?

Staffing updates

We welcome the return of Jan Brown who is supporting individual students in class. Raeleen Walker-Hulme (Room 14 teacher/Junior Team leader) is on medical leave after having knee surgery. Stacey Ward is relieving in Room 14 this week and in the first two weeks of Term Two.

Important updates

Term Two dates - School starts 3 May to 9 July (10 weeks). Friday 7 May - Rotorua Mini-marathon. Thursday/Friday 6-7 May - Room 16 and Room 8 EOTC Marakai.

Nga mihi Nicky Brell & staff

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Junior School Athletics

Junior School Athletics managed to get underway with not a drop of rain to hinder our fun. The children all enjoyed their morning doing their various activities to encourage participation and effort! Well done to all who came to support.











EVOLOCITY:

The Year 7 students (and one year 6) from the Montessori class, are involved in the Bay of Plenty Evolocity competition 2021... This involves building an electric go-kart and competing in a series of events. They also complete an engineering journal of their progress, problems, plans and processes. On Saturday 10th April (build day) they spent nearly 5 hours at the Toi Ohomai workshop getting started (which looked a lot like pulling things apart) and learning many new skills...

And the chassis is nearly complete. Go TEAM LIGHTNING (Reda, Amelia and Ihaka)! Ihaka - "I learnt how to use a jigsaw!"

Amelia - "Cutting was hard, but I enjoyed it (and seeing friends)." Reda - "I learnt a lot of stuff like how to use different sorts of tools and how to measure properly."

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