



# Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MR SCOTT JENKINS



### PPTA Industrial Action

Further to my email out to parents on Monday, we have heard very little from the groups negotiating the teachers' collective agreement. I am hopeful that this is good news and that progress is being made. At this point, we have not heard that the industrial action will or will not continue from 1 June. Unfortunately, there was a Year 12 group scheduled to be rostered home on 1 June from the original timeline that we were given from the PPTA.

We will inform parents as soon as we are notified, but I need to signal now that this may happen with very little notice. I am sure that everybody has their fingers crossed that the Ministry of Education and the PPTA can come to a positive resolution.

In yesterday's assembly, I spoke to our student body about a number of school expectations.

### Uniform

The first of these was uniform. Our students have been doing a great job of wearing their uniform with pride when they are at school and we have collected very few non-uniform items. One area that can be improved is the wearing of long trousers. Our uniform policy currently allows for senior students to wear long black dress trousers. We are currently allowing our juniors to also wear the dress trousers as cold doesn't care how old you are! However, we are starting to see some tracksuit pants and cargo pants creep in, mostly from junior students. These won't be allowed, and if students wish to wear long trousers they must follow the lead of the senior students, wearing the correct uniform. These can be purchased at Harry's Menswear if people are unsure.

### Senior School Ball

Our Senior school ball will be held on **Saturday 19 August** in our PAC. During the assembly I reinforced the expectations required for those who wish to attend. Each Year 12 or 13 student will need to have a minimum 80% attendance record for the year. This does not include medical absences. They will also have to have a positive pastoral record. I gave this advance notice so that those students who might not have quite reached those levels yet have plenty of time to work towards this. This also gives people a chance to start saving towards the Ball. While our tickets will be very reasonably priced in comparison to other balls in our region, the real cost comes with hiring outfits, make-up and all the accessories that come with this event. A number of schools have either stopped their balls or held them midweek due to the risk of poor behaviour. I would be loathe to see this occur, as for

a rural school I recognise that such an event is just as much for parents, grandparents and our wider community. With this in mind, parents should now be giving thought to what that evening might look like for their children and how this might be done responsibly and safely. I should make clear now that our school will not support or be connected with any after-ball activity.

### Leadership Positions

I reminded our Year 12 students that as well as introducing some new leadership roles this year that we will also review the timing and selection process for these roles. This will see our 2024 student leaders being selected at the end of next term. For our current Year 12s, now is the time to step up and show their leadership qualities through service to the school and our community. My message to them was not to expect a role without putting in the hard work now.

## GYMNASTICS SUCCESS



Congratulations to **Sabrina Chong and Mia Abapo** who competed at Gymnastics NZ Midlands Championships last weekend at Hamilton City Gymnastics Club. Sabrina Step 9 and Mia Step 6, took first place in their respective divisions, winning the title of Midlands Champion 2023.

## RECENT SPORTS RESULTS

### Football

Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI won 5 - 3 vs HBHS Sen Boys  
Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI won 5 - 3 vs Te Aroha College Sen Girls  
Jun Boys drew 4 - 4 vs Cambridge HS Jun Boys  
Jun Girls lost 16 - 0 vs Hauraki Plains College Jun Girls

### Lacrosse

Boys won 15-14 vs Cambridge HS  
Girls Prem lost vs St Peter's School 2-22  
Development team lost vs Rototuna HS 4-9

### Rugby

1<sup>st</sup> XV won 20-15 vs Tokoroa HS 1st XV  
U15 lost 0-57 vs St John's College Blue

### Netball

Open A lost vs HGHS Forsyth 9-26  
Junior Prem won vs Nga Taiatea Wharekura Tau 31-27  
Junior Development won vs HGHS Mene 22-20.

**Netball Reps**

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected for representative netball teams:

- Thames Valley U14: Georgia Mills, Samantha Leigh
- Thames Valley U16: Monique Ball, Zoe Aitchison, Kayley McMillan and Brittney Hart

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school cross country event was held last week with the following results:

- Junior Girls – 1st Samantha Leigh, 2nd Delta Downing, 3rd Georgia Mills
- Junior Boys – 1st Santi Bernardo, 2nd Cole McMahan-Graham, 3rd Jayden Dobson
- Intermediate Girls – 1st Kayley McMillan, 2nd Sabrina Chong, 3rd Brittany Hart
- Intermediate Boys – 1st Kyle Pratt, 2nd Matt Gordon, 3rd Ren Ueno
- Senior Girls – 1st Kali Craig, 2nd Ryleigh McAra, 3rd Kaelyn Gibberd
- Senior Boys – 1st Amiri van Essen, 2nd Wiremu van Essen, 3rd Connor O’Meara.

**House Points**

1st Campbell 312, 2nd Studholme 254, 3rd Alexandra 252, 4th Lincoln 170.



**FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR BRUCE FORSYTH**



**School Mid-Year Reports**

Students’ mid-year reports will be made available to parents and students on our KAMAR portal on **Wednesday 14 June**.

**Parent Interviews**

Mid-year reports will be followed on **Wednesday 21 June** by parent interviews. As we did last year, these will be held in A-Block, B-Block and the Library. A

map will be available and our Head Students will be on duty to assist parents to find classrooms. Teachers will make themselves available from 1pm-7pm to enable parents to meet with their son’s/daughter’s teachers and learning coach at a time which suits parents.

On **Wednesday 21 June, school will finish at 12.15pm** for all students to accommodate the interviews. We will work the first three periods of the day only. Parents will need to make arrangements for their sons/daughters to go home at this time. For students who have to catch buses, these will continue to be available at the normal time, from 3.10pm, so parents will need to arrange for their kids to either be collected or go to a friend’s house until they return to school to catch the bus.

To book a six-minute interview with each teacher, please book online by going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> enter the Event Code **qa7ea** then follow the instructions to complete your bookings.

The interview slots are eight minutes long to allow you two minutes to move between interviews, which will often involve moving from room to room.

**FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR NILESH PRASAD**



**Cars at School**

At assembly yesterday, we reminded our senior students that bringing a car to school is a privilege and comes with a number of responsibilities. Any student who brings a car must first get a Car Pass through the school Office, signed by their parents. They were also reminded that they cannot use their car as a lunch base or a storage locker. We have encouraged our local Police to keep an eye on our younger drivers and today at lunchtime they gave out a number of traffic infringement notices to those students trying to carry passengers on restricted licences. While many of our drivers are doing so responsibly, we will keep encouraging the Police to carry on with their vigilance for everybody’s safety.

**NCEA Information Evening**

On Monday evening we held a very successful NCEA Information Evening. It was attended by about 25 families and was presented by an NZQA representative. They gave out explanations of the current NCEA system. If anyone has any questions around NCEA or their students’ current NCEA situation, they are very welcome to contact their year level academic dean or myself.

**COMING EVENTS**

Friday 26 May	Year 13 – Waikato Uni Open Day
Thursday 1 June	Year 12 potential rostering home - PPTA
Thursday 1 June	e-PRO8 Challenge
Friday 2 June	Talent Quest
Monday 5 June	King’s Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 7 June	Student Council Meeting – lunchtime
Wed 7 – Sat 10 June	Duke of Edinburgh trip
Thursday 8 June	Waikato SS Cross Country
Sun 11 – Mon 12 June	Waikato Careers Expo - Claudelands
Thursday 15 June	Girls in High Viz Careers Event
Friday 23 June	Tough Guy & Gal Event

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