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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MR SCOTT JENKINS



Staff Changes Term 3

Mrs Jackie Driver has been appointed to a position in Ashburton where she will be able to be closer to her family and her grandchildren. **Mrs Cath Spindler** has been appointed in her place as LAL Agriculture. Mrs Driver has been with us for six-and-a-half years and has helped establish Agri-Business at the College as well as spending many hours supporting the school farm. We wish her well.

Mr Jason Morgan has been appointed as a teacher of Science for the rest of the year. He takes over from **Mrs Kylie Gread** and we are grateful for her support at a time when it is exceedingly difficult to find New Zealand-trained Science teachers. We are lucky to be able to appoint such an experienced Science teacher in her place.

Miss Emily Lory is about to finish her maternity leave position as **Ms Charlotte Osborne** returns to us in Term 3. We are lucky that we are able to hold on to Miss Lory for one more term as she will be assisting us with our Numeracy and Literacy NCEA Level 1 students.

Mrs Keiko Sasanuma will be taking a sabbatical next term as she returns to Japan to visit her family whom she has not seen since before the Covid outbreak. In her place we are very lucky to have **Ms Madoka Shinshi** who has been teaching recently in Japan.

PPTA Industrial Action

Further to my email out to parents on Wednesday evening, we are very happy to have all of our students back at school yesterday with attendance well over the 80% level. It will now take some time for the arbitration process to be carried out between the Government and PPTA. We are not expecting to hear of an outcome until well into Term 3. It is our hope that there will be no return to the disruptive industrial action.

Curriculum Review Survey

Thank you to those parents and students who have completed the Curriculum Survey that was sent out recently. Each of the parents, students and staff received a different survey to complete so that we might collect information around what each of the groups would like to see developed in our school curriculum over the next five years. The Curriculum Survey is the

first important step in this process and is a chance for everybody to have a voice around what they would like to see taught at Morrinsville College. To date we have had good student and staff feedback and would like to encourage our parents to join the conversation. If you have lost the email you can carry out the survey through the link supplied below. <https://forms.gle/95meijCBy9nAJE2s5>. To add an incentive, we will be giving out two vouchers for each of our two main surveys. These will be selected from businesses within our town that do such a good job to support our College.

Parent Teacher Afternoon

It was good to see a significant number of parents involved in discussions with their students' teachers on Wednesday afternoon. I would encourage those discussions to continue and our teachers are available via email or through our school Office if parents would like to make an appointment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH WINTER TRAMP

From 7 to 10 June, 15 of our students and staff embarked on a combined gold/bronze adventure on a tramp through the upper and lower Kaimai Forest Park as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The trip was a tremendous success, filled with perfect winter weather, great students and enthusiastic staff who truly embraced the challenges and joys of the experience. There four days of challenging hiking across a variety of terrain.

Overall, this Duke of Edinburgh tramp was an incredible experience for everyone involved. The perfect winter weather, combined with the enthusiasm and resilience of our students, made it a trip to remember. We are proud of the students' achievements and grateful for their positive attitudes throughout the journey.

Anyone in Year 10-13 can be a part of the Duke of Edinburgh group. Come and see Mr Duncan if you want more information.



SCHOOL MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

“Tiroro whakamuri, Kōkiri whakamua” Look back and reflect so you can move forward.

A letter has been sent to parents describing the plans and preparations for this celebration. Our school’s celebration will take place on Wednesday 28 June during hub and Period 1 (9am – 10am). The ceremony will begin in the A block quad. Students are asked to bring a small plate of kai to share.. This is a non-uniform day and all students are encouraged to bring an item to donate to the local food bank.

MATARIKI SHOWCASE

As part of our Matariki celebrations we are holding a Matariki Showcase featuring our talented Arts students. Performances will be held in our Performing Arts Centre on **Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June, starting at 7pm.** Limited tickets at \$15 per person are available and are by door sales only. Don’t miss this showcase featuring our exceptionally talent students.

RECENT SPORTS RESULTS

Hockey

Boys won 2-1 against Hauraki Plains College 2nd XI
Girls won by default against Diocesan Gold

Netball

Open A lost against The Ruks Sapphires 28-29
Junior Premier won against Hauraki Plains College 10A 28-21
Junior Development won against Rototuna HS 10 Aces 21-17

Rugby

1st XV lost against St Peter’s 2nd XV 20-21
Under 15 lost against Rototuna HS Under 15 10-48

Lacrosse

Premier Girls lost to Hillcrest HS 3-18
Premier Girls won against Matamata College 8-3
Development Girls lost against St Peter’s Blue 5-15

WaiBOP Secondary Schools’ Cross Country

Year 9 Girls: Samantha Leigh 16th; Delta Downing 23rd;
Georgia Mills 38th
4th Overall Year 9 3-Person Team

Year 9 Boys: Santi Bernardo 24th
Under 16 Girls: Kayley McMillan 11th
Under 16 Boys: Mathew Gordon 16th



COMING EVENTS

Friday 23 June	Tough Guy & Gal Event
Tue 27 – Thu 29 June	Matariki and the Arts Showcase \$15.
Friday 30 June	End of Term 2
Friday 14 July	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday
Monday 17 July	Beginning of Term 3
Saturday 19 August	Senior School Ball, PAC

