



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



Welcome back to Term 2, which promises to be a very busy period with winter sport starting. Term 2 begins with an academic focus as many of our senior classes prepare for NCEA assessments and our Year 10 students prepare for the NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams from 19-30 May. Winter also brings with it illnesses and I would encourage parents to be vigilant with this and to keep in contact with our Office staff in order that they are able to use the right attendance codes.

ANZAC Day

As they do each year, our head students spoke at the Civic Ceremony at Howie Park on behalf of our school and the young people of Morrinsville. Jakob and Pearla did a superb job, and I was very proud of their efforts in front of a well-attended community service. It was also great to see a few other present and past students who were involved in the ceremony or attending with their families. Our two deputy head students laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of our school.

Jakob and Pearla repeated their speeches to our ANZAC student assembly on Wednesday and Ella and Lucas read out the list of the 28 students who were killed in World War II. With some excellent research from our Librarian/archivist Mrs. Angela Peters, our students were able to also provide information on the age of each person, where they were buried and which part of the armed forces they belonged to. Many of these young men were only barely older than our Year 13 students and they were buried across a wide variety of places that covered four different continents. I wish to acknowledge Mr Kerry Diamond from the Morrinsville RSA and Paul Hendra from the RSA Poppy Trust who presented two books to our head students to be placed in our school library.



New Staff

New teachers welcomed this term:

Mr Richard Collette - teacher of English/ESOL and Art

Mr. Brian Killen – teacher of science in place of Mrs. Kobie Jobert that is on a term sabbatical.

1st XV Australian Rugby Tour





Our 1st XV rugby players recently travelled to Australia having a great experience building towards this coming rugby season and a bit of sight-seeing. These players have been fundraising since the end of last year doing silage stacks all over the Morrinsville area. Playing games against Gold Coast Eagles & Helensvale Hogs gave our team great experience playing a different style of rugby as a good pre-season build up to the competition back home.

The sight-seeing kept the boys busy between games with visits to Dreamworld & Movie World, catching an NRL and Super Rugby games and laying a wreath at the Currumbin Anzac dawn service attended by more than 15,000 people. Big thanks go to Robert Watson, Lynette Wing, coach Barry Rhodes, Kay Gregan - travel agent & Ms Ross for helping to put the tour together.

A big thank you to Greenline buses for ensuring that the players, management team and supporters were transported safely to and from Auckland Airport. We are very lucky to be able to travel with a locally own and operated bus company. Thank you, Neville, for the safe return of our Australian Rugby team.



Athletics Success – North Island Secondary Athletics – Porrit Stadium

A massive shout out to Saskia Dewhurst, Samantha Leigh, and Hanno Oosthuizen for their awesome efforts and standout performances – even with some wet weather. We are super proud of you all.

Saskia Dewhurst

3rd in the 300m
7th in the 800m

Samantha Leigh

16th in the 1500m
10th in the 3000m

Hanno Oosthuizen

4th in shot Put



Parent Interviews

Our parent interviews have now been scheduled for **Tuesday 10 June from 3.30 pm to 7pm**. An email will be sent out at the start of June with your child's updated interim report and with details on how to book interviews.

Year 8 Enrolment Evening

This is advanced notice that our Year 8 enrolment tours will go ahead on **Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th June, both from 4.30pm through to 6.30pm**.

Years 10 & 11 NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams

As we approach Week 4 of Term 2, we are gearing up for a significant milestone in the academic journey of our students, the new NCEA Co-Requisite Numeracy and Literacy Assessment. The CAAs are scheduled for Week 4 for all Year 10 students and Week 5 for senior students (years 11-12) who do not yet meet the Literacy and Numeracy requirements for NCEA. This assessment is extremely important because without the Literacy and Numeracy requirements, students will not be able to attain an NCEA qualification. Those current Year 11 students who passed last year as a Year 10 will not have to do it this year as they have already gained the qualification. Some students may have only passed some of the three standards required and will therefore sit only the standards they still need to achieve.

To ensure that our students are well-prepared for this assessment, we are reaching out to parents and guardians for their valuable support. Encouraging your child to dedicate time to study and practice, providing a conducive environment for learning at home, and helping where needed can significantly contribute to their success. In anticipation of the Co-Requisite Numeracy Literacy Assessment, our dedicated teachers are providing resources and guidance within the classroom setting. From targeted practice exercises to comprehensive review sessions, they are committed to supporting every student in reaching their full potential. The timetable for the week will be communicated through school notices next week.

Winter Sports

The winter sports season is now upon us with netball kicking off last night with 15 netball teams this year. There are some pre-season games for various codes this weekend, however, most officially start the following weekend. Basketball begins next week with

games throughout the week. There will be many parents involved as managers, coaches, transporters and supporters and I want to thank you all ahead of time for all your efforts. Having our young people out doing things with their peers is one of the best learning and mental health drivers that there are. I also want to acknowledge those of our staff who get involved each winter to support the students they teach in their classroom. This year we are fielding many more sports teams, and this is a great sign for the growth and culture of our school.

COMING EVENTS

Mon 5 May	Victoria University Wellington Presentation Lunchtime A2
Tues 6–Friday 10 May	Taniwharau Leadership Course
Wed 14 May	BOT Meeting
12th-15th May	Drama Production “When Sun and Moon Collide”
Friday 16 May	Pink Shirt Mufti-Day
Mon 19-Fri 30 May	CAA Assessments
Friday 23 May	School Cross Country
Monday 2 June	King’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 3 June	Year 8-Enrolments 4.30pm to 6.30pm.
Thursday 5 June	Year 8 Enrolments 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 June	Parent Teacher Interviews 1-7 pm
Mon16-Wed18 June	EPRO8 Challenge
Friday 20 June	MATARIKI-Holiday
Tue 24-Thurs 26 June	Arts Showcase
Frid 27 June	Term 2 ENDS



HIGHLIGHTS FROM the Australian Rugby Tour

