



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



We have entered into possibly the busiest time of the school year. On Wednesday we hosted Rotorua Lakes in our annual sports exchange. This was a fantastic event involving a large number of staff and students (we have included the results below). This weekend we have the school Ball and this is followed by senior exam week. Following this in Week 7 we have Tournament Week which is the highlight of

the winter sporting calendar. This year we have five teams going to national tournaments across a range of sports. This is the most teams that we have ever had participating in the tournament week and it reflects a drive to keep our students active and participating alongside their peers.

This morning in their learning hubs, we asked our students to undertake the Sport Waikato Rangitahi Survey to help us collect data on their physical activities in school and out of school. This will be compared to other schools across our region and nationally. Last year this was valuable to show us where our students were most active and also highlight any barriers they felt stopped them participating in physical activity of any kind in their day-to-day life. It has helped us inform our decision-making this year

Student Council Workday

I remind parents that our annual Student Council Workday will be held on **Monday 28 August**. Our students are fundraising this year to re-equip our canteen. Student voice that has been collected by our Student Council has asked for a new range of food to be offered and this year workday money will be used to purchase air fryers and a range of equipment to make this happen. The Student Council hopes that all of our students will be able to find a job on Monday 28 August so that they can raise at least \$25 to contribute to their fundraising efforts and give something back to the school for future students to enjoy. This is a student-initiated and a

student-led action that really fits the school motto of 'Being of Service to Others'.

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDING MEMBER – MRS NGAIRE TE AHU



Board Resignation

The Board has recently received the resignation of Mr Chris Wright. Mr Wright has been on the Board since 2015, and we thank him for his very good service to our Board in the interests of all of our students. We have advertised in *Your Morrinsville News* to select an existing co-opted Board member to an elected position

and this can be objected to within 28 days of the advertisement being placed by writing to the Board Presiding Member.

Rotorua Lakes Sports Exchange

We were very pleased to host our annual sports exchange with Rotorua Lakes High School on Wednesday this week. Results were as follows:

Netball: Junior A 22-9; Senior A 0-3.

Basketball: Junior Boys 51-58; Senior Boys 46-38; Girls' Mixed 37-39.

Football: Girls' 1st XI 3-1; Boys' 1st XI 0-6

Hockey: Girls' 1st XI 6-4; Boys' 1st XI 3-8.

Lakes 15 points; MC 13 points. This means that Rotorua Lakes won the day and took home the taonga that was created by their 2022 Head Boy to hold until we visit them next year.

Year 10 Camps

During Weeks 8 and 9 (5-13 September), we will be holding our traditional Year 10 camps in the Kauaeranga Valley. These were postponed after the cyclone events during Term 1. At the time, the Valley was damaged to the point where we did not believe the environment was safe for our students. We have since sent a team to investigate the area and the repairs to the tracks. While there will be a modified programme that has been developed to

accommodate the changes to the Valley, we are satisfied that the environment is now safe to conduct most of the activities. We have also sent a group of students and staff to train recently as part of our Health and Safety preparations. We strongly encourage those who have not returned their permission slips to do so, and for those who are a little nervous around attending, to talk to their teachers about this.

Outward Bound

Jessica Leigh of Year 12 was selected as this year's recipient of a fully-funded 21-day Outward Bound challenge, held at Anakiwa in June. Jessica joined 13 other students from the Waikato for the Waikato Waiora programme. Jessica showed great leadership within her group. Activities included tramping, solo, orienteering, sailing, high ropes course and team building. A thank-you evening attended by Jessica and Mrs Thomas acknowledged the many sponsors of the programme who made this experience available for our students.



Equestrian

Three of our students competed at the recent St Peter's Show Jumping Competition last Sunday. They all rode amazing and represented their school well. **Hunter Johnston** rode *Billie*, **Jasmine Neeld** on *Boris* and **Tyla Gotty** on *Oliver*



College Cuisine

What an exciting and very successful year we have had in Home Economics. We held six College Cuisine nights where students catered amazing foods, with many of the 70 guests stating that they rated the food as being as good as some of the best restaurants in and around town. This year, the assessment introduced students to various aspects of menu development.

This is a perfect example of hands-on learning as our students are assessed in employment-ready situations. They created a restaurant concept and developed a menu appropriate to the theme. Students utilised industry-specific mathematics to cost menus and analyse a variety of menu styles.



Thanks to all the people who came to support our students by dining at the restaurant. The feedback has been great and will be used to come up with even better food next year. Thanks also to Mrs Esther Gwengo and Ms Kimberley Snowden, our Home Economics teachers, for their wonderful guidance and support and also to Mrs Margaret Findsen for her help with organising the food.

Te Puaawaitanga Hangi

In a similar approach to the College Cuisine assessment restaurant evenings, last week our Te Puaawaitanga students put down a hangi to feed their peers and their Kaiako. This was using the cultural context of a hangi to fulfil the requirements of a class assessment. All of the team involved had to plan around the hangi, organise the food, and were all there at 4am as they prepared the hangi site. Sometimes in the media we see people questioning the work ethic of our young people. However, I would challenge those same people to have been there early that morning as those young men and the staff involved showed what our young people can do when given the opportunity. The food was magnificent and it is a great way to show manaakitanga and respect for one's peers.



SPORTS RESULTS

Week 4

Football

Boys' 1st XI vs Raglan Senior Boys won 3-2
 Girls' 1st XI v Huntly College Senior Girls won 3-0
 Junior Girls vs Thames Valley Junior Girls lost 0-1
 Junior Boys vs Waihi College Junior Boys lost 1-3

Hockey

Girls' 1st XI vs Cambridge HS won their semi-final 5-0
 Boys' 1st XI vs Te Awamutu Collete lost 0-3.

Netball - Saturday

Open A vs The Ruks Sapphire won 39-10
 Junior Prem vs Waikato Diocesan Prem lost 18-40
 Junior Development vs Sacred Heart Girls' College 10A drew 25 all.

Rugby

1st XV vs Putaruru High School won 20-5.

Lacrosse

Boys vs Te Awamutu College won 12-5.

Jameelah Warner-Morris won the Most Improved Player for Hamilton City U18B Rep Team. Congratulations Jameelah.

Cole Graham won the Sportsman Award for Hamilton City U17 Men's Rep Team. Well done Cole.

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR NILESH PRASAD



Senior Practice Examinations

Senior practice examinations will take place next week (21–25 August). The examination timetable has been emailed to students, their parents/caregivers, uploaded to the school website and a copy is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please look carefully at the venue for your exams as we are using H4 and H5 classrooms for some exam slots this year as well. **If there are any exam clashes, please**

see Ms Keightley in the school Office to organise an alternative time to do the exam. All equipment brought to the examination room must be in a clear plastic bag. The contents of the bag will include pens (blue and black are the permitted colours), pencils, erasers, and approved calculators. Any other materials (mobile phone (switched off), other electronic devices, keys, money, mask, bus passes and medicines) should be brought in a separate clear sealed bag and should not be touched or opened without the supervisor's permission. Students are permitted to bring a clear transparent water bottle (with no labelling) into the examination room. **Students must line up in the canteen area or outside H4 and H5 at least 20 minutes before the examination starts.**

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 19 August	Senior School Ball, PAC
Mon 21 – Fri 25 August	Senior practice exams
Monday 28 August	Student Council Workday
Mon 28 Aug – Fri 1 Sept	Tournament Week
Tue 5 – Sat 9 September	Year 10 Camp 1
Sat 9 – Wed 13 September	Year 10 Camp 2
Mon 11 September	No school for All Year 10s
Wednesday 13 September	BOT Meeting
Thursday 14 September	No school Year 10 (Camp 2)
Wednesday 20 September	Speech Finals', Library 6.30pm
Thursday 21 September	Dance Showcase, PAC
Friday 22 September	Matamata Cultural Exchange
Friday 22 September	End of Term 3
Monday 9 October	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 18 October	Cultural Prizegiving
Monday 23 October	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 24 October	Sports Prizegiving
Wednesday 1 November	Senior Prizegiving
Monday 6 November	NCEA Exams begin



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2023 SENIOR PRACTICE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE – WEEK 6 (21 AUGUST TO 25 AUGUST)

Time	Monday 21 August	Venue	Tuesday 22 August	Venue	Wednesday 23 August	Venue	Thursday 24 August	Venue	Friday 25 August	Venue
Morning Session										
9am -10am	12 AGR	H4	11ENG	PAC	11ACC	PAC	11HIS	PAC	11SCI	PAC
	13AGR	H4	12GEO	H4/H5	12ENG	PAC	12PHY	PAC	12ECO	PAC
	13PHY	H5	13HEC	PAC	13HIS	H4	13ENG	PAC	13MAC	PAC
	13DTM	T1	13DTW	T3	13ECO	H5	12DTW	T3	13DAN	H2
10am – 11am	12 AGR	H4	11ENG	PAC	11ACC	PAC	11HIS	PAC	11SCI	PAC
	13AGR	H4	12GEO	H4/H5	12ENG	PAC	12PHY	PAC	12ECO	PAC
	13PHY	H5	13HEC	PAC	13HIS	H4	13ENG	PAC	13MAC	PAC
	13DTM	T1	13DTW	T3	13ECO	H5	12DTW	T3	13DAN	H2
11am – 12pm	13PHY	H5	11ENG	PAC	11ACC	PAC	11HIS	PAC	11SCI	PAC
			12GEO	H4/H5	12ENG	PAC	12PHY	PAC	12ECO	PAC
			13HEC	PAC	13HIS	H4	13ENG	PAC	13MAC	PAC
					13ECO	H5			13DAN	H2
				11DTM	T1					
Afternoon Session										
1pm – 2pm	11GEO	PAC	13GEO	PAC	13BIO	PAC	11MAT	PAC	11HEC	PAC
	13AGB	PAC	12MAS	PAC	13ACC	PAC	13CHE	PAC	12HIS	PAC
	13CLS	PAC	12MAC	PAC	12CHE	PAC	12HEC	H4/H5	13MAS	PAC
	12BIO	PAC	11ECO	PAC	11AGR	PAC			12ACC	PAC
11DTW	T3			11ELE	C10			12ELE	C10	
2pm – 3pm	11GEO	PAC	13GEO	PAC	13BIO	PAC	11MAT	PAC	11HEC	PAC
	13AGB	PAC	12MAS	PAC	13ACC	PAC	13CHE	PAC	12HIS	PAC
	13CLS	PAC	12MAC	PAC	12CHE	PAC	12HEC	H4/H5	13MAS	PAC
	12BIO	PAC	11ECO	PAC	11AGR	PAC			12ACC	PAC
11DTW	T3			11ELE	C10			12ELE	C10	
3pm – 4pm	11GEO	PAC	13GEO	PAC	13BIO	PAC	11MAT	PAC	11HEC	PAC
	13AGB	PAC	11ECO	PAC	13ACC	PAC	13CHE	PAC	12HIS	PAC
	13CLS	PAC			12CHE	PAC	12HEC	H4/H5	13MAS	PAC
	12BIO	PAC			11AGR	PAC			12ACC	PAC

1. If a student has an exam clash, they must see Ms Keightley in the student office to arrange an alternative time before Wednesday 21 September.

2. A clash or Scholarship exam can be sat in any of the free exam slots that a student might have.