



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



As we wind down to what has been a very successful term, I was extremely disappointed to find that on Monday of this week we had three student fights. While schools tend to avoid negative coverage, I don't think that we should avoid discussing issues such as this publicly. It has resulted in one young person being removed from this school and several being sent home for the rest of

the term. This may appear harsh on the surface, however we must do what is required to provide a safe space for our students and staff. One of the issues that came along with these incidents was the fact that a number of our students were very quick to pull out their cellphones. This desperate need by our young people to record and post to social media rather than to be part of the solution frustrates me greatly and, I suspect, also many parents out there. In fact, this social media culture of our society greatly encourages such behaviour as people seek notoriety and entertainment at the expense of others. As I walked around our school today and observed our students settled in class and enjoying each-other's company with no drama in sight at lunchtime, it occurred to me that nobody ever posts about the positive things in schools which is 99% of the time, but instead feed on the negative 'click-bait' that serves as entertainment. It upsets me greatly that the story of our school appears to be told by a couple of social media posts rather than the wide range of successes that actually occur every day from your sons and daughters. On Wednesday, I expressed these very thoughts to our Year 9 and 10 girls where this behaviour seems to sit currently. Next term, we will be surveying parents' thoughts around exactly where they believe the role of cellphones sits within a modern secondary school.

AMOKURA 2023

Earlier this week we undertook a nomination and then an interview process to appoint our Amokura student leaders for



2023. There is no doubt that our school is doing an excellent job in developing young leaders at all levels, including in Te Puaawaitanga. Our Amokura leaders are: **Toihau Wilson, Sarah Watene, Karl Haddock, Maperata Ratcliffe and Rhiannon Hampton**. We congratulate them and know that they will do their whaanau proud in their leadership role this year.

TEACHER-ONLY DAY

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, I am here notifying parents that our school will be closed on **Monday 24 April** to enable a Ministry-approved Accord teacher-only day to go ahead to allow our teachers time to work on things like the new Literacy and Numeracy NCEA standards, implementing Te Maatauranga and also localised curriculum, including the New Zealand Histories Curriculum which will come into force from next year. This day is a national entitlement for teachers and not discretionary. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their students on this day. We have coordinated with the schools in the Morrinsville Kaahui Ako to have the Accord day at the same time to minimize disruption for parents.

ANZAC Day

As they do each year by invitation, on ANZAC Day our Head Girl and Head Boy, Prasheema Sharma and Alex Khanal will represent the youth of our Morrinsville district by laying a wreath and delivering addresses to the community at the ANZAC service to be held at the Cenotaph in Morrinsville on **Tuesday 25 April**. At this stage, details around the timing of the event have not been confirmed.

Student-Led Assembly

On Wednesday we held our first student-led assembly since before Covid hit. Our student leaders did a fantastic job from the start to the finish. It included presentations from all of our Arts, Sports and Spirit leaders who advertised the many events they have planned for our students next term. It included presentations from our SADD Committee and from the Duke of Edinburgh members. There was a great performance from our

kapa haka roopu which has grown in size significantly this year. This was all well-led by our Head Students as the MCs. We look forward to a student-led assembly each term as the year progresses.

Staffing Changes

Today we farewelled Mrs Wilma Gray who has been our Canteen Manager for 21 years. She is retiring after giving strong service to our school over a long period of time. Her replacement is Mrs Christa Oosthuizen who will begin next term.

We also farewelled Mrs Palvi Sharma who is moving to a position in Melbourne to be close to her family. She will be replaced by Mr Ravinesh Kumar who will also begin at the start of Term 2. Mr Brian Killen has finished his fixed-term position and will be replaced by Mrs Kylie Gread. Mrs Patricia Bevins has also finished her fixed-term maternity leave position as Ms Nikki Paton returns next term after the birth of her son.

FROM THE BOARD'S PRESIDING MEMBER – MRS NGAIRE TE AHU



We have been notified by the Ministry of Education that there will be a Public Consultation Meeting to discuss the introduction of enrolment zones to selected schools in the Morrinsville town area which includes Morrinsville College. This comes about for us as our roll continues to climb and we in turn place pressure on the Ministry for more classrooms. This will be a very contentious discussion with significant impact for the future of schools in our town. While we have already given some very direct feedback to the Ministry, we have agreed to host this meeting in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 17 May at 6pm for the various schools and parents to hear what the Ministry has to say. I encourage all of those interested parents, and in particular future parents, to come along.

SPORTS SUCCESSES

TOUCH RUGBY REGIONALS

Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Mixed Touch teams who competed in the Waikato Secondary Schools' Touch Regionals last week. Our Junior Mixed team won all of their games and took out 1st place in their division and our Senior Mixed team came 3rd. Results were as follows:

Junior Mixed: won against Hillcrest HS 9-1, won against Ngaruawahia HS 9-1, won against Hillcrest HS 8-3, won against Te Wharekura o Maniapoto 11-0 and won against Hillcrest HS 6-3 in the final.



Junior Mixed Touch Team



Senior Mixed Touch Team

Senior Mixed: lost to Tokoroa 2-4, won against Hillcrest HS 10-0, lost to Fraser HS 3-7, won against Hauraki Plains College 6-4. 4-2 v Tokoroa.

ATHLETICS

Thames Valley Zones – Top 10 Finishes

Junior Girls

Delta Downing – 6th 300m, 7th 800m

Samantha Leigh – 2nd 1500m, 2nd 3000m, 8th Triple Jump

KT Hards – 4th High Jump

Megan Mitchell – 3rd Shot Put, 4th Discus, 4th Javelin.

Intermediate Girls

Sofia Bonnar, 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m

Sabrina Chong – 2nd Triple Jump, 4th Long Jump, 7th 400m

Kayley McMillan – 3rd 1500m, 7th Triple Jump

Monique Ball – 5th High Jump

Kate van Vliet - 4th Shot Put, 10th Discus

Jessica Leigh – 1st Javelin, 10th Shot Put

5th – 4 x 100m Relay

Senior Girls

Teeka Randell – 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st 400m

Kaelyn Gibberd – 2nd Triple Jump, 5th 400m, 7th 200m

Kail Craig – 2nd 800m, 4th 1500m

Jameelah Warner-Morris – 1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump

Ryleigh McAra – 4th Triple Jump

Ayla Davie- 3rd 800m, 7th Shot Put

1st – 4 x 100m Relay

Junior Boys

Ethan Beatson – 3rd 100m, 6th 200m

Lachlan Gee – 2nd 300m

Hamish Dewhurst – 6th 300m

Santi Bernardo – 2nd 1500m, 6th 800m, 6th Triple Jump

Cole Graham – 6th 1500m, 6th High Jump, 8th 800m

Hanno Oosthuizen – 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus, 2nd High Jump

6th – 4 x 100m Relay

Intermediate Boys

Cody Beatson – 3rd 100m

Alex Dewhurst – 5th 200m, 10th Discus

Tom Hornsey – 4th 800m, 5th 400m

Mathew Gordon – 3rd 3000m, 6th 800m

Alex Harris – 2nd 3000m, 10th Shot Put

Manjot Banga – 8th High Jump

3rd – 4 x 100m Relay

Senior Boys

Nathan McQuoid – 1st 200m, 3rd 100m, 9th Long Jump
 Jay-r Abais – 2nd 100m, 2nd Javelin, 6th Triple Jump
 Kaleb Cook – 5th 400m, 5th 800m
 Carter Mikkelsen – 3rd Long Jump, 4th High Jump
 Karl Haddock – 4th Triple Jump, 4th Javelin
 Bryant van Kessel – 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put
 1st – 4 x 100m Relay

WaiBOP Athletics – Top 10 Finishes**Junior Girls**

Samantha Leigh – 6th 3000m, 10th 1500m
 Megan Mitchell – 7th Shot Put, 8th Discus

Intermediate Girls

Kayley McMillan – 7th 1500, 9th 3000m
 Sabrina Chong – 2nd Triple Jump
 Jessica Leigh – 10th Javelin

Senior Girls

Teeka Randell – 1st 200m
 Jameelah Warner-Morris – 5th High Jump, 6th Long Jump

Junior Boys

Hanno Oosthuizen – 6th Discus, 9th High Jump, 10th Shot Put

Intermediate Boys

Alex Harris – 10th 3000m

Senior Boys

Nathan McQuoid – 7th 200m
 Carter Mikkelsen - 10th Long Jump
 Bryant van Kessel – 5th Discus
 Jay-r Abais – 4th Javelin

SWIMMING

Thames Valley Swimming Results – Top 10 Finishes

Senior Girls Champion

Ayla Davie

Combined School Results

Morrinsville 4th

Junior Girls

Backstroke – 9th Hayley Thompson, 10th Delta Downing
 Breaststroke – 8th Camryn Bootten
 Freestyle – 9th Delta Downing
 Breaststroke – 100m 5th Delta Downing

Intermediate Girls

100M IM – 4th Rylee Davie
 Breaststroke – 4th Jordyn Bell, 9th Kayley McMillan,
 10th Sabrina Chong
 Freestyle 100m – 1st Rylee Davie
 Butterfly 50m – 6th Rylee Davie, 7th Jordyn Bell
 Freestyle 50m – 3rd Jordyn Bell

Senior Girls

Backstroke – 1st Ayla Davie
 100M – 1st Ayla Davie, 3rd Brooke Bell
 Breaststroke – 3rd Alla Wynen, 4th Tessa Nicholson, 5th
 Jameelah Warner- Morris
 Butterfly 50m – 1st Brooke Bell
 Butterfly 100m – 1st Brooke Bell

Junior Boys

Backstroke – 4th Alex Watson, 8th Hamish Dewhurst
 Breaststroke – 5th Kyle Edwards, 7th Alex Watson

Intermediate Boys

Breaststroke – 4th Alex Harris
 Freestyle 100m – 5th Alex Harris
 Freestyle 50m – 2nd Alex Harris

Senior Boys

100M – 2nd Matt Bruin
 Butterfly 50m – 2nd Matt Bruin

PTA Market Day Fundraiser

Mrs Kylie Williams, Chairperson of the PTA is working with other parents to organise the first fundraiser of the year. This will involve a market day to be held at the front of our school along the Alexandra Avenue entrance early next term on Sunday 30 April from 9am to 1pm. We encourage people to come along and support the PTA in what will be a fun day out. *See poster at the end of this newsletter.*

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR BRUCE FORSYTH**School Attendance**

We ask parents and caregivers to please ensure that they notify the school Office about students' general absences, holidays taken in-term and students leaving school to attend another school. The Ministry of Education requires that our student database is kept up-to-date.

**COMING EVENTS**

Thursday 6 April	End Term 1
Monday 24 April	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Start of Term 2
Sunday 30 April	Market Day, 9am – 1pm
Wednesday 17 May	Zoning Meeting, PAC, 6pm

**Morrinsville PTA
College Market
Day**

**Sunday,
30th April 9 am – 1 pm**

**Goodies, bargains and fun for everyone!
18 Alexandra Ave, Morrinsville**

Enquires to marketday@morrcoll.school.nz or (07) 889 8308