



Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR JOHN INGER



ERO Visit

On Wednesday this week we were very pleased to hold a powhiri welcome for Ms Nikki Pooley, who is our new ERO evaluation partner. Over the last three months, she has been unable to come on-site during the time of the Red traffic light and so during this time she has been collecting and synthesising an enormous amount of information about the school which we have been sending through to her. Her visit on Wednesday was very successful as we discussed with and showed her how we are implementing our key strategic priorities. She was able to attend a junior assembly and meet with the Board Chair, SLT and a group of students, all of whom she said she was very impressed with. She will be returning to look at more aspects of our school culture and the way we do things around here in the next two or three months, after which a profile will be written about our school to go on the ERO website. Ms Pooley will continue to be involved with our school over the next few years at least.

Mask-Wearing Indoors

Late this morning the Board Chair, Mrs Ngaire Te Ahu, sent out an important email re the Board's mask-wearing requirements from next Monday 23 May. I hope that all parents read this special newsletter very carefully.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Lacrosse Selection

We are very proud of our Head Girl Lydia Hayden, who, on top of her selection for the NZBLAX Women's Lacrosse Squad, has now been selected for the New Zealand Under 18 Girls' Development Team which will travel to Adelaide, Australia, to play in the Lacrosse Australia Under 18 National Championships in July. Lydia is a very strong defense player who works very hard to improve her game and who shines in all of her games.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to Deputy Head Boy Ashton Rogers and to Ayla Davie of Year 12 who recently competed in the New Zealand Swimming Division II Championships which were held in Dunedin. Both students swam in the 16-18-year-old age group, which had the largest number of swimmers out of all of the age groups for both young men and women. The level of competition in swimming in New Zealand is extremely high, so any top 10 placing is very creditable. Ashton finished 8th in all of the 100m butterfly, 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle events, and he was 9th in the 400m freestyle. Ayla finished 6th in the 800m freestyle. Their results in their other events were also not far behind top 10 placings. Congratulations to both students.



OTHER RECENT SPORTING RESULTS

Basketball

Last week, all five of our school's basketball teams played extremely well to achieve victories. The previous week both our Junior Boys and Senior Girls had losses.

Hockey

1st XI Boys won against St Paul's 3rd XI 6-0
1st XI Girls won against HGHS 3rd XI 1-0.

Rugby

Under 15 won 24-12 against Cambridge High School Under 15.
1st XV had a bye.

Netball

Open A
7 May lost 25-37 against HGHS
14 May lost 20-28 against Hui Hui Kotahi
Senior A lost 14-44 against Nga Taiatea Wharekura Prem
Junior Prem lost 7-43 against Nga Taiatea Wharekura 10
Junior Development lost 15-19 against Sacred Heart GC.

Lacrosse

Prem Girls lost 3-10 to Te Awamutu Prem, which is a very good side. Development Team lost 1-11 to Matamata College. Boys won 16-3 against Hamilton BHS Junior Team.

Football

Senior Boys' XI won against HBHS Senior Boys' 4-3. Our 1st XI boys had a 4-3 win over HBHS. This was a tight game with our boys showing some solid defence when it really counted and having a slight edge on attack.

Senior Girls' XI won against Te Aroha Senior Girls 8-0. Our 1st XI girls kicked off their season with an 8-0 win over Te Aroha College. There was some very good combination play in the attacking third and a good defensive effort produced a pleasing result. Olivia Day scored 6 goals and Agustina Rojas 2.

Junior Girls' XI drew against Waikato Dio Junior 1-1. Our Junior girls had a 1-1 draw against Waikato Dio Juniors. Our girls showed great spirit and team work and were unlucky not to win their game.

Our Junior boys had a very good 8-4 win and were too strong for Hauraki Plains College Juniors.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Tramp 2022 – Whirinaki Forest Park

Excitement was very evident for seven of our Morrinsville College students and two staff who from Thursday to Saturday last week completed a Silver Duke of Edinburgh 3-day trek. This started with a three-hour drive to Whirinaki Forest Park (two hours south of Rotorua). Our group then walked to the Central Whirinaki Hut where they spent their first night. The following day they tramped to the Mangamate Hut via a loop track. On their third day they then tramped back to the starting point. Whirinaki is one of the best remaining examples of a lowland podocarp forest in New Zealand. This was a moderately-challenging trek and a great introduction to backcountry tramping. Our students were treated with superb weather, beautiful views, our endangered native whio (blue duck) and fantastic company. They had a great time, and it was also neat to meet up with another DOE group made up from students from around the country.

The next DOE adventure is a one-night tramp coming up from 10-11 June, which will provide some winter fun! This tramp is open to anyone in Years 10-13.

Many thanks to Mr Mike Duncan for organising and leading the Duke of Edinburgh programme, and to Miss Megan Chambers who is a great support person and who also went on the most recent tramp.

Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment

Four of our young women from Year 10, Natasha Wilson, Zoe Rolgaski, Brooke Janmaat and Morgan Bootten, recently attended the Regional Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment held at Lakewood Lodge, Rangiriri. RYPEN is aimed at Year 10 students who have shown qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity, leadership and application in everyday life, and who deserve further development and guidance. The principal aim is to communicate a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically. All four of our students reported that they had a wonderful time and that there was considerable personal growth for them.

John Inger

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24 May	Central Zone Cross Country Champs
Thursday 26 May	Waikato Swimming Champs
Friday 27 May	Waikato University Open Day
Mon 30 May – Thu 3 June	Solo Music Performances
Wednesday 1 June	School Cross Country Champs
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 8 June	Wai/BOP Cross Country Champs
Sun 12-Mon 13 June	Waikato Careers Expo - Claudelands
Tue 14 – Wed 15 June	Year 8 Enrolment Tours
Wednesday 15 June	BOT Meeting
Tue 21- Wed 22 June	Year 8 Enrolment Tours
Wednesday 22 June	Mid-Year Reports Published
Friday 24 June	Matariki Holiday
Friday 8 July	Term 2 ends

