



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

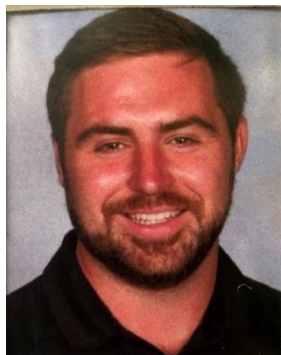
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MR SCOTT JENKINS



It has been a hectic end to the term which finished today with the annual cultural exchange with Matamata College. This was a fitting way to end the term where our students have taken every opportunity to shine outside of the classroom with EOTC, through sports, through the Arts and through cultural activities.

Academically, the pressure now comes on as we approach the end-of-year and the external NCEA examinations. I want to acknowledge our Year 11 cohort whose academic tracking is significantly ahead of previous cohorts and whose results are shaping well. Year 12 students still have a long way to progress, however we need to accept that this term is the first unbroken term that this cohort has had in their entire secondary school career. A number of our Year 13s are currently in the midst of applying for, or hearing back from course applications to various tertiary institutes or for various scholarships. I want to wish everybody a relaxing holiday break. The start of next term will be once again very busy with three prizegivings.



Secondary Schools' Rugby Coach Award

We were very proud to hear that Thomas Pilkinton was named as the Kukri Secondary School Coach of the Year at the recent Gallagher 2023 Waikato Rugby Awards' evening held in Hamilton earlier this week. Thomas has proven himself to be a highly-engaging coach for our young men who have played with passion all year under his tutorledge. The Tournament Week performances

will be one that the team remembers for a long time.

Year 9 Curriculum Change

I wish to thank all of those students, parents and staff who contributed to the curriculum survey that we put out at the beginning of this term. The information has been invaluable as we shape our learning and curriculum models going forward. The second part of the survey was to help shape our timetable for 2024. However, we are still waiting to hear around some key points such as assessment periods for the new NCEA Level 1 standards for next year. As such, we have decided that it would be short-sighted to comprehensively change our timetable structure without this information and run the risk of having to turn around and change it once again in the middle of next year. Therefore we have parked that survey until this time next year when our teachers will be more familiar with the practical aspects of the new standards and when NZQA will have published more information.

The one change that we can push forward with using the curriculum survey information from families is to change one option line for our Year 9 students to incorporate more lifeskills that they will need to navigate further education and jobs going forward. This was a key finding from the survey. Our Year 9 students have three option lines and one is currently a compulsory technology line. This will be replaced to allow our Year 9s to keep their other current options. It will be replaced by four compulsory one-term modules (20 periods in total) that will have the following:

- One term of Digital Literacy – this will include current basic emailing and folder development, as well as key lessons around online safety
- One term of Financial Literacy – this will include the everyday basics that students need to be independent with their financial thinking from creating a budget to compound interest
- One term of Te Ao Maaori – this will build upon the excellent work from our contributing schools and the work being currently developed through our Morrinsville Kahui Ako
- One term of Health and Wellbeing – these will be extra health lessons that will allow our Year 9 students to use all of their three PE lessons to get out and be physical.

We will review these late next year with our timetable survey.

Enrolment Zone Information

As previously advertised, our formal enrolment application advertisement will go out on 5 October for those students wishing to enrol at Morrinsville College who are out-of-zone. If people wish to do this earlier they can get a physical copy of the document from the school Office. It is also now linked to our digital enrolment form. It will also be placed on our school website before 5 October.

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDING MEMBER



Welcome to Board Member

At our September Board meeting we welcomed Mr Marcus Taupo Senior who was co-opted to the Board of Trustees. Marcus has been a Board member at Morrinsville School for many years and brings with him a wealth of knowledge.

Board of Trustee Mid-Term Elections

Board of Trustees’ nominations are now open for 2 positions on the Board. All eligible parent voters have been emailed the nomination documents and these are also available from the school Office or from our website. If you are interested in joining our Board, please contact Board Presiding Member Mrs Ngaire-Te Ahu, email: ngaire.teahu@gmail.com or contact the Returning Officer, Grace Martin, email: grace-martin@morrncoll.school.nz. Nominations close on **Wednesday 11 October at 12 noon.**

Speech Finals

Our annual Speech Finals were held on Wednesday. As always there was a high level of speech-making. We would like to thank our judges for the evening, Mrs Jacqui Fitzgerald, Mr John Inger and Mr Murray Feast. Results were as follows:

Year 9: Anessa Ginever *“Under Pressure”*

Year 10: Christina Parajuli *“Time”*

Year 11: Rita Bhandari *“Gun Laws”*

Senior: Alecx Khanal *“Expectations”*.

Runner-up – Kaelyn Gibberd *“Expectations – we’ve all got them”*

Student Council Workday

The final count for our Student Council Workday fundraiser was \$6,760. This year the Student Council plan to enable our school canteen to provide a greater variety of food for our students by providing some more appliances to produce more and different types of food for our students.

Waikato Secondary Schools’ 5-A-Side Tournament

Our 1st X1 Girls’ Football team enjoyed a successful day at the Waikato Secondary Schools’ 5-a-side Tournament at Jansen Park on Saturday, 16 September. Both teams entered their finals being undefeated in their group matches. Morrinsville College Gold won the Senior Girls’ Composite 1 competition in fine style by winning their final 2-1 against Otorohanga. Morrinsville College Blue lost 0-2 to Te Awamutu in their Senior Girls’ Composite final. Te Awamutu are this year’s Senior Girls’ Division 2 winners, and our team drew 1 all with them in group play.

The competition concluded an enjoyable season for the 1st X1 Girls’ team which finished second in Division 3, and only had one loss during the season. The team finished with a positive goal difference of 27 goals.

COMING EVENTS

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| Monday 9 October | Start of Term 4 |
| Wednesday 11 October | BOT Meeting, 7pm |
| Wednesday 11 October | Shave for a Cure |
| Wednesday 18 October | Cultural Prizegiving |
| Monday 23 October | Labour Day Holiday |
| Tuesday 24 October | Sports Prizegiving |
| Fri 27 – Sat 28 October | DOE Bronze Trip |
| Wednesday 1 November | Last Day for Seniors |
| Wednesday 1 November | Senior Prizegiving |
| Monday 6 November | NCEA Exams begin |
| Wednesday 8 November | BOT Meeting, 7pm |
| Mon 13 – Fri 17 November | POET Year 9 Camps |
| Tuesday 28 November | Year 13 Graduation Dinner |
| Fri 1 – Tue 5 December | DOE Gold Trip |
| Thu 7 – Fri 8 December | Electives |
| Tuesday 12 December | Junior Prizegiving |
| Wednesday 13 December | Teacher-Only Day |
| Wednesday 13 December | BOT Meeting 6pm |

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