



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS**



**Year 10 Camp**

This week our first group of Year 10 students have been in the Kauaeranga Valley attending our traditional Year 10 camp. The weather has been excellent and feedback from staff in the valley has been very positive. Our students have been pushing themselves outside their comfort zone and experiencing activities that they might otherwise never attempt, which is the whole purpose of education outside the

classroom. Tomorrow’s second group will be departing school at 10am and while the weather might be a bit showery for Saturday, the long-term forecast is positive. **A reminder that Monday 25 March is camp crossover day and that all Year 10 students are not required at school which allows Camp 1 students to have a rest day and catch up on sleep.**

**Cellphones**

Thank you to those students and parents who completed our school survey around the Government mandated ‘Away For A Day’ cellphone ban. We have made some changes from this feedback and all of the information around the completed phone procedures will be emailed out at the end of next week and will be discussed with our student body at our next assembly on Wednesday 3 April as we come back after Easter. As already indicated, this will begin on Day 1 of next term.

**NCEA Achievement Report**

As we do each year, Mr Prasad has completed a report on our 2023 NCEA achievement data. This has been presented to our Board of Trustees and is also available for our families to see. We have attached the report to the end of this newsletter. This is not something that all schools do, but we are proud of our academic achievement and how this has grown over the last few years.

**Computer Network Upgrade**

Next week, beginning Monday 25 March, Network 4 Learning will be upgrading our computer network infrastructure. This will mean

that some areas of our school computer network will be down as they complete the work. For our parents this will mean that they may not be able to easily ring through to our school office, especially on Monday. However, our office will still be checking all phone messages and emails. This will also mean that our students should not rely on using Eftpos at the school canteen next week and should bring cash as a back-up.

**Parent Interviews**

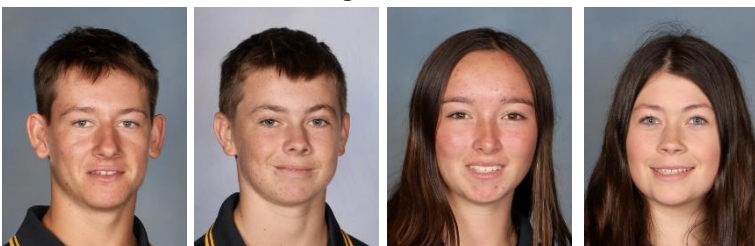
Our first parent interviews for the year will be held on **Wednesday 3 April**. Booking for these interviews will open on **Wednesday 27 March** and an email with booking instructions will be sent out to all parents and caregivers on that day. This will also have information on how parents will be able to access their students’ reports which will be available on Wednesday 27 March.

**SPORTS RESULTS**

We have included all of our current sports results since the last newsletter. As I read the results I am again reminded of the wide range of sporting opportunities that our students are involved in and that they are offered. It also highlights the talent and depth of our athletes and the level that they are able to compete at in little old Morrinsville. It is a clear message that you do not have to go to a city school to compete amongst the best in the country.

**Waikato Lacrosse Representatives:**

Congratulations to **Alex Harris (Co-Captain), Blake Mikkelsen, Jessica Leigh** and **Paige Nicholls** who have been selected in the Waikato Under 18 Lacrosse team to play in the Australian National Tournament over Easter. Good luck to the players and team as they represent Waikato and Morrinsville College.



## Equestrian

Hunter Johnston riding Jake, Tyla Gotty on Oliver and Jasmine Neeld on Boris, represented Morrinsville College against 23 Secondary Schools at the Interschools Showjumping recently and competed again last week at the Pegasus Cup Event.



## Moto-X

Our Moto-x team had a successful day in Te Kuiti with a small hand full of students as they competed in the MotoX racing event. **Chase Hooker** and **Peyton Chambers** are pictured below in the thick of the action.



## Morrinsville College Octathlon Results

It was great to see very high levels of participation for our school octathlon event. Not only does this help introduce our new students to the culture of our school, it also enables our student leaders to develop their leadership capabilities as they guide around their House students throughout the day. Results were as follows:

### Junior Girls

1st Amara Murti, 2nd Faith Whittaker, 3rd Saskia Dewhurst

### Junior Boys

1st = Kent Latto and Joshua Muller

3rd = Quinn Jackson, Jack Wells and Kingston Wellington-Mirko Dixon

### Intermediate Girls

1st Sabrina Chong, 2nd = Megan Mitchell and Sofia Bonnar

### Intermediate Boys

1st Jono Waetford, 2nd= Kyle Pratt and Hanno Oosthuizen

### Senior Girls

1st Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker, 2nd Jessica Leigh, 3rd Monique Ball

### Senior Boys

1st Alex Dewhurst, 2nd Jay-r Abais, 3rd Jayden van Kessel

### House Points

1st Campbell, 2nd Alexandra, 3rd Studholme, 4th Lincoln.

## Thames Valley Zone Athletics

### Junior Girls

Amara Murti 2nd 200m, 1st 100m, 1st Triple-Jump; Saskia Dewhurst 2nd 800m, 3rd 300m; Faith Whittaker 4th 100m, 7th High-Jump, 2nd Long-Jump; Willow McLeod 6th Discus, 11th Long-Jump; 2nd 4x100m Relay.

### Intermediate Girls

Kayley McMillan 1st 3000m, 2nd 1500m; Sofia Bonnar 1st 200m, 3rd 100m; Delta Downing 17th 200m, 9th 800m, 5th 400m; Samantha Leigh 2nd 800m, 3rd 1500m; Megan Mitchell 3rd Shotput, 9th Discus, 6th Javelin; Amy Timu 9th Shotput, 3rd Discus; Sabrina Chong 3rd Javelin, 3rd Long-Jump, 2nd Triple-Jump; 5th 4x100m Relay.

### Senior Girls

Monique Ball 6th 100m, 7th Shotput, 2nd High-Jump; Kate van Vliet 6th Shotput; Jessica Leigh 1st Javelin, 6th Triple-Jump

### Junior Boys

Alex Maddever 3rd 300m, 9th 1500m, 8th Shotput; Corey Sherwood 6th Long-Jump

### Intermediate Boys

Mathew Gordon 4th 3000m; Ethan Beatson 8th 200m, 4th 100m; Jono Waetford 11th 200m, 12th Long-Jump; Kyle Pratt 8th 100m, 6th High Jump, 6th Long-Jump, 4th Triple-Jump; Hanno Oosthuizen 1st Shotput, 3rd High-Jump, 5th Triple-Jump; Jayden Wing Discus; 6th 4x100m Relay.

### Senior Boys

Alex Dewhurst 1st 400m, 4th 100m, 5th Discus; Jay-r Abais 1st Javelin, 3rd Long-Jump; Rico Dare 3rd Javelin, 7th Long-Jump; 3rd 4x100m Relay.

## Thames Valley Swimming Championships

13 & Under Men, Max Cryer 1st - 60 points

14-15 Women, Rylee Davie 3rd - 54 points

16 & Over Women, Risa Onda 3rd - 55 points

16 & Over Men, Alex Harris 3rd - 53 points

Combined School Results, Morrinsville 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Junior Girls

Saskia Dewhurst 11th 50m Backstroke, 8th 50m Breaststroke, 13th 50m Freestyle; Lola Sheehan 6th 100m IM, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 8th 100m Freestyle; Lucia Langley 2nd 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Freestyle.

### Intermediate Girls

Rylee Davie 2nd 100m IM, 2nd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly; Sabrina Chong 8th 100m Freestyle, 8th 50m Backstroke; Charlize Bell 8th 50m Breaststroke, 15th 50m Freestyle; Georgia Mills 13th 50m Breaststroke, 14th, 50m Freestyle; Hayley Thompson 7th 50m Backstroke, 12th 50m Freestyle.

### Senior Girls

Risa Onda 4th 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle; Jordyn Bell 2nd 100m IM, 5th 50m Breaststroke, 4th 50m Freestyle.

### Junior Boys

Max Cryer 1st 100m IM, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 100m Butterfly.

### Intermediate Boys

Alex Watson 6th 50m Backstroke, 6th 50m Breaststroke; Hamish Dewhurst 8th 50m Breaststroke, 7th 50m Freestyle.

**Senior Boys**

Alex Harris 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 1st 100m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Freestyle.

**Intermediate Girls 100m Medley Relay:** Rylee Davie, Sabrina Chong, Georgia Mills, & Charlize Bell 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mixed 6x25m Freestyle Relay:** Lola Sheehan, Max Cryer, Rylee Davie, Hamish Dewhurst, Risa Onda, Alex Harris 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Sports Results****Futsal****8-10 March**

MC Blue Junior Girls lost to Sacred Heart GC Junior Dev 0-1

MC Gold Junior Girls won against Waikato Dio Junior Red 10-1

MC Blue Junior Boys lost to 4Zero U15B 1-15

MC Gold Senior boys had a draw against MC Monkeys 2-2.

**15-17 March**

MC Blue Junior Girls won against Rototuna HS Jnr Girls Athletic 7-0

MC Gold Junior Girls won against Hillcrest HS White 5-0

MC Blue Junior Boys had lost to 4Zero U14B 14-2

MC Gold Senior Boys won against Chilli Peppers 1-0

MC Monkeys Senior Boys won against SPC Snr Gold 8-5.

**Touch Rugby****11 March**

MC Senior Mixed lost to STP Senior Mixed 5-8

MC Snr Boys lost to STP Senior Boys 3-10

MC Junior boys lost to STP Junior Boys Red 7-9

MC Junior Girls lost to Fraser HS Junior Mixed 1-4

MC Junior Mixed won against HCS Junior Mixed 6-5

MC Senior Girls won against Waikato Diocesan Navy 14-0

**18 March**

MC Senior Mixed won against Ngā Taiātea Wharekura Tuākana Mixed 9-6

MC Senior boys lost to St John's Blue Snr Boys 3-8

MC Junior boys won against STP Junior Boys Blue 4-1

MC Junior girls won against STP Junior Girls' Red 6-1

MC Junior Mixed lost to Fraser HS 4-5

MC Senior girls won against Waikato Diocesan White 5-0

**Volleyball****10 March**

Thames Valley Friday Comp. Won 5-0 vs Te Kauwhata College

Waikato Comp- Won 2-0 vs Te Kauwhata College and won 2-0 vs Scared Heart A. Excellent blocking from Ella Hazelton and Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker.

**17 March**

MC lost their semifinal 25-23, 25-22 in very close sets to Rototuna HS. We won the play off vs Scared Heart GC in three sets. Some excellent leadership from Ashareen Elfa and Ella Hazelton. We finished 3rd in Division One Waikato.

**Cricket****28 February****MC 1st XI vs Otorohanga College 1st XI**

Otorohanga College won by 17 runs. Bowling first, our team bowled tightly restricting Otorohanga to 110 runs for the loss of two wickets in their 20 over innings. Hamish Dewhurst was the only wicket taker.

**6 March****MC 1st XI v Hillcrest High School 2nd XI**

MC won by 8 wickets. Despite a quick start from the Hillcrest HS opening batsmen in which they scored at 11 runs per over for the first

few overs, our bowlers were able to take crucial wickets to restrict the run rate through the middle and end of the Hillcrest HS innings. Hillcrest ended up with 123 for the loss of four wickets at the end of their 20 overs. Matty Gordon and Jacob Hagoort were the wicket takers.

**COMING EVENTS**

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 23 to Wed 27 March   | Year 10 Camp 2                      |
| Monday 25 March          | No School Year 10 – Camp changeover |
| Fri 29 Mar – Tue 2 April | EASTER HOLIDAY                      |
| Wednesday 3 April        | Parent/Teacher Interviews           |
| Thu 4 – Fri 5 April      | SPS Timber Trail                    |
| Saturday 6 April         | North Island Athletics              |
| Friday 12 April          | End of Term 1                       |
| Monday 29 April          | Start of Term                       |





## HAPORI HAUORA MORRINSVILLE

Saturday 6th April 2024  
8:00am - 1.30pm  
Rotary Building, 45 Canada Street

This **FREE** event is for **ALL** ages!  
With a wide range of health services being brought to your community, come down and have a kōrero with one of our health care professionals



