

Our Scholarship Winners for 2022



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR – MRS NGAIRE TE AHU



Invitation to Farewell Mr Inger

As parents will be well aware, Mr Inger is retiring at the end of this year after 26 years as Principal of our school and five previous years as Deputy Principal.

An invitation is extended to all parents and friends of the school to come to the Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 3

December from 3.30pm-4.30pm when the formal farewell celebrations will have ended for invited guests and there will be an opportunity to personally farewell Mr Inger and join us for afternoon tea in the PAC if you would like to be part of this.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



External Exams

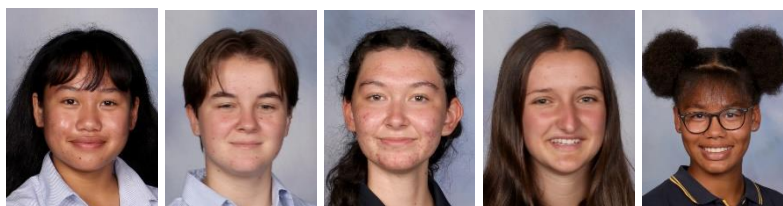
We have been pleased that to date our NCEA external exams have been running smoothly. Most students have come to school to sit their exams, as expected. The standard of behaviour has been excellent, as is also expected. These exams run through until Friday 2 December. We are once again anticipating good results at each NCEA level when these are released

in late January next year.

Covid Comment

I am aware that a few of our junior students have been away recently with Covid, which seems to be prevalent again in our country at the moment. I also want to advise parents that at least one person has returned from the first Year 9 Camp with Covid, so there could be more widespread infection of students and staff who were on that camp. Please look out for symptoms which might be Covid-related and test your son/daughter to check, and keep them home in isolation for seven days if they test positive. Students can of course wear masks to school if they wish to.

Prizegivings



We held our Cultural Awards' Evening on Wednesday 26 October. Our guest speaker and presenter, Ms Annah Stretton, did not disappoint! She presented an excellent and inspiring address. Cultural Blues were awarded to three of our Drama students: **Merrill Abapo, Emma Taylor and Sarah Watene**, all of whom have been outstanding across multiple drama productions this year, and indeed over their years at our school. Many other students won Cultural Awards in Debating, Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Drama and Performing Arts Technologies, with **Ella Chambers and Jameelah Warner-Morris** gaining Double Cultural Awards. We recently announced that Sarah Watene had been selected to join the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2023 group who will travel to England late next June. The wonderful surprise at the conclusion of the Cultural Awards' Evening was when Annah Stretton announced that she would personally fund \$5,000, half of the cost of Sarah's trip to England. This was an amazingly generous offer, and absolutely deserved as Sarah is an outstanding young woman.

At our **Sports Awards Prizegiving** held on Tuesday 1 November, our guest speaker and presenter was New Zealand elite track cyclist Callum Saunders. Callum spoke about the ups and downs of his career and the need for young sportspeople to have a plan B and sometimes a plan C when things go wrong. He was very down-to-earth and established a good connection with our student and parent audience.

The Morrinsville Rotary Club Cup for Individual Excellence in Senior Sport was won by **Lydia Hayden**, who represented our country this



year as Co-Captain of our New Zealand Under 18 Women's Lacrosse Team which competed in Adelaide. The other prominent nominee for this award was outstanding athlete Teeka Randell. **Olivia Day** won the Cordes Cup for All-Round Excellence in Sport, just heading off Nathan McQuoid and Jameelah Warner-Morris. The Team Tracey Trophy for Excellence in Sporting Spirit went to **Jessica Leigh**, the Broomfield Cup for Individual Excellence in Junior Sport was awarded to **Kayley McMillan**, the Hudson Family Cup for All-Round Junior Excellence in Sport was also awarded to **Kayley McMillan**.



Team of the Year went to our **Open A Netball Team**. Coach of the Year was **Mr Colin Vette**, Student Coach of the Year was jointly won by **Tessa Nicholson** and **Jessica Leigh** and Referee/Umpire of the Year was **Mrs Christine Smith**. Prestigious Blues Awards were presented to **Olivia Day**, **Aria Mischewski** and **Jenna Durran-Wolff** for Cricket, **Maddison Fowler** for Netball, **Bryant van Kessel** for Rugby, **Ashton Rogers** and **Ayla Davie** for Swimming, **Karl Haddock** for Basketball, **Lydia Hayden** for Lacrosse, **Teeka Randell** for Athletics and **Mia Abapo** for Gymnastics. Congratulations to all of the prize-winners!

Upcoming Prizegiving Ceremonies

Our Senior Prizegiving will be held on Tuesday 6 December at 7pm and our Junior Prizegiving on Wednesday 7 December at 10.30am. Prize-winners will be notified and parents are most welcome to attend.

University Scholarships

As is the case each year, a large number of our Year 13 students have been awarded scholarships to attend various universities from next year. There is a photo of some of these students on the masthead of this newsletter – thank you to *Your Morrinsville News* for sharing this with us. There may well be other awards announced soon.

Merrill Abapo won scholarships from three universities - Waikato, Otago and Victoria. She has accepted the Victoria University scholarship. **Seren Stevens** was awarded scholarships from two universities - Otago and Victoria. She has accepted the University of Otago scholarship. **Olivia Matthews**, **Larry Chooi**, **Alyssa Kay**, and **Gary Joubert** have all won scholarships for the University of Waikato. **Grace Hards**, **Jenna Durran-Wolff**, **Emma Taylor** and **Samantha Reyes** have all been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Otago. **Chloe Goodall** has won a scholarship to attend Victoria University. **Olivia Day** was offered the Lincoln University cricket scholarship but has chosen to study elsewhere. Congratulations to all of these students.

Paid Union Meeting

As parents were advised late last week by the Board Chair, there is a Paid Union Meeting for our staff which will be held next **Tuesday 29 November** in Hamilton. **Classes for the day will end at 11am**, following Period 2. We will be unable to provide any regular lessons after this time as almost all of the staff will be heading to Hamilton. If any parents are unable to collect their son/daughter,

or to make other arrangements for them for the remainder of the day until school buses depart, and want supervision for their child for part of or the remainder of the day, they should contact Mrs Glenis Holten in the school Office by **midday next Monday 28 November** to advise her of this and I will arrange supervision for these students.

Accord Teacher-Only Day – Thursday 8 December

This is a reminder to parents that our last scheduled day for Years 9 and 10 students will be **Wednesday 7 December**, with the following day being the second Ministry-approved Accord Teacher-Only Day for our teachers. On Wednesday 7, our junior students will have the opportunity to wish their learning coaches and fellow students farewell during Period 1 that day and to collect their copy of our 2022 Yearbook, before the Junior Prizegiving takes place from 10.30am until about midday, after which our junior students will be free to go home to begin their summer holiday break. Parents need to be aware that there will be no classes or supervision available after midday.

Junior Reports

Reports for our Years 9 and 10 students will be available to parents on our school's portal during the morning of **Wednesday 7 December**.

Volunteer Tree Planters

We were very pleased and proud of eight Year 9 Agriculture students who visited a farm at Okauia (near Matamata) on Tuesday this week to assist with planting out native plants around a drain. It was hard work under very warm conditions and extremely boggy underfoot. However, they managed to plant 300 plants in a little under two hours, an extremely good effort! While the students were working, it was a very useful opportunity for our Agriculture/Horticulture teacher, Mrs Driver, to talk to them about the need for environmental protection and sustainability so that our farmers of the future continue to have a viable industry.



Waikato Valley Cricket Selection



Congratulations to **Jacob Hagoort** of Year 10 who has been selected for representative cricket to play for the Waikato Valley Youth Rangatahi team (formerly Under 16s). Jacob will be away from school next week playing at the Northern Districts' cricket tournament to be held in Whangarei. Jacob is an excellent young player who has been performing extremely well with the bat in our 1st XI team in recent weeks and we wish him well.

Recent Cricket Results

29 October 2022

Morrinsville College 1st XI defeated Te Awamutu College 1st XI by 43 runs.

We fielded a very young team in the opening game of the season, with eight of the 11 players taking the field being Years 9 and 10 boys. We batted first and wickets fell regularly, and when Jacob Hagoort was dismissed for a well-compiled 40, the score was 75 for 6 wickets. However, Jaspal Rai showed his experience batting with Year 9 players Jono Waetford, Kyle Edward, Matty Gordon and his brother Yuvraj Rai to add 51 runs for the last four wickets, taking our score through to 126. Matty Gordon and Manjot Banga took early wickets in Te Awamutu College's innings and they were always struggling, being dismissed for 83. Matty, Manjot, Regan Tretheway and Alex Dewhurst each took two wickets.

5 November 2022

Morrinsville College 1st XI defeated HBHS 4th XI by 89 runs.

Our boys batted and were in early trouble at 17 for 2. However, Jacob Hagoort then joined opener Alex Dewhurst and this pair put on a very good partnership of 59 for the third wicket before Alex was dismissed for 25 runs. Jacob batted superbly, hitting six 4s and two 6s until he was the sixth wicket to fall after scoring 73 runs off only 71 balls. The lower order did not add any value, with our team being dismissed for 158. Included in these five quick wickets to fall was a hat-trick to Boys' High medium pacer Dylan Klee.

With long boundaries and a lush outfield, our boys were confident that 158 runs would be sufficient. Matty Gordon and Manjot Banga took early wickets to have Boys' High at 9 for 2 wickets. Unlike the Morrinsville innings, they couldn't recover against our accurate bowling and very good catching, and they were all out for 69. Alex Dewhurst and Jaspal Rai each took three wickets.

12 November 2022

Morrinsville College 1st XI lost to Matamata College 1st XI by 151 runs.

Matamata batted first in this game played at Pohlen Park in Matamata. Our bowlers made a good start, restricting their batsmen early in the innings, but not taking wickets. This allowed the Matamata batsmen to hit out strongly towards the end of the innings and they posted a very good score of 217 for 7 wickets at the end of their 40 overs. Matty Gordon was our best-performed bowler, taking three wickets. Chasing a big total, with the loss of early wickets our boys were never in the hunt, and we were all out for a disappointing 66. Jacob Hagoort top-scored with 28 runs.

15 November 2022

Morrinsville College Girls defeated Matamata College Girls by 7 wickets.

Matamata batted first in this game at Matamata, scoring 75 runs in their turn at bat. Alla Wynen was the pick of our bowlers, taking four wickets.

In reply, our Morrinsville girls achieved the winning total with ease, having four overs to spare. Alla had a good double for the game by scoring 35 runs before retiring. Jenna Durran-Wolff was also amongst the runs, scoring 34 not out.



19 November 2022

Morrinsville College 1st XI defeated St Paul's Collegiate 4th XI by 47 runs.

Our boys won the toss and elected to bat in this game played at home. With a damp pitch and slow outfield due to rain during the week, runs were hard to come by, but our batsmen persevered and for the first time this year batted their full allotment of 40 overs, scoring 133 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Jacob Hagoort with 37 and captain Regan Tretheway with 36 not out were the top scorers. Matty Gordon again took an early wicket, bowling the St Paul's captain. Just when the St Paul's innings looked to be gathering momentum, two excellent pieces of fielding, firstly from Regan Tretheway and then from Yuvraj Rai, resulted in two run outs to swing the game back in favour of Morrinsville. From there, St Paul's were struggling and were all out for 86. Jacob Hagoort with 3 wickets and Manjot Banga with 2 were the successful bowlers.

Term Dates for 2023

TERM 1: Thursday 2 February to Thursday 6 April

Thursday 2 February	Day 1 for new Year 9 students
Friday 3 February	All students and poowhiri
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday
Friday 7 April	Good Friday and Term 1 ends

TERM 2: Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June

Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day Holiday
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday Holiday
(Matariki Holiday falls in the Term 2 holidays on Friday 14 July)	

TERM 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

TERM 4: Monday 9 October to Wednesday 13 December

Monday 23 October	Labour Day Holiday
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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 29 November	Viligrad Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Mon 5 to Tue 6 December	Junior Spirit Days
Tuesday 6 December	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
Wednesday 7 December	Junior Prizegiving 10.30am
Wednesday 7 December	Junior EOY reports available on portal
Wednesday 7 December	End of school year for students

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Tramp

Article supplied by Olivia Harris

From 26 to 29 October, a group of three brave students, accompanied by 24/7 Youth Worker Ms Samantha Bonnar and Mr Mike Duncan set out on a big mission. We were going to submerge ourselves in the bush for four days and three nights. Tessa Nicholson, Jessica Leigh and Olivia Harris were so excited! Mr Duncan was probably fearing for his life! At 11:30am, we set off to the Karangahake Gorge. The first day was supposed to be super chill and short, which it was, briefly! However, the bright blue Daly's Clearing Hut that appeared out of the bush was littered by many tents, people, cookers and packs. There were a phenomenal number of people there, so we decided to keep going, but not before we got a photo and Sam got whacked in the face with a rake when she stood on the end of it! Eventually, after a couple of hours of walking and a whole bunch of pit-stops, we made it to the next hut. The Waitawheta Hut was our home for the next two nights. The second day turned into a rest day. It consisted of makeshift games, card games, spontaneously exploring under the deck, rock hopping and swimming in freezing cold water. It felt like we were on a holiday. This holiday was cut short as soon as we took the last step out of the hut on Friday. This day was quite the mission! We walked for almost eight hours on this day, half of which was straight uphill! The sweat was pouring out just as fast as the rivers were running! But after many long stops and breathers, a lot of false hope, and a squeal followed by a little run from Jess when the Te Rereatukahia Hut came into view, we finally made it to our destination. The bodies were sore and creaking, but the minds were alive and active. Tessa's attempt at making her freeze-dried cottage pie was my entertainment that evening. I can assure you that we all slept very well that night. The next morning, we were up, a little unsure about the slight drizzle of rain outside, but ready to make our way back to civilization again. We set off, packs perched on our backs, feet placed in half-wet boots, but with spirits high. The views at the top of the Kaimais were unreal for sure, making up for how we were feeling. We wound our way down the mountain, knowing that with every step we were getting closer and closer to home. I have never been so happy to see the school van than I was when it came down the road to where we

had collapsed in the sun, happy that we were out. That marked the end of our great adventure. A massive thank you to Roger Harris for being our taxi driver and picking us up when we were out, and an even bigger thank you to Sam and Mr Duncan for putting up with us all that time.

I'm sure that we all appreciated it!

