



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL – MR S JENKINS
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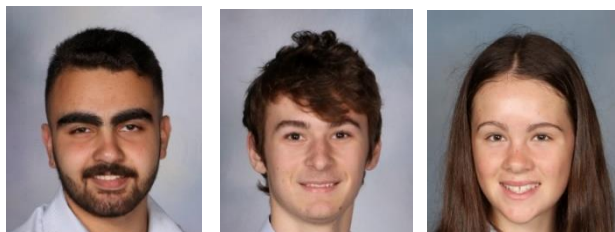


Yesterday was the final day for our senior students before they left for study leave prior to the external NCEA exams beginning on Monday. It has been a highly-colourful week as our Year 13 students expressed themselves in their last few days. Our student-run cultural day on Tuesday was a highlight and saw a number of performances at lunchtime.

Yesterday saw the afternoon dominated by our Top House competition which was a fun way for our seniors to finish their Morrinsville College experience.

Senior Academic Prizegiving

At our Senior Academic Prizegiving held in our PAC last night, we introduced a new format that saw our guests, staff parents and students all seated together. This prizegiving was shifted forward from the traditional December date to cap off a formal last day for our senior students. It also saw the announcement of the 2024 Head Students. It was a capacity crowd with the highest attendance in recent memory. I would like to acknowledge all of the families, local organisations, businesses and Principals of a number of our local schools who were in attendance. The major awards were presented as follows: Dux for 2023 is **Ahmed Al Suleiman**, the Proxime Accessit is **Caleb Johnson** and the JF Luxton Award for All-



Ahmed Al Suleiman (Dux), Caleb Johnson (Proxime) and Kaelyn Gibberd (JF Luxton)

Round Excellence in the Senior School was awarded to **Kaelyn Gibberd**.

The Oldham Award for Service to the General Welfare of the School was jointly shared by **Tessa Nicholson and Mapera Ratcliffe** and our other important award for service to others, the CE Wiseley Prize was won by **Olivia Harris**. The Bill and Gill Cranna Award for Excellence in the Arts went to **Sarah Watene**, the MBS Advisors' Award for Excellence in Year 13 Accounting went to **Olivia Harris** and the Prime Minister's Vocational Award to **Ash-lee Barker**. The recipient of the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) Award for Excellent Leadership in Outdoor Education was **Tessa Nicholson** and the Head Start Scholarship from the Perry Outdoor Education Trust was jointly awarded to **Jacoba Gread and Olivia Harris**, **Sarah Watene** was the winner of the Maaori Women's Welfare League taonga for contribution to Maaori life. The Inter-House Cup for the Champion House went to **Alexandra** this year.

2024 Student Leaders

Our Student Leaders for 2024 are:
 HEAD GIRL: Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker
 HEAD BOY: Baxter Ward
 DEPUTY HEAD GIRL: Navyon Hopa
 DEPUTY HEAD BOY: Alex Dewhurst.



Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker, Baxter Ward, Navyon Hopa and Alex Dewhurst

Sports Prizegiving

Our 2023 Sports Prizegiving Evening was held in the PAC on Tuesday 24 October. Congratulations to all of our students who did well in their chosen



sports this year. There were 132 cups and awards presented to our students across an ever-growing variety of sports. The two major awards, the Cordes Cup for All-Round Excellence in Sport went to **Alex Harris** and the Morrinsville Rotary Cup for Individual Excellence in Senior Sport was awarded to **Teeka Randell**.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the large number of our senior students who have been awarded a number of scholarships to study at a full range of the universities across New Zealand. There are 20 scholarships that have been awarded to 15 of our Year 13 students. This is a strong endorsement of our senior programme which sees our top students competing with the best of New Zealand to be accepted into highly-competitive and restricted courses. These students are:

Otago University –Health Sciences

Ahmed Al Suleiman and **Alex Khanal** – Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarships

Brooke Bell - Maori Entrance Scholarship

Ella Chambers – Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Prasheema Sharma – Pacific Peoples’ Entrance Scholarship

Waikato University – Ko te tangata

Jacoba Gread and **Olivia Harris** - Business; **Jenna Durran-Wolff** – Marine Science; **Tessa Nicholson** – Science; **Ryleigh McAra** – Science Technology.

Olivia Harris – Brian Smith Memorial Scholarship – Business.



David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarships

Olivia Harris – Business; **Ash-lee Barker** – Nursing; **Bailee Steiner** – Teaching (Primary) and the DV Bryant Residential Scholarship Teaching (Primary).

Auckland University of Technology

Sarah Watene - Welcome to Auckland – Communications

Olivia Harris and **Jacoba Gread** – Perry Group POET Head Start Scholarship – Business.

NCEA External Exams

NCEA senior exams begin on Monday. All of the required information has been distributed to students and parents over the last month by Mr Prasad. Students are reminded that they need to be waiting in the top carpark outside of the PAC at least 20 minutes before each exam. They are required to bring with them their exam slip and a photo ID if they are sitting a scholarship exam. If any student is sick or has an emergency which means they are unable to attend their exam, they will need to contact the school Office immediately. Please be aware that as these are national exams, and are run by NZQA rather than the school, students are unable to sit their exams on a different day or time. If students or parents have any questions, they are able to contact Mr Prasad or Mrs Thomas through the school Office or check the NZQA website which has all of the rules and exam timetable if they have lost the copies that they were given.

Enrolments for 2024

I would like to thank all of those families who have brought in their enrolment forms for 2024. While the new complication of having an enrolment zone may have initially caused people to pause with their early enrolments, these are now flooding in at all year levels. We have now added an extra Year 9 class in response to this which means our Year 9 class levels are currently sitting at no more than 24 students per core class which is very small by national standards and a very nice position to be in. I would encourage those who have not yet sent their enrolment forms into the office to please do so, because we are now at the point where we are beginning to work with our contributing schools to form a good balance within these core classes.

Electives 2023

By now all Year 9 and 10 students should know what Electives they are in for Thursday 7 December and Friday 8 December. Today, all of these students had an assembly to meet with each of the teachers running the elective groups to run through the details. If any student is unsure, they should talk to their Hub Teacher as soon as possible. All payments and permission slips (if required) for Electives need to be into the school office by **Friday 24 November**. Payments can also be made online to:

Morrinsville College BOT , Account No. 03 0371 0120538 000, Reference: Electives. Code: Student number or surname
Any other questions about Electives please email the Teacher in Charge of Electives electives@morrill.school.nz.

Yearbook

This year the Yearbook will be distributed digitally via the student’s school email after Junior Prizegiving in Week 10 of this term. A hard copy of the Yearbook will be issued to all Year 13 students after Junior Prizegiving has finished. Year 13 students can pick up their copy of the Yearbook from the School Office before **Tuesday 19 December**.

Those students in Years 9-12 wanting a hard copy of the Yearbook have the opportunity to order one at a cost of \$20. All orders and payments need to be made to the school office by **Monday 20 November**. Payments can be made online to: Morrinsville College BOT. Account No. 03 0371 0120538 000, Reference: Yearbook. Code: Student number or surname.

Junior Prizegiving and end of Year

Junior Prizegiving, Tuesday 12 December, PAC, 10.30am. Students will be released at the conclusion of the prizegiving which will be approximately 12 noon.

Ex-Student Monique Mellow



An article has just been published in Sow the Seed magazine featuring Monique Mellow. Monique is an ex-student who studied Agricultural Science at Morrinsville College and graduated with an Honours degree at Lincoln University. She credits Morrinsville College, and her teacher, Mrs Jackie Driver, for sparking a lifelong love for Agricultural Science by introducing more science-based courses, which were both academic challenges and practical experiences. Since leaving

Morrinsville College Monique has gained a Prime Minister’s Scholarship which enabled her to travel overseas before leading her to gaining a Fairlight Foundation Scholarship which supports women’s career advancement in the NZ agricultural industry.



Japanese classes made Sushi on Cultural Day



COMING EVENTS

Mon 6 Nov	NCEA Exams begin
Wed 8 Nov	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Nov	POET Year 9 Camps
Tues 28 Nov	Year 13 Grad Dinner - Viligrads
Fri 1 – Tue 5 Dec	DOE Gold Trip
Thu 7 – Fri 8 Dec	Electives
Tues 12 Dec	Junior Prizegiving
Wed 13 Dec	Teacher-Only Day
Wed 13 Dec	BOT Meeting 6pm



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