



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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This newsletter has a number of highlights and plenty of good news to be shared. Therefore it is slightly longer than usual and I suggest you might want to put the kettle on before you sit down to read this. It has been an incredibly busy past few weeks and we anticipate a just as hectic end to the term. This has been by design as we seek to find as many opportunities as we can to grow our students and allow some of them

experiences that will push them outside of their comfort zone.

Enrolment Zone Information

At this point we are planning to advertise on 5 October for those students wishing to enrol at Morrinsville College who are out-of-zone. This will ask parents to register for an out-of-zone position at our College by 9am on 19 October. This includes those who have already put enrolment forms into the Office and who are out-of-zone. Each year we have a number of students who start the year late, and so we are also intending to have another ballot on Thursday 22 February 2024.

To assist with this, we are asking all families whose students are intending to enrol with us next year, to try to get their enrolment forms in by Thursday 5 October. This will allow our Board of Trustees to work out exactly how many out-of-zone students we will be able to accommodate. As I previously indicated, I believe that we will be able to accommodate every student who enrolls with us from out-of-zone for 2024. I cannot guarantee that this will be the case in 2025 and this will depend on future enrolment patterns.

Secondary Schools' Music Festival

On Friday 25 August I was lucky enough to see three of our school bands perform at the ITM Music Festival held at the Waikato University Gallagher Performing Arts Centre. This was a superb display of musicianship by all three groups. The guitar ensemble, *40 Fingers of Morrinsville* were first up and were rewarded with a highly

sought after gold award from the judges. This was the first gold award achieved by this group and left all of the students and tutors involved very excited. The *Hit Squad* percussion group followed this up by also earning a gold award. The afternoon was finished by a very polished performance from our jazz band, *Bazz Jand*, with Kaelyn Gibberd leading with a solo singing performance that generated huge crowd support. They were presented with a silver award. This was a strong indication of the musical talent at Morrinsville College and I would like to acknowledge the leadership of our LAL Music Mr Ryan McIntyre and our itinerant music tutors.

School Ball

On Saturday 19 August we held our senior school ball. I wish to congratulate all of the Ball Committee, staff and students who attended what was the best-behaved ball that I can remember. It was nice to see the gathering of parents at the start of the evening as the students were dropped off and the positive vibe that continued throughout the evening.

Tournament Week

UNISS Netball

Our girls travelled to Hamilton to take part in the UNISS tournament held over four days. The first game was hard, coming up against two traditionally very strong Auckland schools, losing to both Mount Albert GS and Epsom Girls' GS. On the second day our girls played Tauranga Girls' College. They played some really good netball at times but just weren't consistent enough, losing to another very strong netball school. The afternoon game against Carmel College once again saw some outstanding play but a slow start put the girls on the back foot from the beginning, losing 18-39. They had a great game against Tuakau College winning 28-26 after a good fight back to take the game.

On Day 4 the first game was against Lynfield College. This was another tough battle losing 26-30. Massey High School was next and the girls came out fighting, dug deep and won 27-22 showing great determination. The last game was against Lynfield College who they had lost to previously by four goals. The girls put in a huge effort

coming away with a win 36-23 and ensuring their place in the A Grade next year. This is a huge achievement in itself with a very young team that was growing a number of new players in a tournament stacked with some of the best teams in New Zealand and against some of the largest schools in the country. Well done girls and big thank you to the coaches Margaret Wilton and Leanne Fitzgerald. A huge thanks to Vicky Broomfield and Carmen Pene-Hopa, their Manager. The team appreciated the huge amount of support from staff, friends, whaanau and ex-students.



Basketball

Our boys' basketball team played in the Northern Cup Tournament, held in Waitakere. First up was good win against Botany Downs Secondary College 67-61. (Karl Haddock 33 points, Rayne Price 16 points) The next game against Kaipara College resulted in a tight loss 61-68. (Karl Haddock 28 points, Nathan McQuoid 14 points Rayne Price 10 points,).

Thursday morning was a good win over Birkenhead College 74-56. (Karl Haddock 33 points, 13 Rebounds, Rayne Price 10 points, Shay Wright 9 points, 6 rebounds, 2 blocks, Jay-r Abais 5 points, 4 steals). Meaningful contributions from our bench from Miller Ward 4 points, Micah Williams 4 points, Jason Thaing 2 points and Karlos Peace 4 steals. This put the Kingmakers into the Quarter Finals playing Hamilton Boys' HS Unfortunately they were beaten by a very good team 50-82. (Rayne Price 19 points, Jay-r Abais 15 points).

Friday saw the team play against Kelston Boys' HS and came away with a well-deserved win 82-70. (Karl Haddock 34 points, Rayne



Price 19 points, Jay-r Abais 17 points). This put them in a 5th or 6th play-off against Sacred Heart Boys' College, but unfortunately after five big games we ran out of gas, losing to them 55-81. (Rayne Price 19 points, Karl Haddock 13 points). Overall the team finish a creditable 6th out of 16 teams. Thanks to coaches Ryan McIntyre and Colin Vette and the great support from our families.

Rugby

Our 1st XV boys took part in a tournament at Pukekohe during Tournament Week. Their first game vs Wesley College was hard fought and a very physical battle resulting in a 12-19 loss. The boys then had a win against Manurewa HS Gold, 29-27 with a try in the last play. The boys were feeling the effects of having to back this up with two more games the next day. Their first game was against Aorere College, who had some very big boys, resulted in a loss 7-55, followed by a loss to Te Awamutu College 12-36. The final day saw the boys up against Rosehill College, losing 12-19 and the last game against a big Manurewa Green team, losing 7-22.



NZ Secondary Schools' Lacrosse – Boys

Having had their competition cancelled in Auckland, the Waikato teams played at Tamahere for the NZSS competition. The competition between the teams is very even and many games were tightly contested and low scoring. Results were: vs HBHS lost 4-5, vs Cambridge HS lost 4-8, vs Te Awamutu College won 3-1, vs St Peter's School won 4-3. The game for 3rd/4th place ended in a draw 5-5 so they played a golden goal which St Peter's won. Our boys were placed 4th overall in the tournament with **Alex Harris** and **Blake Mikkelsen** selected for the tournament team.



Waikato Competition – Lacrosse -Boys

The Waikato finals' day was played as a tournament. First game against St Peter's ended at a draw with a golden goal situation which is the first team to score within four minutes wins the game. St Peter's came out on a strong attack but Jay-R Aasis took a break and scored. The final against Cambridge was a tight, shortened game and Cambridge came out strong as expected. An evenly fought game on attack and defence with Cambridge coming out the eventual winners 5-2. The boys came in 2nd place overall. Thanks to Blake Anderson our amazing coach, Kirstyn Brunton (Manager) and the parents for their support during the season.

NZ Secondary Schools' Lacrosse - Girls

A great three days of lacrosse were held in Auckland. The team stepped into some hard games to start but kept the focus on improving their gameplay and combinations. As the tournament progressed the team improved. Only just losing to our fellow Waikato rivals by 1 point shows how close the competition was. A great group of sportswomen who represented Morrinsville College with pride and determination. Results were as follows: vs Epsom Girls Grammer lost 1-18, vs Cambridge HS lost 2-17, vs Matamata College lost 3-4. In the semi-finals vs Te Awamutu College lost 8-9. The team played off for 7th/8th vs Auckland Diocesan and won 12-5 to take 7th place overall.

Thanks to the parents who helped get the teams to the tournament, including assistance from Farm Source Morrinsville, Heathcote's Morrinsville, Morrinsville Lions, Checkmates Putaruru, Cambridge Sports World, LJ Hooker, Morrinsville Fitness Centre, Fonterra and Redoubt Morrinsville.

**Waikato Competition – Lacrosse - Girls**

The premier girls' team played Te Awamutu College in the play off for 3rd/4th in the Waikato Competition. This was a tightly fought game where at half time the score was 4-3 to Te Awamutu. The second half saw Te Awamutu get three quick goals and Morrinsville had to claw their way back to make it 9-9 with less than two minutes to go. A great team goal saw Morrinsville score and hold Te Awamutu out to win the game 10-9 taking out 3rd place overall. Thanks to Ashleigh Halse our amazing coach, Carolyn Nicholson (Manager) and the continued support of the families.

Student Council Workday

Last Monday we held our annual Student Council Workday. This is a student-initiated and student-led event. This year the Student Council has created a plan to enable our school canteen to provide a greater variety of food for our students. Working alongside our Canteen Manager, Mrs Oosthuizen, the students have designed some improvements to the canteen area and to the equipment that will enable them to produce a greater range of hot food. To date the

money that has come in via each student's learning hub class is approaching \$6,000 and we know from past experience that students are often paid several weeks after the workday as money becomes available from their employers. If your student was unable to find work on that day or was ill, we ask that you send in a note for the learning coach so that they can do the attendance correctly for that day.

Alumni

Morrinsville College has developed an Alumni with the aim of remaining in contact with a wide cross section of past students and staff. Maintaining the history of our school is such an important part of acknowledging who we are and where we've come from. Morrinsville College has come a long way since July 1939 when the first pupils arrived on the Alexandra Avenue site to begin classes. The first District High School started even earlier, in 1923, in a small school building in Studholme Street.

Being part of the Morrinsville College Alumni is a great way to stay in touch with your old friends and to keep updated on the progress of the school. If you would like to be a part of the Morrinsville College Alumni, please send your contact details, including email, phone number, postal address, and when you attended school here, to angela-peters@morrncoll.school.nz.

Morrinsville Athletics Club

The 2023/2024 athletics season (ages 2-14 years) begins on Tuesday 10 October at 5.45pm on the Morrinsville College grounds. Register online at www.sporty.co.nz/morrinsvilleaa. Enquiries to email: morrinsvilleaac@gmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

Tue 5 – Sat 9 September	Year 10 Camp 1
Sat 9 – Wed 13 September	Year 10 Camp 2
Monday 11 September	No school for All Year 10s
Wednesday 13 September	BOT Meeting
Thursday 14 September	No school Year 10 (Camp 2)
Wednesday 20 September	Speech Finals', Library 6.30pm
Thursday 21 September	Dance Showcase, PAC
Friday 22 September	Matamata Cultural Exchange
Friday 22 September	End of Term 3
Monday 9 October	Start of Term 4
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
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

