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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



We are currently right in the middle of celebration season. Last night we held our Arts and Cultural Awards Evening and last week we had our Sports Prizegiving where Morrinsville local Shanaye Tissingh was our guest speaker. Tucked in between these two events we held our Service Assembly where we recognized all of those students who had provided service to the school in many

different ways throughout the year. Often this ceremony may be overlooked, yet I would argue that it is one of the most important prizegivings that we hold and this year we acknowledged 180 students for their efforts.

Next Wednesday 29 October we will farewell our senior students as they head off on study leave and that evening we will hold our Senior Academic Prizegiving. This evening will include the announcements of our student leaders for 2026 and it will acknowledge the endeavours and excellence of our students across a range of areas. The evening will conclude with the announcement of our 2025 Proxime Accessit and Dux. The 2025 Year 13 cohort has been one of

the most academically capable groups that we have had through Morrinsville College in recent times. The competition for these two awards has been fierce and evidence of this can be seen in the list of scholarship winners from all of the universities across New Zealand which is listed later in this newsletter. This is the largest group of scholarship winners that we have recorded and there are still some yet to be announced.

Earlier in the week the latest round of NCEA Literacy and Numeracy exam results were released. These exam results have produced the best statistics that we have seen since the Literacy and Numeracy exams were introduced several years ago. They have increased by over 25% in some cases. The numbers are now better than under the old system of assessment. Amongst all of the celebrations and prizegivings, this could easily go unnoticed, but it is probably the strongest indicator of academic growth at Morrinsville College and something that our staff are very proud of.

PPTA Industrial Action

Ironically this newsletter is being written on the day of the jumbo strike. At this point there is further potential industrial action that we have been advised of. However, I think it prudent to wait until we hear of any action that may fall out of the current industrial action before we worry our community about further strikes. As we receive information we will communicate further what the impact might be here at school.

Dancing with the Staff

At the end of last term we brought back our very popular Dancing with the Staff event after a couple of years' break. This very slick show was entirely led by the students, the Arts Leaders and House Captains. It was awesome to see the staff and students showing off their dance moves and skills and having some fun to end the term. This is always a very popular event that the crowd goes wild for, and this year was no exception!

Thank you to everyone involved for making this a really fun event. Special thanks to Mrs Devane and Mrs Priest who were our judges for the day. They had a really difficult job and the results were very close with Studholme narrowly winning over Campbell, Lincoln and Alexandra.



Mr Jenkins, Shanaye Tissingh, Rebecca Aitchison, Alex Harris and Jordyn Bell at our Sports Prizegiving Evening

Scholarship Winners

The following Year 13 students have received confirmation that they have been offered scholarships to attend various universities across the country. Their photo will appear in next week's *Your Morrinsville News* and we wish to acknowledge them ourselves in this newsletter. Some have been offered scholarships by multiple universities and there are still further awards to be announced.



Massey University

Holly Baker, (B Agric Science); Abbie Cameron, (B Animal Science); Hunter Johnston, (B Animal Science); Tyla Gotty (B Vet Science)

Waikato University

Hollie Keogh, (B Business)– ko te tangata scholarship); Ella Nicholls, (B Business – Te Paewai o te Rangi); Lucas Hadj-Blaha (B Banking Finance Tech – Te Paewai o te Rangi); Dekota Brew (B/Laws/B Soc Sciences – Te Paewai o te Rangi); Pearla Jefferson (B Arts – Ko te tangata scholarship); Hannah McMahon-Graham (B Science – ko te tangata scholarship).

Awarua Trust Scholarship

Jacob Byers, (Farm Cadet Training – Otiwhiti School of Ag); Abby Cameron, (B Animal Science - Massey); Holly Baker (B Agri Science – Massey); Brooke Edwards, (B Business – Massey); Tyla Gotty, (B Vet Science – Massey); Hunter Johnstone (B Animal Science) – Massey).

Auckland University

Jordyn Bell, Health Sciences 1st year – Waka Moana Scholarship).

Otago University

Pearla Jefferson, (Health Sci 1st yr – Maori Entrance Scholarship)
Rita Bhandari, (Health Sci 1st yr – Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship)
Jordyn Bell, (Health Sci 1st yr – Maori Entrance Scholarship)
Evelyn Fu, Health Sci 1st yr – Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship)
Indy Wood, B Science – New Frontiers Excellence Scholarship).

David Johnstone Charitable Trust School

Ellamarie Steiner (B Nursing – Waikato Uni – Subway Scholarship)
Lucas Hadj Blaha (B Banking Finance Technology – Waikato Uni)
Rhiley Johnson (Dip Animal Care/Vet Nursing – WINTEC)

Ella Nicholls (B Business- Waikato Uni – Subway Scholarship)
Pearla Jefferson (Health Science 1st yr – Otago Uni – Fonterra Scholarship).

Prizegivings

The Senior Academic Prizegiving will be held on Wednesday 29 October in the PAC at 7pm. This is also the last day for our senior students. The Junior Prizegiving will take place on the last day of school, **Monday 8 December** commencing at 10.30am.

Student Council Cookbook

Our Student Council has worked tirelessly to produce an amazing cookbook for our school community and to support the funding for student-led initiatives in and around the school. Copies are now available at the school office and New World Morrinsville for \$25 per copy.



To order your copy:

Complete the attached order form, print it, and return it to the school office.

Complete the attached form and email it to cookbook@morrill.school.nz.

Alternatively click the link and complete the form in the link included below <https://forms.gle/DuXcMUYQAApRWbDaA> or purchase at the school office (cash and EFTPOS available).

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this initiative, students, parents, whaanau, staff, members of the community and all our amazing sponsors.

Music Success



During the holidays, Anessa Ginever participated in two prestigious brass banding events. She competed in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Championships and placed 1st in the Under 16 Slow Melody and 1st in the Under 16 Air and Variation, 4th in a duet with her father and also played in Hamilton City Brass Band which placed 2nd in the Open Band Contest. Anessa also represented Morrinsville College at the NZ Secondary Schools' Brass Band competitions in the Principal Trombone position. She was awarded a certificate for the best

audition out of the 68 musicians selected from around New Zealand for the week-long band course which had tutors from the NZ Army, Airforce and Navy Bands.

Sports Results Weeks 2/3 Term 4

Ultimate Frisbee

Morrinsville College now has three Ultimate Frisbee teams playing in the Waikato Secondary Schools league on Wednesday afternoons at the Waikato University fields. We have one girls' team and two boys' teams. All three teams started with a win, a great way to start the season.

Girl's Team

Flying Moo beat Hillcrest Gold 14-9. MVP: Kairi Maunder, Runner-up MVP: Aayla Laurie.

Boys' Teams

Flying Bulls beat St John's Yellow Hammer 11-7. MVP: Ihaia de Thierry, Runner-up MVP: Quinn Jackson

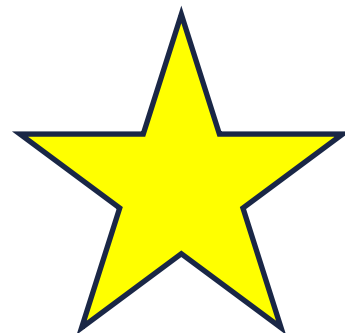
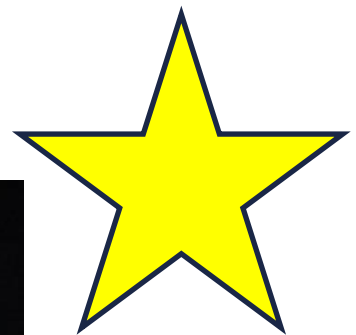
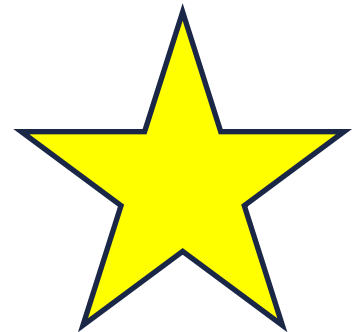
Stampede beat a Pick-up Team 8-7. MVP: Mace Laurie, Runner-up MVP: Hakopa Ratcliffe

Touch Rugby

Senior Girls vs St Paul's G1 won 7-2; Junior Mixed vs Peachgrove A Mixed Lost 1-2; Senior Girls vs HGHS Diamonds won 4-2; Senior Mixed vs Te Wharekura o te Kaokaoroa o Patetere won 6-4

COMING EVENTS

Monday 27 October	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 29 October	Last Day Seniors
Wednesday 29 October	Senior Prizegiving, 7pm
Mon 3 – Fri 7 November	Junior Exams
Tue 4 Nov – Tue 2 December	NZQA Exams
Friday 14 November	Teacher-Only Day
Thursday 27 November	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Thu 4 – Fri 5 December	Electives
Monday 8 December	Junior Prizegiving 10.30am
Monday 8 December	Last day of Term 4





Official Order Form

Price: \$25.00

Copies are available at the school for preview from Wednesday 15th October.

To pay:

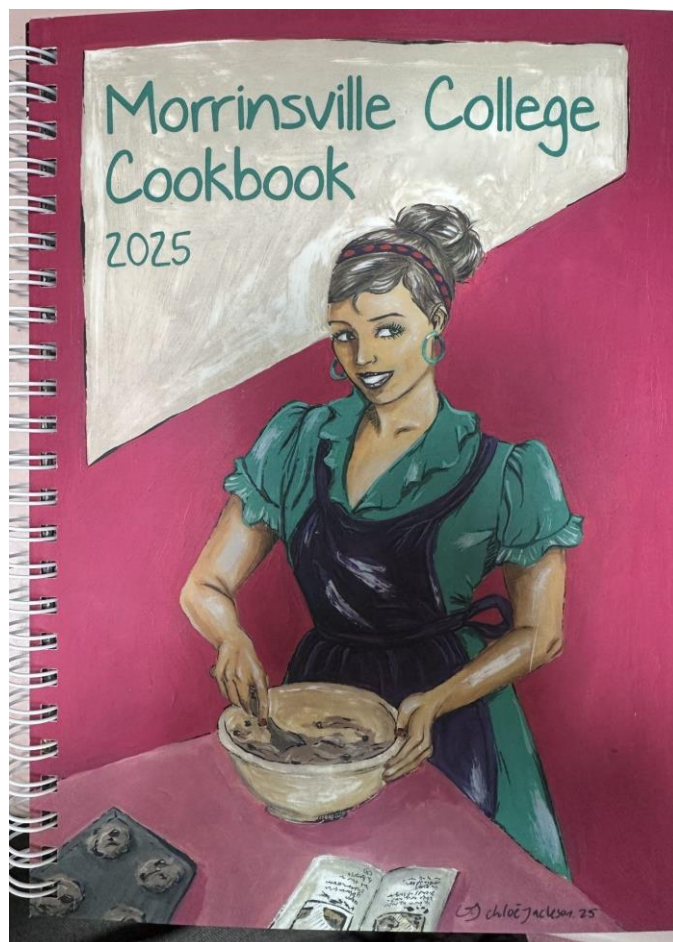
Bank account number: 03-0371-0120538-00

Account Name: Morrinsville College Board of Trustees

Reference: Your Name/ Cookbook - (your name)

If you have a student attending Morrinsville College, they will be notified to pick up from the school office.

Alternatively, we will email you once your order is ready, and you can pick them up from the school office.



Order Form:

Name _____

Email Address _____

Name of student _____
(if attends Morrinsville College)

Number of Copies _____

Payment Method

☐ Bank Transfer

☐ Cash/Eftpos



ONLINE -

Free teaching your teenager to drive parent evening

FREE online event happening on **30th October, from 6:30pm to 7.30pm.**

Learn how to:

- Unlock the Mysteries of the Teenage Brain: What Makes Driving a Challenge?
- Decode Risk Factors for Young Drivers
- Learn the art of Coaching a Learner Driver
- Help you support the transition to solo driving
- Set a plan for collaborating with Driving Instructors
- And much more.

[Register here for free now](#)

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