



Morrinsville College

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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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Start of Term 3

Welcome back to the start of the third term. While it may seem like the middle of the year, for our senior students we are actually in the last third of the academic year. This brings with it a number of pressures and for our Year 13 students many of them will be starting applications for tertiary courses as they contemplate the end of their secondary schooling. Mrs Thomas, our

Careers' Adviser, is already advertising in our school daily notices times when students can work with her around these applications. For our parents, this will be a significant discussion point as they work alongside their students.

This will prove to be a very busy term, particularly in the back half. We have two sporting exchanges with other schools, two weeks of Year 10 camps, the school Ball, Tournament Week and senior practice exam week. Amongst all of these things we will run the typical day-to-day events that make up a very busy school life for all of our students and staff.

Morrinsville District High School Centenary Assembly

On Wednesday this week we held a special assembly to celebrate the 100th year of the Morrinsville District High School. Special guests, including MPDC Mayor Ms Adrienne Wilcox and Ms Jenny Clark, Principal of Morrinsville Intermediate School and two MIS leaders who were representing MIS and Morrinsville School who also made up the District High School 100 years' ago before each school separated out to their respective sites where they reside today.

Our Librarian and Archivist, Mrs Angela Peters, spent many hours preparing an excellent historical slideshow depicting school life throughout the 100 years of the school which was a highlight of the assembly. This was followed by the planting of a commemorative tree on our school grounds followed by the cutting of a centenary



cake decorated by Mrs Helen Hyde-Hills in our school colours. This was a chance for our students to explore the foundations of our respective schools and consider who and what went before them. This acknowledgement is an essential part of planning for the future as we navigate our next steps as a school.

Year 9 2024 Enrolment Tours

On Tuesday and Wednesday 25 and 26 July we will be holding our Year 9 2024 enrolment tours at 4pm. The tours are already heavily patronised, however there is room to squeeze more people in so if you have not yet enrolled for a tour, please go online to schoolinterviews.co.nz, use code **r7gzw**, follow the instructions to book your place on the tour.

Parent Security Volunteers for Senior Ball

Our senior school ball is to be held in our Performing Arts Centre on the evening of Saturday 19 August. To ensure the careful management of our students we require some parents to act as security outside of the buildings during the evening from approximately 6pm to 11.30pm. This is a very non-intensive and sociable duty with a group of like-minded parents. If you are available to help out, please contact Miss Elizabeth Ross through the school Office 8898308.

End-of-Year Junior Electives

This year we would like to reinstitute an old tradition at Morrinsville College. We would like to offer an Electives programme on the last few days of school for our junior students. These may take the form of day trips, events or in-school activities that your student will be able to opt in to. The idea is to provide experiences that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to try. There will not be any overnight trips this time around. One of our main aims with this programme is to get information out to our families well ahead of time so that people might plan ahead for any potential costs. With this in mind, we will be sending out information to parents and caregivers later next week.

Sports, Arts and Cultural Group Photos

Sports and Cultural photos will be undertaken on Monday 7 August. All students who are in sports or cultural groups must bring their appropriate gear to school that day.

Homestay Coordinator

We require a part-time Homestay Coordinator to work with our International Team to recruit and manage homestays for our international fee-paying students. It is anticipated that this position would be 5-10 hours per week. If you require further information please initially contact Mrs Grace Martin, grace-martin@morrncoll.school.nz. or phone 8898308 Extn 204.

Music Success

Anessa Ginever competed at the NZ Brass Band National Championships during the holiday break and won her competition

in the Under 15 ‘other instruments’ section, which includes most brass band instruments. This is putting her in good stead for the National Secondary Schools’ Brass Band where she was selected for principal trombone.



Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to **Sabrina Chong** and **Mia Abapo** represented Waikato at the NZ National Gymnastics Championships held in Tauranga during the recent holidays. Sabrina won the bronze medal in the WAG step 9 All Around competition and her team won the National Championship title receiving gold!



COMING EVENTS

Tue 25 and Wed 26 July	Year 9 2024 Enrolment Tours, 4pm
Friday 4 August	Get2Go
Monday 7 August	Sports & Cultural photos
Wednesday 9 August	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 16 August	Rotorua Lakes HS Exchange
Saturday 19 August	Senior School Ball, PAC
Mon 21 – Fri 25 August	Senior practice exams
Monday 28 August	Student Council Workday
Mon 28 Aug – Fri 1 Sept	Tournament Week
Tue 5 – Sat 9 September	Year 10 Camp 1
Sat 9 – Wed 13 September	Year 10 Camp 2
Mon 11 September	No school Year 10