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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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From the Principal



Junior Prizegiving

Our Junior Prizegiving Ceremony held on Monday this week went off extremely well. Almost all of the prizewinners were present and came up on stage proudly to receive their prizes, awards and certificates and there were also other junior students at school who were part of the audience, along with our teachers. The students were all very good at applauding their peers as they received their awards and, in fact, it is hard to think how this ceremony could have been better. All four of our Head Students for 2021, Holly Aitchison, Jewels Wilson, Shaydan Sayer and Grant Vollebregt were present and Holly and Shaydan delivered excellent variations on their speeches from Senior Prizegiving which included very good advice for our students, particularly those who are aspiring to be leaders themselves in the senior school.

We must apologise however to parents because our live-streaming of the prizegiving ceremony apparently lasted for a few minutes and then came to an end after a technical hitch. I know that Mr Forsyth, who was in charge of organising the Junior Prizegiving Ceremony, has apologised to parents for this, but I also want to apologise because it is tough enough that you as proud parents were unable to be present to see your sons and daughters come up on stage and receive their awards. Let's hope that next year we are once again able to have parent audiences at our four prizegiving ceremonies.



Finlay Richardson, Ashareen Elfa and Jessica Leigh

This year's special prizes went to **Finlay Richardson** who was judged to be our top academic student at Year 10 level, **Ashareen Elfa** who won the trophy for All-Round Excellence in the Junior School for her strength in all of academic, cultural and sporting activities and **Jessica Leigh** who won the Student Volunteer Army Service Award for the extensive volunteer work which she has undertaken this year at Rhoda Read Hospital by providing care for patients who are in need of continuous 24-hour care.

Junior House Leaders

The Junior House Leaders for 2022 were also announced as follows:

Alexandra: Leaders Becca Aitchison and Bryleigh Fletcher;
Deputies Brooke Edwards and Skylah-Bailey Woolford.



Lincoln: Leaders Paige Nicholls and Jacob Hagoort;
Deputies Gracie Johns and Rita Bhandari.



Studholme: Leaders Natasha Wilson and Jakob Byers;
Deputies Jordyn Bell and Lucas Hadj-Blaha.



our students were awarded 1st and 3rd prizes in the Year 9-10 Law category of the University of Canterbury's School of Law Essay Competition 2021. The winner was **Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker** and **Lucy Bonnar** was placed 3rd. This is a tremendous achievement and is a testament to both Charlotte's and Lucy's hard work and skill. The competition was open to secondary school students across the country and the University of Canterbury received a large number of entries, all of a high standard. For their efforts, Charlotte and Lucy will receive prizes for their winning entries and Morrinsville College will receive \$200. Congratulations to these two outstanding young women.

Campbell: Leaders Hannah McMahon-Graham and Caleb Garrett;
Deputies Manjot Banga and Tom Hornsey



Congratulations to these 16 students whom we have great confidence in as the Junior House Leaders for 2022.

Essay-Writing Successes
We were extremely pleased and proud to hear recently that two of



Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker & Lucy Bonnar

Start of the Year 2022

Full details of the arrangements for the start of school next year will be published in *Your Morrinsville News* in mid-January and will be available on the Morrinsville College Facebook page and website www.morrcoll.school.nz. In summary they are: All Years 12 and 13 students have the opportunity to meet with one of the Senior Deans and the Careers Adviser to discuss their 2022 course **on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 January** from 8.30am – 3pm. Online bookings with the Deans and the Careers Adviser **are now open** and appointments can be made by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, **entering the event code t8uag and following the simple instructions.**

Tuesday 1 February: Year 9 students commence school. **Wednesday 2 February:** all students attend school, commencing with a powhiri at 8.50am which parents may be able to attend – we will update parents on the arrangements for this powhiri, which will depend upon the state of the nation with Covid at that time. **Sunday 6 February** is Waitangi Day and next year **Monday 7 February** will be a Public Holiday because Waitangi Day falls during a weekend.

The school Office will be open from **Thursday 20 January** from 9am to 4pm until school begins, but will be closed on **Thursday 27 January** when a special Staff-Only Day programme will take place for all staff. **A school Teacher-Only Day will be held the following day, Friday 28 January.**

Used Uniform

We wish to advise parents that we have a small amount of good-quality used uniform available through the school Office. We would also appreciate any donations of used uniform items to replenish our supplies. (We do not sell on behalf of parents). Please bring these into the Office this week or after 20 January 2022 when the Office reopens for the new year.

Yearbook

Students who have not yet collected their Yearbook from the school Office may do so until the end of this week. If family or friends are picking up the Yearbook on a student's behalf, they will need to know the student's Hub class.

John Inger, Principal

SPIRIT WEEK WALKS 2021

Karangahake - Wairere Falls - Waiorongomai

