



# Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR JOHN INGER



### Tyler Trust Award

I am very pleased to announce that **Caitlyn Roberts**, who was named Dux at our Senior Prizegiving Ceremony late last year, has won the Tyler Trust Award for 2020. This award recognises the top achiever in NCEA Level 3 once all of the external results are confirmed. Caitlyn did extremely well with NCEA Level 3 last

year, gaining 90 Excellence credits and 13 Merit credits, with none at an Achieved or at Not-Achieved level, so the high standard of her work is really remarkable. Caitlyn is heading to Otago University this year to study Health Science and hoping to go on to pursue a career in medicine. I presented Caitlyn with a cheque for \$1,987.50 yesterday which she gratefully received from me. This amount of money represents the interest earned in 2020 from the Tyler Trust account, following a bequest to the school by the late Nerissa Minnie Tyler. While the interest generated this year is less than usual due to low interest rates being available, this is nevertheless a useful sum of money.



I also want to recognise the excellent NCEA results at Level 3 of **Sam Reti, Jordan Rogers, Alex Peacock** and **Rachael Bloemendal**. I am confident that all will go on to be very successful.

### Scholarship Successes

Congratulations to **Serafima Mzhachikh** and **Kate Sheehan**, both of whom gained prestigious Scholarship awards in the external examinations last year. Serafima gained hers in Drama and



Kate gained hers in Art. There were a few other students who went very close to gaining these awards which place students in the top 2% of students in our country. Congratulations to them all. We are very proud of their achievements.



### Touch Rugby Report

Our Morrinsville College girls' touch rugby team competed in the top division of the National Championships which were held late last year in Rotorua from December 11-13. Following strong games in the Waikato premier competition in the lead-up to the tournament when our girls won the Waikato Secondary Schools' module, our team of 15 players were confident that they had a good opportunity to make the top 10 teams in New Zealand.

The girls had a good start to the tournament with a comprehensive 8-1 win over Riccarton High School. However, the second game of day one was against a talented Westlake Girls' High School team who ended up finishing narrow runners-up at the tournament. They were hard to contain and our girls ended up losing 1-7.

Day two was an exciting day as Morrinsville had already made the top 10 with our early results. We were in a pool of five teams so we had four hard games to play during the day. The first game was against St Kentigern's College. Our girls played with a lot of determination and looked the stronger team. However we struggled to get the rub of the green and had some unlucky calls in going down 4-5. Our girls felt like it was a game that got away from them.

The second game of the day was against 2019 National Champions Hamilton Girls' High School, who went on to retain their title in 2020. Our girls played a good game but went down 1-6.

Game three was a targeted game against Rotorua Girls' High School. Winning this game would give our girls the opportunity to qualify for 5th-8th place on the final day. We played our best game of the tournament so far and dominated throughout the game. Alesha McQuoid was outstanding and scored or set up some fantastic tries as Morrinsville won 6-4.

The final game of the day was against a fit and fast St Hilda's team. This was a bonus game to win and could mean an easier crossover the following day. Our girls again played some consistently great touch rugby and were unlucky to lose 5-6.

On to day three and our girls had an opportunity to finish in 5th place. The first game of the day was against our friends from the Waikato Nga Taiatea Wharekura. Morrinsville had the early lead 4-1 with some great tries. However Nga Taiatea came back strongly in the second half and made a late charge to take the game by 1, so that the final score was 7-8.

Our girls had to pick themselves up for their final game of the day against Sacred Heart New Plymouth to decide 7th and 8th place in New Zealand. It was exciting that our team would be playing on field one, in a game which was live-streamed. The game was tense with our girls determined to win, but by this stage of the tournament we were also fatigued from a hard tournament with some close games. The score was 3-3 until the final buzzer when Sacred Heart New Plymouth managed to score a runaway try. So Morrinsville lost 3-4 and ended up finishing 8th in New Zealand.

Highlights of the tournament included only losing by 1 point to teams ranked 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th nationally. Also for a small rural school to have such a high national ranking is exceptional. Morrinsville team awards were announced as follows: Most Improved Player of the Tournament was Jewels Wilson, Best Team Player was Waiti Kukutai-Maaka and the Most Valuable Player was Alesha McQuoid who scored 15 tries through the tournament and if Alesha was not scoring tries, she was setting them up.

Our team would not have been as successful without their dedicated coaches Matua Ngahu Potaka, and ex-students Alison Priestley and Alysha Priestley. At the conclusion of the tournament the players acknowledged their coaches and managers and also farewelled the two Year 13 players leaving the team this year, Alesha McQuoid and Aisha Morris-Walton.

### Touch Rugby Representation

We were very proud when **Alesha McQuoid** was last year named in the New Zealand Under 18 World Cup Training Squad which was to have played in a tournament in England, but sadly, due to COVID, that tournament did not go ahead. Later in the year Alesha also attended a New Zealand Women's Touch Blacks Wider Training Camp and we are very proud to advise that she has now been called into the 2023 New Zealand Open World Cup Women's Training Squad. This is an amazing achievement.



We are also very proud to announce that Nathan McQuoid and Waiti Kukutai-Maaka have been selected to represent Waikato at Under 16 level and they will be attending tournaments over the next few days. We wish them well.



### Kidz Kartz Success

**Kate Coppins** is an outstanding driver of standard-bred trotting horses, having been involved in mini trotters (kidz kartz) for seven years. Mini trotters are a very small version of the standard-bred trotters and are for kids to learn the art of karting and driving them before moving on to the full-size horses. There is a three-day course every year for newcomers which is very well-attended and the participants are tutored by the leading trainers and drivers so that they are very well taught. Once the three-day course is completed, if the students have passed the expected standard, they drive at the races at Cambridge Raceway and later the best of them get the opportunity to enter kidz kartz races on big race days.

In recent years Kate has really enjoyed her time driving and she has had excellent successes, having won six cups on big race days on different ponies. She also represented New Zealand in Tamworth in Australia two years' ago, which was a great experience.

Then, in November last year, Kate flew to Christchurch to compete in the New Zealand Kidz Kartz Trotting Cup which was



Kate celebrates an easy victory as she crosses the line on Chaos at Riccarton

held at Addington as part of New Zealand Cup Day. She drove a pony called Chaos which was not her pony but she had driven him on many previous occasions as he was formerly a North Island pony, but when the girl owner was too old to drive she sold Chaos to people in the South Island. These people asked Kate to drive him as the new owner was not qualified to drive in the New Zealand Kidz Kartz Trotting Cup, which Kate was pleased to do.

Kate drove Chaos in the New Zealand Cup prelude at Riccarton and won the race and then three days' later she drove him at

Addington and ran second by a nose. These were excellent results.

This is Kate's last year driving the small horses because of age restrictions and she is very much looking forward to gaining a full licence and to driving full-size trotting horses after she turns 17.

### Swimming Results

Congratulations to two students who competed in the New Zealand Open Water Championship on 16 January at Lake Taupo. **Ashton Rogers** competed in the 15-17 year-old boys' event over 7.5km and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place, a very creditable performance. **Ayla Davie** competed in the 13-14 year-old girls' event over 2.5km and finished in 25<sup>th</sup> place.

### Cricket Representation

Representative cricket over the summer holidays saw three of our students performing well in representative teams. **Emma Wynen** and **Jenna Durran-Wolff** represented the Waikato Valley Secondary Girls' team which won the Northern Districts tournament against the best players from Northland, Bay of Plenty, Counties Manukau, Hamilton and Poverty Bay.

**Aria Mischewski** missed the Secondary Schools' Tournament due to injury but was selected for the second consecutive year in the Northern Districts Under 19 team who played in the National Under 19 tournament held at Lincoln University.

Emma, Jenna and Aria, along with **Olivia Day** who is new to Morrinsville College this year, will continue to play representative cricket over the summer for their Northern Districts teams. We offer our best wishes and congratulations to all of these girls who are excellent cricketers.

### Mobile Dental Clinic

This is a reminder to parents that the Board has agreed to our having a mobile dental clinic caravan on-site in Term 1 this year from which 'The Tooth Fairy', Ms Cherie Baker and her assistant Ms Jo Sinclair will provide a free service to those of our students from Year 9 until they are 18 years' old whose parents agree to them receiving dental treatment from Cherie, a trained and experienced therapist. The Board and I feel that this is an excellent opportunity for our students to get regular dental care, which we know does not occur for many of our students. I once again attach a form for you to complete and sign if you would like to take up this offer. Please return the signed form to the school Office or through your son/daughter directly to the clinic.

As an added incentive, every student who visits the dental caravan will receive a free Domino's pizza voucher.

### Whanau Support Meeting

A reminder that the first Whanau Support meeting for 2021 will be held next **Tuesday 16 February in Te Ao Whaanui, starting at 7pm**. This is an opportunity for whanau to meet with our kuia and guide in all things Maori, Te Ao Marama Maaka, me as Principal, Matua Ngahu Potaka and other key staff associated with Te Puawaitanga and academic and pastoral guidance in our school. I encourage interested people to come along to ask questions and provide feedback so that we can continue to improve our school practices to enhance learning outcomes for our Maori students. We will also be discussing an important reunion occasion which is coming up early this year.

## FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR BRUCE FORSYTH



### Year 9 Parent Welcome Evening

We invite all Year 9 parents to come along to our Parent Welcome Evening next Wednesday 17 February to familiarise yourself with the school and to meet some of the key people who will be working with your son/daughter this year. The evening will start at 7pm in our Performing Arts Centre. Initially we will take the opportunity to welcome you and tell you a little about the school. Mr Inger will speak briefly and introduce you to some of the senior staff and the Year 9 Dean Mrs Vicky Marshall who will also speak to you. You will then have time for refreshments while you meet with your son's/daughter's subject teachers. After refreshments your son's/daughter's Learning Coach will take you to their hub classroom so that you can meet with them, begin developing a partnership in the education of your son/daughter and also receive their e-asTTle results from late last year which identify their apparent strengths and weaknesses in Reading and Numeracy. These results will be explained to you by the Learning Coach. The evening will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to meeting you next Wednesday if you are able to attend. If you would like to bring your son/daughter along with you, you are welcome to do so, but this is not necessary.

## FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MRS THILO GOVENDER



### Parent Teacher Association

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our parents and caregivers, especially those who are new to our school and community, to the first PTA Meeting for 2021, to be held on **Monday, 22 February in the Agri-Innovation Centre at 7.30pm**. We want to briefly review and discuss the results of the Parent Survey completed last year and look at how we can move forward with some of the suggestions made. An Executive Summary of the survey results will be posted today on our school website for your information. There will also be a link to this on our Facebook page. We hope to see you on 22 February at our first meeting for the year.

## FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR SCOTT JENKINS



### Car Safety and Student Licences

A big thank you to all of those parents and senior students who have been bringing in permission forms to bring cars to school. However, we have already had an incident of a student lending a car to another student with a limited licence and that student taking other students in the car. This is both dangerous and illegal. If we hear of this sort of thing happening, we will not hesitate to contact the Police. We also encourage a Police car to sit outside the school on some occasions to catch those of our students who might break the law. There can be serious consequences for such students. We do this of course in the best interests of the safety of our students and community members. While we can never remove all of the risks of driving on our roads, if all of the adults in our community are collectively vigilant we decrease the odds of our younger drivers becoming a statistic.

**COMING EVENTS**

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| Thursday 11 February  | BOT Meeting, 7pm            |
| Tuesday 16 February   | Whanau Support Meeting, 7pm |
| Wednesday 17 February | Swimming Heats              |
| Wednesday 17 February | Year 9 Welcome Evening, 7pm |
| Friday 19 February    | Swimming Finals             |
| Monday 22 February    | PTA Meeting, 7.30pm         |
| Tuesday 23 February   | Octathlon                   |
| Wednesday 24 February | Photolife ID photos taken   |

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| Sun 28 – Wed 3 March       | Year 13 Geo/Bio field trip   |
| Thursday 4 March           | Athletics Finals             |
| Friday 5 March             | Winter Sports sign-up        |
| Thurs 11 to Fri 12 March   | Year 13 Mountain Biking trip |
| Thurs 16 to Sat 20 March   | Year 10 Camp 1               |
| Sat 20 to Wed 24 March     | Year 10 Camp 2               |
| Mon 29 to Wed 31 March     | Year 13 History Trip         |
| Tue 30 Mar to Thur 1 April | Year 12 SSA Trip             |



**CONSENT FORM FOR FREE DENTAL TREATMENT AT MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE**

All students, Year 9 till their 18th birthday, are eligible for FREE dental care on board our mobile dental clinic. Students will be seen during school hours and you will have the option to be present for this.

Cherie (Owner/Clinician) has 20 years experience in the dental profession, with 12 of those being an oral health therapist treating adolescents.

We aim to inspire young adults to improve their oral health and to help them keep their teeth for life.

Every student who completes their dental treatment is given a Dominos Pizza Voucher **AND**

All those who complete their dental treatment during Term 1 at Morrinsville College, will enter the draw to win an Oral-B Genius 9000 Electric Toothbrush valued at \$400.

This is consent for an initial consultation. For any further treatment required, we will be in contact with you for permission and to discuss options.

An initial consultation includes:

- Dental Examination
- X-rays
- Oral Pathology & Oral Cancer screening
- Teeth Cleaning & Polish
- Fluoride Treatment (When needed)
- Oral Hygiene instructions & tips

Please let us know if there is anything on the above list that you do not consent to.

I \_\_\_\_\_ give consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to

be seen by The Tooth Stylists at Morrinsville College during Term 1.

I would like to be present for the consultation/treatment.      YES      NO

Signed:

Phone:

Email:

Please return this form back to us once completed via [toothfairy\\_cherie@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:toothfairy_cherie@yahoo.co.nz) or return it to the school office.

Cherie Baker

**THE TOOTH  
STYLISTS**