



Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MR SCOTT JENKINS



PPTA Industrial Action

Further to my email out to parents on Wednesday, we have now received confirmation from the PPTA surrounding the proposed industrial action. As was indicated, the PPTA have stepped up their industrial action for the next three weeks and will now be rostering home following the schedule below:

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 8 12-16 June | Year 11 & 12 | Year 9 & 13 | Year 10 & 11 | Year 12 & 13 |
| 9 19-23 June | Year 9 & 10 | Year 11 & 12 | Year 9 & 13 | Year 10 & 11 |
| 10 26-30 June | Year 12 & 13 | Year 9 & 10 | Year 11 & 12 | Year 9 & 13 |

This means that those teachers in the PPTA will withdraw their

services to teach two year level cohorts each day from Monday to Thursday for the next three weeks. This will have a significant impact on day-to-day operations for schools right across the country. As I mentioned on Wednesday, while I acknowledge that there are clear reasons behind the industrial action, I also acknowledge that this will impact our families and students. My fear is that some students who took time to re-engage with learning after Covid, may use this rostering home as a reason to follow a similar pattern. As I understand it, both PPTA and MOE are to resume facilitated negotiations.

Community Consultation

One of our key goals as a school this year is to consult with our community as part of a review of our school curriculum and school timetable. On Monday next week, Mr Nilesh Prasad will email out a link to parents, students and staff members that will connect to a survey that will help us develop a wider school curriculum for the next five years. Each of these three groups will receive their own survey. This will focus on the 'what' of learning at Morrinsville College. It will allow us to create a student educational profile that aligns the key knowledge, skills, values and capabilities that our community wants to see developed in each of our students going forward. After this, the next step will be to consider the 'how' of teaching at Morrinsville College, and once again we will ask for parent, students and staff voice to help us consider in particular what our timetable might look like over the next five years. These are two critical pieces of self-review that will shape what schooling might look like at Morrinsville College for your sons and daughters. It comes at a time when New Zealand is re-shaping its National Curriculum and NCEA documents. It

is timely that we do the same and take a proactive approach rather than wait for things to be placed upon us by the various national bodies who don't often always agree. As promised earlier, this will then put us in a good position to consider the place of cell-phones at our school and to integrate this community voice within our overall learning strategy. Altogether this will require our wider community to respond to three separate surveys, and I strongly encourage our parents and students to take this opportunity to have some genuine input into life at our school.

Parent Teacher Afternoon

School mid-year reports will be posted to the parent portal on **Wednesday 14 June**. Parents interviews will be held on **Wednesday 21 June**. However, to fit into the requirements of the industrial action, they will now be held from **1pm until 4.30pm**. As we did last year, these will be held in A-Block, B-Block and the Library. A map will be available, and our Head Students will be on duty to assist parents in finding classrooms. **School will finish at 12.15pm** for all students to accommodate the interviews. We will work the first three periods of the day only. Parents will need to make arrangements for their sons/daughters to go home at this time. For students who must catch buses, these will continue to be available at the normal time, from 3.10pm, so parents will need to arrange for their kids to either be collected or go to a friend's house until they return to school to catch the bus.

To book an interview with each teacher, please book online by going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> enter the Event Code **qa7ea** then follow the instructions to complete your bookings. **Bookings open on Wednesday 14 June at 8.30am.**

Senior School Ball

On Wednesday we held an assembly with our Years 12 and 13 students to hand out permission slips for the school Ball that will be held on **Saturday 19 August** in our PAC. During the assembly I reinforced the expectations required for those who wish to attend. Each Year 12 or 13 student will need to have a minimum 80% attendance record for the year. This does not include medical absences. They will also have to have a positive pastoral record. There are a number of clear messages on the permission slip around our expectations for students on the evening. To purchase a ticket, each student will need to bring back the second page of the permission slip with a parent signature that will indicate their acknowledgment of the rules for the evening.

EPro8 Competition

Our two teams of Years 9 and 10 students have successfully negotiated two full days of competition against other schools in our region as they develop their science and technology skills and problem-solving abilities. They have won through to the grand final which is being held as I write.



School Talent Quest

Last Friday our Arts leaders and our House spirit leaders led, with the support of our Arts Coordinator Mrs Shona Edmonds, the school talent quest which has now become an annual fixture on our calendar. This was well-supported by students and staff with a packed PAC. There were many talents on display from dance to singing and musical items. The winner was Ella Chambers whose dance performance just came in front of a number of superb efforts.



John Inger's Investiture



On Friday 26 May our previous Principal received his MNZM for Services to Education from the Governor General, Ms Cindy Kiro at Government House in a beautiful official ceremony that was attended by a number of John's family. It was a fitting way to

acknowledge his service to our community and to wider education across the country. We are very proud of him and that he was able to share the occasion with his wife as recognition for her efforts in supporting John and our school for 31 years.

COMING EVENTS

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| Wed 7 – Sat 10 June | Duke of Edinburgh trip |
| Thursday 8 June | Waikato SS Cross Country |
| Sun 11 – Mon 12 June | Waikato Careers Expo - Claudelands |
| Monday 12 June | Years 11 & 12 rostered home |
| Tuesday 13 June | Years 9 & 13 rostered home |
| Wednesday 14 June | Years 10 & 11 rostered home |
| Wednesday 14 June | Mid-year reports posted to parent portal |
| Wednesday 14 June | BOT Meeting, 7pm, Ag-Centre |
| Thursday 15 June | Years 12 & 13 rostered home |
| Thursday 15 June | Girls in High Viz Careers Event |
| Monday 19 June | Year 11 History trip |
| Wednesday 21 June | Parent interviews – 1pm – 4.30pm |
| Friday 23 June | Tough Guy & Gal Event |
| Friday 30 June | End of Term 2 |
| Monday 17 July | Beginning of Term 3 |
| Thu 27 – Sat 29 July | Matariki and the Arts Showcase \$15. |
| Saturday 19 August | Senior School Ball, PAC |

Come and celebrate Matariki and the Arts in Week 10! \$15 Door sales only and limited seats so make sure you don't miss it.



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