



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be a very busy period with winter sport starting and a number of academic field trips early in the term. Term 2 begins with an academic focus as many of our senior classes prepare for NCEA assessments and our Year 10 students prepare for the NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams. Winter also brings with it illnesses and I would encourage parents to be vigilant with this and to keep in contact with our Office staff in order that they are able to use the right attendance codes. At our assembly on Wednesday, our deputy principals re-emphasised the expectations around winter uniform as part of keeping our students warm and healthy.

ANZAC Day

As they do each year, our head students spoke at the Civic Ceremony at Howie Park on behalf of our school and the young people of Morrinsville. Baxter and Charlotte did a superb job and I was very proud of their efforts in front of a well-attended community service. It was also great to see a number of other present and past students who were involved in the ceremony or attending with their families. Two of our student leaders laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of our school.

Baxter and Charlotte repeated their speeches to our ANZAC student assembly on Wednesday and Polina and Alex read out the list of the 28 students who were killed in World War II. With some excellent research from our Librarian/archivist Mrs Angela Peters, our students were able to also provide information of the age of each person, where they were buried and which part of the armed forces they belonged to. Many of these young men were only barely older than our Year 13 students and they were buried across a wide variety of places that covered four different continents. This was eye-opening for some of our students and was reinforced by Captain Anne-Marie Leng who talked about her four tours of service overseas as a driver and bomb disposal specialist in the British Army. She was accompanied by Mr Alan Mitchell from the Morrinsville RSA and Paul Hendra from the RSA Poppy Trust who presented a book to our library.



Cellphones

I want to congratulate our students and acknowledge the support of our parents as we have implemented the nationwide ban on cellphones in schools. This week we have averaged around seven to eight cellphones being handed in at the Office each day because of incorrect use. This is a very small number and reflects a genuine effort on everybody's part to make the mandate work. We have had a couple of students who have been caught twice and we have appreciated the assistance of those parents in the process. While this will be hard for some students, there has been very little drama at all.

Parent Interviews

Our parent interviews have now been scheduled for **Wednesday 29 May from 1pm to 7pm**. An email will be sent early **Wednesday 22 May** with your child's updated interim report and with details on how to book interviews.

Paid Union Meeting

The PPTA have signalled that they will be holding their regional paid union meeting on **Wednesday 15 May** as is allowed under their collective agreement. This will mean that school will finish early on that day. A letter will be emailed early next week to confirm this.

Year 8 Enrolment Evening

This is advanced notice that our Year 8 enrolment tours will go ahead on **Tuesday 11 June and Thursday 13 June, both from 4.30pm through to 6.30pm.**

Years 10 & 11 NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams

As we approach Week 4 of Term 2, we are gearing up for a significant milestone in the academic journey of our students, the new NCEA Co-Requisite Numeracy and Literacy Assessment. The CAAs are scheduled for Week 4 for all Year 10 students and Week 5 for senior students who do not meet the Literacy and Numeracy requirements for NCEA. This assessment is extremely important because without the Literacy and Numeracy requirements, students will not be able to attain an NCEA qualification. Last year our Year 10 students sat this assessment in order to gain some experience and use this as a learning situation. This year will be the formal assessment. Those current Year 11 students who passed last year as a Year 10 will not have to do it this year as they have already gained the qualification. Some students may have only passed some of the three standards required and will therefore sit only the standards they still need to achieve.

To ensure that our students are well-prepared for this assessment, we are reaching out to parents and guardians for their valuable support. Encouraging your child to dedicate time to study and practice, providing a conducive environment for learning at home, and helping where needed can significantly contribute to their success. In anticipation of the Co-Requisite Numeracy Literacy Assessment, our dedicated teachers are providing resources and guidance within the classroom setting. From targeted practice exercises to comprehensive review sessions, they are committed to supporting every student in reaching their full potential. The timetable for the week will be communicated through school notices in Week 3.

Nathan Wallis Parent Presentation

We will be hosting psychologist Nathan Wallis with his presentation about the 'teen brain' in our Performing Arts Centre on **Tuesday 7 May at 7.30pm to 9pm.** Nathan is a Neuroscience educator who is very well-known across the country for providing practical guidance for teachers and parents in order to cope with the complex job of raising and guiding our young people. Tickets are \$35 and are available from www.eventfinder.co.nz. This is a very worthwhile and popular presentation.

Winter Sports

The winter sports season is now upon us with netball kicking off last night. There are some pre-season games for various codes this weekend, however most officially start the following weekend. Basketball begins next week with games across the week. There will be many parents involved as managers, coaches, transporters and supporters and I want to thank you all ahead of time for all of your efforts. Having our young people out doing things with their peers is one of the best learning and mental health drivers that there is. I also want to acknowledge those of our staff who get involved each winter to support the students they teach in their classroom. This year we are fielding many more sports teams and this is a great sign for the growth and culture of our school.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 4 May	TVSS Sevens
Tuesday 7 May	Nathan Wallis presentation– PAC, 7.30pm
Tuesday 7 May	TVSS Golf
Wednesday 8 May	BOT Meeting
Tuesday 14 May	Year 11 Geography Trip
Wednesday 15 May	Paid Union Meeting - school closes 12.15pm
Friday 17 May	School Cross Country
Mon 20 -Fri 31 May	Years 10 & 11 NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams
Mon 20 – Fri 24 May	Taniwharau Trip
Tue 22 – Sat 25 May	'Rosie' – Senior Drama in the Drama Studio, 7pm
Wednesday 29 May	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1pm – 7pm
Tuesday 4 June	Teacher-Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 11 June	Year 8 Enrolment Evening - 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 12 June	BOT Meeting
Thursday 13 June	Year 8 Enrolment Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Mon 17 – Wed 19 June	Mana Wahine Trip

MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE PRESENTS

ROSIE
BY PATRICK SPILLANE

WEDNESDAY TO
SATURDAY
22ND-25TH OF
MAY
IN THE MVC
DRAMA STUDIO
SHOW STARTS AT
7 PM, DOORS
OPEN AT 6:30PM

TICKETS- \$10 STUDENTS \$15 ADULTS

Marae
Experience

Saturday 11 May, 2024
9.30am 3.00 pm

On this NO COST DAY, learn about the tikanga or protocols of Kai-a-tē Mata Marae with a powhiri, workshops, morning tea, lunch and poi making.

Register for this event by phoning the Morrinsville Museum 07 889 4190 or email info@morrinsvillemuseum.org.nz