



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

# Morrinsville College



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



### Principal's comment

It has been the perfect way to end the term with the Arts Showcase that finished its run last night. The show was sold out each night and was a stunning success. A highlight for me was that each student involved had their moment to shine in front of their parents, whanau, peers and teachers. This style of learning fits with the vision

of our school where our students learn through experience and by stepping out of their comfort zone to see what they can really achieve when they aspire to do so. I want to publicly acknowledge the many staff involved, and in particular Ms Louise Keenan, Mr Ryan McIntyre, Mrs Shona Edmonds, Miss Kimberley Snowden, Ms Sophie Hawkes and our Caretaker, Mr Roger Harris for all of their efforts.

While the showcase was going on, there have been a number of other events in the last few weeks of this condensed winter term. Each day we have had groups involved in academic field trips, evenings of debating, Epro8 competitions, Tough Guy & Gal PE events, Matariki celebrations here at school and winter sports on most evenings. While our students are tired at the end of this term, there has been a noticeable sense of satisfaction amongst the student body from these successes and achievements. Next term starts immediately with College Cuisine evenings on the first Tuesday night. The remainder of the first half of Term 3 will be dominated by school exchanges and a clear academic focus as we build to our school senior exams in the middle of the term.

### Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ms Sarah Bennett has been appointed as the Learning Area Leader of Art and Art Design after holding the role in a maternity leave capacity over the last 12 months. Ms Tuku Rangitaawa has also been appointed as a permanent teacher of Art. Next term Mr Murray Pretorius will be on leave for the first half of the term and will be replaced by Mr Brian Killen and Mr Shane Durran. Mrs Kobie Joubert will be returning from her sabbatical in Term 3.

## Mr Dick Gwatkin



It is with sadness that we advise that Mr Dick Gwatkin who was Principal of Morrinsville College from 1985 to 1996 has passed away in Christchurch. He was a well-known member of the wider Morrinsville community and was involved in a number of community groups. Dick was a well-loved member of our staff and was well-respected as our Principal during the time where schools

became self-governing bodies through Tomorrow's Schools. After his role as Principal Dick remained involved with the school for another 20 years as our Executive Officer continuing his service to the school.

### Parent Interviews

It was great to see so many parents at our recent parent/teacher interviews. The flow of information between parents and our staff is critical as our students are building towards external assessments and for some as they look to exit the school with their futures in mind. I encourage all of our parents to remain in close contact with their child's teachers in Term 3 to make sure that students are on track.

### Year 8 Enrolment Evenings

The Enrolment evenings earlier this term were well attended. The 53 families that came through on the first evening was an all-time record and made for a busy night. For those who were not able to attend, or even those who were there and have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office where you will be directed to the correct person which may be our Year 9 Dean, Careers Adviser or one of our senior staff. I indicated to those present on those evenings that the Board has approved for some out-of-zone enrolments for Year 9 students only for 2026. We currently have been unable to accept any students out-of-zone so far this year, despite many applications to make sure that we can accommodate all of the in-zone applications. If you are talking to your friends, please make them aware that it is highly unlikely that we will be able to accept any out-of-zone applications if they do not start with us as a Year 9 student and wish to attend in later year levels.

## Parents Portal

Recently, the Minister of Education announced a Parents Portal to provide information for parents and education in New Zealand. A majority of this is directed at parents with primary-aged children. There is a little bit around Literacy and Numeracy at secondary level, however I thought I would include the link for the many parents with children across our Morrinsville schools.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

## School Ball

Invitations to the school ball were sent out yesterday. Those students who did not meet the attendance and behaviour criteria were also informed of this decision. This is always a highlight of our third term for our senior students. Last year's ball was probably the best I have attended in my time at the school and we have high expectations for this year's event.

## Voices of Hope School Talk

On Wednesday 23 July Genevieve Mora and Jazz Thornton from Voices of Hope, as well as Tai Tupou from Last Chance Project are coming to our school to share their personal stories advocating and sharing their experiences on positive changes for mental health. Their story-telling platform aims to create a better understanding of mental health challenges, promote health-seeking behaviours and useful resources, and ultimately spread hope. More detailed information will be available in Week 1.

## Epro8 Semi finals

Our Year 10 and Year 11 Epro8 teams won through the preliminary competition to the semi-finals and then performed strongly to make the grand final earlier this week. While they did not gain a major placing, they did exceptionally well across three separate days of intense competition. Epro8 is hands-on technology and a great way to extend some of our most talented technology and science students. We wish to acknowledge Tatua Dairy Company for their sponsorship of these teams.



## FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Mrs Ngaire Te Ahu



### Board Triennial Election Dates

The Board's Triennial Elections will be held in September this year. All parents and immediate caregivers will receive information and nomination documents by email early in Term 3. The Returning Officer is Mrs Grace Martin. If you have any queries please contact her on [grace-martin@morrcoll.school.nz](mailto:grace-martin@morrcoll.school.nz) or phone 8898308 Extn 204.



## Sports Results

### Week 5

#### Hockey:

Girls' XI lost to Hamilton Christian School 0-8  
Boys' XI won 5 – 1 over a spirited a St Paul's XI.

#### Basketball:

Kingmakers Blue Jnr Boys lost 40-48 to Fairfield College  
Kingmakers Gold Jnr Boys won against Mangakōtutuku College  
Kingmakers Snr Girls won 29-28 against Cambridge HS  
Kingmakers Yr 11 Boys lost to Kingmakers Snr Boys 25-30.

### Week 6

#### Football:

Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XI won against St Peter's Senior Girls 7-0  
Senior boys' First XI won against Te Kuiti High School 4-3  
Junior Boys won against SJC JB Pele 4-3

#### Netball:

Open A won 29–27 vs Hamilton Girls' HS Howard  
Open A lost to Sacred Heart GC Premier 19–38  
Senior A won 22–19 vs Waikato Diocesan Senior A  
Junior Premier lost 19–25 to St Peter's Year 10/1  
Junior Development won 11–4 against CHS Rewarewa 10B  
Year 9 Development won 10–7 against Hamilton Girls' HS Matenga  
Year 9 Development lost 10–23 to Waikato Diocesan White.

#### Lacrosse:

Girls' Prem Won 16-10 against St Paul's Collegiate  
Girls' B team Lost 1-13 to Matamata College B  
Boys Prem Lost 4-14 to Cambridge HS.

#### Basketball:

Kingmakers Junior Boys' Gold won against St John's College 66-39 (Yeojdy Maninang 25 points, Zaijian Poliquit 18 pts, Dhoewyl Garcia 15 pts)  
Kingmakers Junior Boys' Blue lost to Rototuna 26-45 (Jerome Jesbin 8 points, Emjae Tongia 5 pts)  
Kingmakers Year 11 Boys won against Rototuna 58-19 (Ian Cegayle 14 points, Anthony Poliquit 13 pts)  
Kingmakers Senior Boys lost to Fairfield College 32-44 (Cole McMahon-Graham 8 points, Kamal Oyewo & Noah Ridling 6 pts each)  
Kingmakers Senior Girls' vs Ngaruawahia Hawks won 58-15. (Camryn Bootten 14 points, Kayley McMillian 12 pts, Paige Carrington 11 pts).

#### Rugby:

Boys' 1st XV drew Nil-all against St John's College  
Girls' 1st XV Combined won 80–0 against Te Awamutu College  
Boys Under 15 lost 0–109 to St John's College  
Girls Under 15 Combined lost 17–46 to Matamata College.

### Week 7

#### Hockey:

Girls' 1st XI lost to Rototuna HS 0-1  
Boys' 1st XI won against Fairfield College 4–2.

#### Netball:

Open A lost to Rototuna HS 17–32  
Senior A won against Sacred Heart GC Senior A 24–19  
MC won against Hillcrest HS Premier Reserve 24–20  
Junior Premier won against Hauraki Plains College 25–24  
MC won against Rototuna HS 23–11  
Junior Development won against St Peter's 27–24  
MC won against Hamilton Christian School Premier Reserve 44–15  
Year 9 Development lost to Hillcrest HS 9B 5–7.



**Rugby:**

Boys' 1st XV lost to Te Kuiti High School 12–15

Girls' 1st XV won against Ngaruawahia High School 55–5

Boys' Under 15 lost to Hamilton Boys' HS Black 0–101

**Lacrosse:**

Girls lost to St Peter's 5-11

Girls B team lost to Sacred Heart GC 6-22

Boys won against Hamilton Boys' HS 22-7.

**Basketball:**

Junior Boys' Kingmakers Gold had an overtime win over Putaruru College 47-45

Junior Boys' Kingmakers Blue had a narrow loss to Hamilton Boys' HS Year 10 33-40

Senior Girls' Kingmakers had a good win over Fairfield College 74-18

Year 11 Boys' Kingmakers won 35-29 over Fraser HS

Senior Boys' Kingmakers had a win 57-11 over St John's Kikorangi.

**Football:**

Senior boys' first XI had a win over Hauraki Plains College SB 7-1

Junior boys won against Hamilton Boys' HS Scarlet JB 7-3

**Week 8****Lacrosse:**

Girls Prem vs Waikato Diocesan won 17–5

Girls B Team vs Cambridge HS Gold – Defaulted

**Hockey:**

Girls team vs Te Aroha College 1st and lost 0-9

Boys team vs St Johns College 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and won 5–0.

**Basketball:**

Kingmakers Gold Junior Boys had a good win over Fraser Jnr A 48-18 (Yeojdy Maninang & Zaijian Poliquit both scoring 18 points, Miguel Ferreira 10 rebounds, Dhoewyl Garcia 9 steals, 6 points)

Kingmakers Senior Girls had another win 52-24 over Rototuna Snr Prem (Camryn Bootten 13 points, Kayley McMillan 12 pts, Caitlin Mills 9 pts)

Kingmakers Year 11 boys had a 27-19 win over the Homeschool Hares (Anthony Poliquit 7 points, James Carrington & Thirdy Poblador 6 pts).

| UPCOMING EVENTS        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday 14 July</b>  | <b>Start of Term 3</b>   |
| Tuesday 15 July        | Year 13 College Cuisine  |
| Tuesday 22 July        | Sports Photos            |
| Wednesday 23 July      | Cultural and Arts Photos |
| Wednesday 23 July      | Voices of Hope talk      |
| Wednesday 23 July      | BOT Meeting, 7pm         |
| Thursday 7 August      | Rotorua Lakes Exchange   |
| Wednesday 13 August    | Speech Finals Evening    |
| Saturday 16 August     | Senior School Ball       |
| Mon 18 – Fri 22 August | Senior Exams             |
| Mon 25 – Fri 29 August | Winter Tournament Week   |
| Thursday 28 August     | Piako Festival           |



Arts Showcase

