



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



Covid Update

Epidemiologists and politicians are once again warning of a resurgence in Covid cases around the country. However, here at school, in the last week we have had only one staff member and two students come down with the virus, as far as we know. There are, however, a number of people who are being affected by

flu and colds. I remind parents to keep students at home if they are unwell and get them tested. We are hoping that we can get through until the end of this week unscathed so that we can all have a well-deserved two-week holiday break.

Staff Changes

At the end of this week **Mr Jesse Watson**, our teacher of Digital Technologies Computer Science, will be leaving us to take up a position outside of teaching. Mr Watson has been an excellent teacher here for the last four-and-a-half years and we wish him well.

Mr Brian Killen has been long-term relieving in the Science Learning Area during Terms 1 and 2, in Term 1 while we replaced Mrs Fiona Wolff and in Term 2 to cover the sabbatical leave of Mr Vance Symon. We thank Mr Killen very much for his excellent efforts in support of the school during his latest teaching stint with us.

Mr Tipene Frearson-Kirkwood left us last Friday to take up a full-time teaching position at a kura in Hamilton. Mr Frearson-Kirkwood has been covering the study leave of Matua Ngahu Potaka and we are very grateful for the very good work that he has done. With his departure, we now have **Ms Marcella Manihera-Rolls**, who was previously teaching in a kura in Putaruru. She has taken up the remainder of this contract until Matua Potaka returns at the end of November.

Year 8 Enrolment Tours

The recent Year 8 Enrolment Tours went off very well, with large numbers of parents and Year 8 students coming in to our school to take a look at some of our very good facilities and to ask questions of the tour guides, who were primarily our Head Students of 2022.

Student Council Workday

I remind parents that our annual Student Council Workday will be held on **Monday 15 August**. Our students are fundraising this year to add funds to those which last year's Student Council put aside to construct a bus shelter at our main school entrance. Our Student Council hopes that all of our students will be able to find a job on Monday 15 August so that they can raise at least \$25 to contribute to their fundraising efforts and give something back to the school for future students to enjoy. More information will be sent out to parents early next term by the Student Council.

On the Workday, our Staff will be involved in the next Ministry-approved Accord teacher-only day. Having our Student Council Workday on the same day as the TOD will help us to avoid having an extra day out of school for our students in Term 3.

FROM THE ARTS FACULTY

Power Of The Arts Presentation



There's nothing like a good revolution to cheer you up in winter! You won't want to miss *Revolution*, a showcase of performance talent at the College. The Drama, Dance, Music and Maori Performing Arts' Learning Areas have all come together with Visual Art to create a night of entertainment which will highlight the power of the Arts in revolution, both here in Aotearoa and globally. **The show will run for 2 nights only tomorrow night and on Thursday night, at 7pm in the**

Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale now from the school Office, with cash door sales available on both nights.

Year 9 Drama Class Presentation

Yesterday Mrs Radice's Year 9 drama group took an antibullying project to class 11 at David Street School. They based it on the story of Cinderella and how she was treated. After a performance of the play and then a workshop, the young David Street children had to change the story and think of ideas or strategies that Cinderella could use to help herself. The whole class was fully involved and thoroughly enjoyed the challenges presented by our students.



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Triennial Board Elections

I remind parents that the Board's triennial elections will take place in September this year. Nominations will open on **Sunday 31 July** to fill three Parent Representative positions. Nomination forms will be emailed to all eligible voters before 31 July. If you are interested in joining the Morrinsville College Board, please

contact me by email Ngairi.teahu@gmail.com or phone 0275057616.

Morrinsville Pakeke Lions' Clubs' Donation

The Board is very grateful to the Combined Lions' Clubs of Morrinsville, Morrinsville Pakeke and Tahuna and Districts who have once again made a very generous donation to our school of \$3,000 from funds derived from the collection and sale of casualty calves. These calves were generously donated by farmers in our wider Morrinsville area during the calving season of 2021. This donation will once again go towards our College Library, to enable the Board to continue to purchase new books and other resources. The Lions' Clubs are to be congratulated in that all money that they raise is returned to the community in one form or another.

Ngairi Te Ahu

Tough Gal and Guy Event

On Friday 1 July we sent a group of 16 Years 12 and 13 students to the Tough Guy and Gal Event at the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. It was a challenging and muddy 6km course of big hills and obstacles to navigate. The students all enjoyed the event and achieved some good results against difficult competition.



Our fastest male athlete was **Cole Wessels** who was 57th out of 388 male runners. Our fastest female athlete was **Lauren Young** who was 29th out of 271 female runners. **Connor O'Meara** was lucky enough to win one of the major spot prizes, which was an action camera.



Science Spinners

We have once again had the opportunity to take some of our Year 9 and Year 11 students to the Science Spinners event which is held in Hamilton every year. This event is run by the Kudos Science Trust and offers students an opportunity to engage in career-focused, hands-on Science activities. It is a highlight for those who enjoy the Sciences.



RECENT SPORTS RESULTS

Week 8 – Term 2

Lacrosse

Premier team lost against Matamata College 7-8.

Development team won against Te Awamutu College Dev 18-6.

Netball

Open A lost against The Ruks Opal 27-33.

Senior A lost against Waikato Diocesan Senior A 15-21.

Junior Premier lost against TWOM 19-43.

Junior Development lost against St Peter's School 24-25.

Basketball

Senior Girls won against Tokoroa HS 38-30.

Both Junior Boys' teams won.

Both Senior Boys' teams lost.

Football

1st XI Boys lost against HBHS Sen Boys 1-6.

Junior Boys lost against MBAS Mixed 1-4.

1st XI Girls lost against RAS Sen Girls 0-2.

Hockey

1st XI Boys lost against Hamilton Christian School 0-5.

1st XI Girls lost against HGHS 2nd XI 0-7.

Rogaine

Manjot Banga, Caleb Garrett, Alex Harris – 560 points out of a possible 600 points. Jakob Byers, Jayden van Kessel, Lucas Hadj-Blaha, Jacob Hagoort – 520 points out of a possible 600 points.

Week 9

Lacrosse

Premier team had a tightly-fought game against Waikato Diocesan, eventually losing 7-8.

Development team won by default against Sacred Heart GHS.

Boys had a great game against Hamilton Boys' High Black, losing 10-16, which did not reflect the game as we had most of the possession and numerous shots at goal. HBHS also had NZ Under 18 players who scored all of their goals. There were some great moments of play and our team continues to improve each week.

Rugby

1st XV won against St Paul's Collegiate 3rd XV.

Under 15 won against Putaruru HS 24-19.

Basketball

Kingmakers Senior Boys' Gold won against Kingmakers Senior Blue.

Kingmakers Junior Boys' Gold won against Matamata College Ball Boys.

Kingmakers Junior Boys' Blue won against Cambridge HS.

Senior Girls had a bye.

Hockey

1st XI Boys won against Hauraki Plains College 2nd XI 3-0.

1st XI Girls lost against Matamata College 1st XI 0-3.

Football

1st XI lost against Matamata College 1st XI 0-2.

Junior Boys won against Te Awamutu College Junior Boys 3-0.

Junior Girls lost against Hillcrest HS Junior Development 0-6.

Staff vs Year 13 Basketball

A fun basketball event was recently organised where a staff team took on a team made up of Year 13 students. The final score was a narrow 25-24 victory to Year 13. Year 13 needed a buzzer beater to win (even though Year 13s were controlling the buzzer!). Our school gym was packed with student spectators. Following an earlier victory to the staff in volleyball, the competition is now tied at one match each.



John Inger

Have a safe and happy winter holiday break!

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - MR SCOTT JENKINS



NZQA Accounts

Last week during Learning Hub senior students were handed out their NZQA cards for this year. Each card has their personal NSN number which allows students to create their own individual NZQA accounts. These accounts allow students to sit digital exams, check their exam results and check their results during the year, check their exam entries, request result

certificates and apply for reconsiderations. On the back of each card are instructions on how to create each account. I have also placed a step-by-step instruction guide on our school website under the NZQA heading. **It is important for each student to create their own account by the end of these upcoming holidays please.**

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR BRUCE FORSYTH

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our mid-year parent teacher interviews were held from 1pm to 7pm last Wednesday evening. There was a good turn-out of parents and feedback was very positive about staff being grouped in teaching faculties in classrooms, rather than all gathered in the PAC. If parents have any feedback about how we can improve this opportunity for you to meet with your son's and daughter's teachers, please email me.



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We are very grateful to the following sponsors of our Skool Loop App:

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COMING EVENTS

Wed 6 and Thur 7 July	Revolution Arts Presentation, PAC 7pm
Friday 8 July	End of Term 2
Mon 18 and Tue 19 July	NZ Cross-Country Champs
Monday 25 July	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 27 July	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Thur 28 – Sun 31 July	NZSS Swimming Championships
Tuesday 2 August	Junior – <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> Drama
Wed 3 and Thur 4 August	Senior – <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> Drama
Wednesday 3 August	Netball Tournament – Open A, Jun Prem
Tuesday 9 August	Junior Get2Go Event
Wednesday 10 August	'Attitude' Health Presentation
Monday 15 August	Accord Teacher-Only Day
Monday 15 August	Student Council Workday
Tuesday 16 August	Rotorua Lakes Sports Exchange
Tuesday 23 August	Matamata Cultural Exchange
Sun 28 Aug – Fri 2 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
Monday 29 August	Morrinsville College Mid-Term Break
Monday 5 September	Sports/Cultural Photos
Wed 7 to Fri 9 Sept	JEEP MERC Trip
Saturday 10 September	Senior School Ball
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Sept	Senior Internal Exams/Assessments
Friday 30 September	End of Term 3
Monday 17 October	Start of Term 4